Message from the Executive Director

"Another year has passed and another round of challenges is approaching, but I am hopeful that we will be able to overcome them as we did with many challenges this year."

The year 2017 was one of the most challenging years with a rapid expansion in all projects we are involved in that made us realize that we needed, more than ever, to switch from a focus on development to a focus on humanitarian aid.

When we ask people about their needs, day by day, the same response we get is that the situation becomes worse as Yemen devolved into a patchwork of warzones. With our strong relationship we built with the community and local authorities, the help of all our partners in OCHA, UNICEF, IRC, and MEPI who trusted RRD succeeded in delivering projects outputs that helped identify the needs to access people on the ground despite some areas being at high-risk as much as possible.

Together with our team of permanent and including over 400 volunteers spread all over the country, we put all our efforts to do everything we can to support the safety and security of staff and beneficiaries and provide them with high quality services to meet their needs all over Yemen.

War cannot solve any problems and worsens the livelihood of the vulnerable groups of individuals. As such, addressing their needs has and will always be our commitment for all years ahead, and we pray that peace and tranquility will soon reign in Yemen.

Musseed Al-Toheri
RRD Executive Director
About Responsiveness for Relief and Development

RRD is a non-profit organization established in August 2015 parallel to the growing sufferings among Yemen’s most affected populations. In a short period, RRD carried out extensive interventions implementing multi-sectorial integrated approaches to deliver full packages of life-saving Nutrition, Health, WASH, Food security, Non-Food Items (NFI), education, and Protection assistances to address and respond to the needs of the most affected vulnerable groups in the country.

Our projects are implemented in partnerships with numerous INGOs including OCHA, Relief International, UNICEF, the International Rescue Committee, Humanitarian Forum, the Danish Refugee Council, and MSF, in addition to our partnership with ISTC tasked to conduct Third Party Monitoring (TPM) activities for most of humanitarian projects funded by OFDA and FFP that widely cover all Yemen’s governorates.

We take into consideration the lack of data related to displace and non-displace conflict-affected populations that drove us to developed need assessment tools and several surveys including need assessments we use for the building of reliable databases and resource for projects’ stakeholders.
About Responsiveness for Relief and Development

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The variety of partnerships and interventions that target different sectors have strengthened our institutional capacity and capabilities in the field that helped us building strong and cooperative relationships with local authorities and stakeholders. While having our main office in Sana'a city. Last year we established 4 branches in different locations in Hajjah, Al-Baidha, Al Mahwit and Al-Hodeida governorates that enabled us utilize our resources and expand the scope of interventions to reach and provide emergency responses to mostly all governorates in Yemen.

Our team of professionals together with over 400 active volunteers spread in the country, continuously work with communities to find need-based solutions and seek new solutions to always make the greatest impact in promoting prosperity, social solidarity, and contribute to the adoption of a culture of peace that rejects hatred and war. With a strong determination to becoming a key player in the humanitarian and development fields, we will always commit to mitigate the sufferings of individuals affected by conflicts and disasters in Yemen and always reach wherever they are.
RRD's Objectives:

1. Reduce the suffering of conflicts and disasters affected people.
2. Develop systems that provide high quality and reliable data for humanitarian aid and development process.
3. Raise awareness of civil society to participate effectively and positively in the democratic and development processes.

Mission Statement:
To alleviate human sufferings, build confidence and promote evidence-based decision making.

Vision Statement:
A civilized and cohesive community inspired by peace, tolerance and prosperity.

Values
- **Impartiality**: RRD is a non-partisan organization and is non-affiliated to any religious or regional groups.
- **Empowerment**: RRD strives to develop people's capacity and confidence to play an effective role in Yemen's stability.
  - Cooperation and partnership: RRD believes that partnership is a major key to success.
- **Integrity**: RRD is committed to meet transparency and reliability standards including mutual trust and respect of privacy and confidential information of partners and beneficiaries.
Statement of Activities

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### Experience and Institutional Strengthening Building

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<td>UNHCR</td>
<td>Required to meet the needs of the most vulnerable groups in the district of Red Sea. UNHCR governance identifies one of the highest priority districts facing risk of famine in Yemen in 2017 Global Humanitarian Strategy. The project targets the district with a multi-sectoral integrated approach to deliver a package of essential food and health assistance to address underlying and immediate causes of food insecurity and malnutrition.</td>
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<td>UNRWA – United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA)</td>
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<td>UNICEF</td>
<td>Achieving food security targets for displaced and conflict-affected populations in Yemen is critical to the country’s economic recovery. The cash-for-work program will finance food security and provide basic services to 220,000 Yemenis affected by conflict. The program will also distribute 15,000 metric tons of food to 220,000 households in 10 governorates.</td>
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<td>Relief International</td>
<td>Technological support and assistance to UNCHR-funded “Back to School” project targeting 70,000 individuals and development of assessment tools and impact of the methodology to be applied in the project and districts covered.</td>
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<td>International Rescue Committee (IRC)</td>
<td>Contributes to reduced mortality and morbidity through health and nutrition services among conflict-affected communities targeting 15,000 beneficiaries in nutrition, and 10,000 beneficiaries in health.</td>
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<td>Danish Refugee Council (DRC)</td>
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**Governance Districts:**
- Al-Mukha governorate, Al-Qaisi District
- Say'a District, Al-Mukha District
- Al-Mukha District, Al-Malil District
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- Al-Mukha District, Al-Mahmoud District
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- Al-Mukha governorate, Al-Malil District
RRD is determined to become a key player in the process of mitigating sufferings among Yemen’s affected populations.

