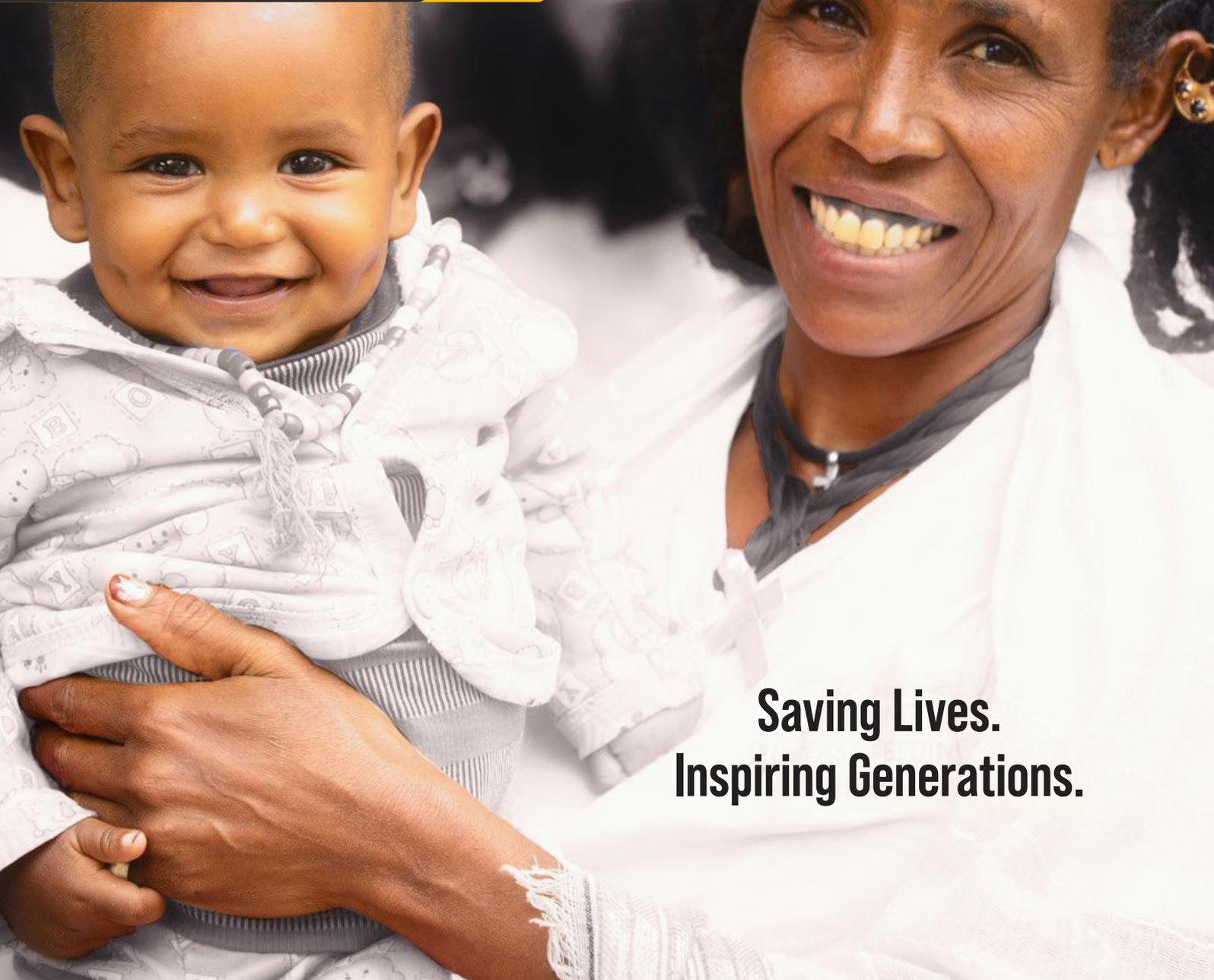


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