Under Health Programs, RRD implemented projects that contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality through provision of essential health care and minimum service packages (MSP) among affected communities.

RRD provides integrated primary, secondary, tertiary as well as referral and surveillance health services in the priority districts. It also provides lifesaving assistance to the most vulnerable people in Yemen through effective integrated interventions.
RRD contributes in the prevention of malnutrition among Under 5 children and PLW by enhancing BSFP. MNPs support and IYCF-IYCF-E as well as contributes to reduce the prevalence of acute malnutrition among boys, girls under 5, and PLWs by supporting CMAM programs components including (community mobilization by CHVs, TSFP, OTPs, TFCs).
RRD provides emergency WASH assistance to the most vulnerable so as to reduce excess morbidity and mortality. We also have effective contributions on access to WASH, in particular safe water and adequate sanitation including proper hygiene education to reduce illness and related deaths through the implementation of Emergency Response WASH Projects in priority conflict affected districts.
RRD provides assistance in the health sector, enabling hospitals and health facilities in conflict affected areas to provide quality health care. Wash in health is an integral aspect of RRD’s interventions that include rehabilitation of health facilities (Latrines and Water Sources) as well as, solar power systems.
Cash-for-Work (CFW) projects provide temporary work to the most vulnerable members of the community and help them meet their basic needs. CFW interventions also revitalize resources such as farmlands ensuring that targeted communities regain their key source of livelihood.
RRD takes into consideration survival and recovery from conflicts and disasters depends on access to sufficient food, resources and enhancing self-resilience. By applying different modalities in our interventions as cash transfer/voucher-for-work, food security, general food distribution, livelihood opportunities, and Economic Recovery, we succeeded in improving nutrition status with equitable access to nutritious food to targeted beneficiaries that today have improved availability and access to food and provided by life-saving assistance from our effective and targeted responses.
Reduction of suffering of conflict-affected individuals through the provision of shelter and NFI assistance is one of RRD objective during integrated Multi-Sector Intervention projects for priority affected communities. We provide life-saving and life-sustaining shelter solutions and non-food items to the most vulnerable in livable and dignified settings.
Health: Prevent, manage and respond to disease outbreaks for diseases related to Diarrhea, Measles, Malaria, ARIs/Pneumonia and Foodborne diseases. Promote health service seeking including through mobile clinics and other available/functional health services. Promote routine and special immunization service seeking; improve management of childhood illnesses; measles, diarrhea, malaria, ARI.

Nutrition: Promote exclusive breastfeeding for up to 6 months; promote infant/child feeding practices amidst food shortage, awareness/prevention of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies, awareness of household food safety and use.

WASH: Hygiene promotion; hand washing with soap, promote use of chlorination, household water safety and use, safe waste disposal.

Child Protection: Risk education; awareness, avoiding separation and prevention of injury, linking communities to available child protection services (psycho-social support, child tracing, safe havens etc.)

Education: Parents (mothers & fathers) and community leaders with adequate knowledge and support of on-time enrolment of both girls and boys into formal schooling at the right age.
Third Party Monitoring (TPM) behind the numbers

Our M&E and Research Unit help our partners’ better access intervention types, areas, and timing. Our unit is equipped with the necessary systems, tools and procedures to accomplish the required monitoring tasks using qualitative and quantitative approaches that follow internationally recognized standards for researches and data collection processes. Our TPM solutions include:

Distribution monitoring and beneficiary outreach monitoring: Through periodic site visits that are performed to randomly selected or based on need targets that go through rigorous interviews to assure that most reliable data is compiled being the base for our multilingual reports that are issued.

Post-distribution monitoring: Using our techniques, we measure results at process and outcome levels on a periodic basis are done. Interviews with beneficiaries are conducted on regular basis to allow for analysis together with surveys to ensure compliance clients’ requirements.

Market Assessment, Survey, Monitoring, and Emergency Assessment: We conduct nationwide at district level market surveys to guide projects’ stakeholders. We perform surveys targeting all governorates to assess overall needs of individuals at governorate and district levels to support rapid and emergency responses.

Together with our business partners in the International Business & Technical Consultants Inc. (BITC) tasked for the conduct of TPM activities to several humanitarian projects funded by OFDA and FFP, our TPM activities covered almost all Yemen's governorates with a dedicated team of highly trained field that exceeds 55 monitors.

RRD has also implemented multi-sector assessment assignments for some of its partners including the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Relief International (RI), MEPL, DRC, UNICEF.

Our success is observed in the ability to conduct wide-scale monitoring surveys provided by strong access we have on the ground including conflict affected and intervention areas that are sometimes challenging for donors’ reach. Through our experience and expertise, we have the ability to provide feedback on enhancing donor implementation partners’ future interventions by building successful practices and lessons-learned.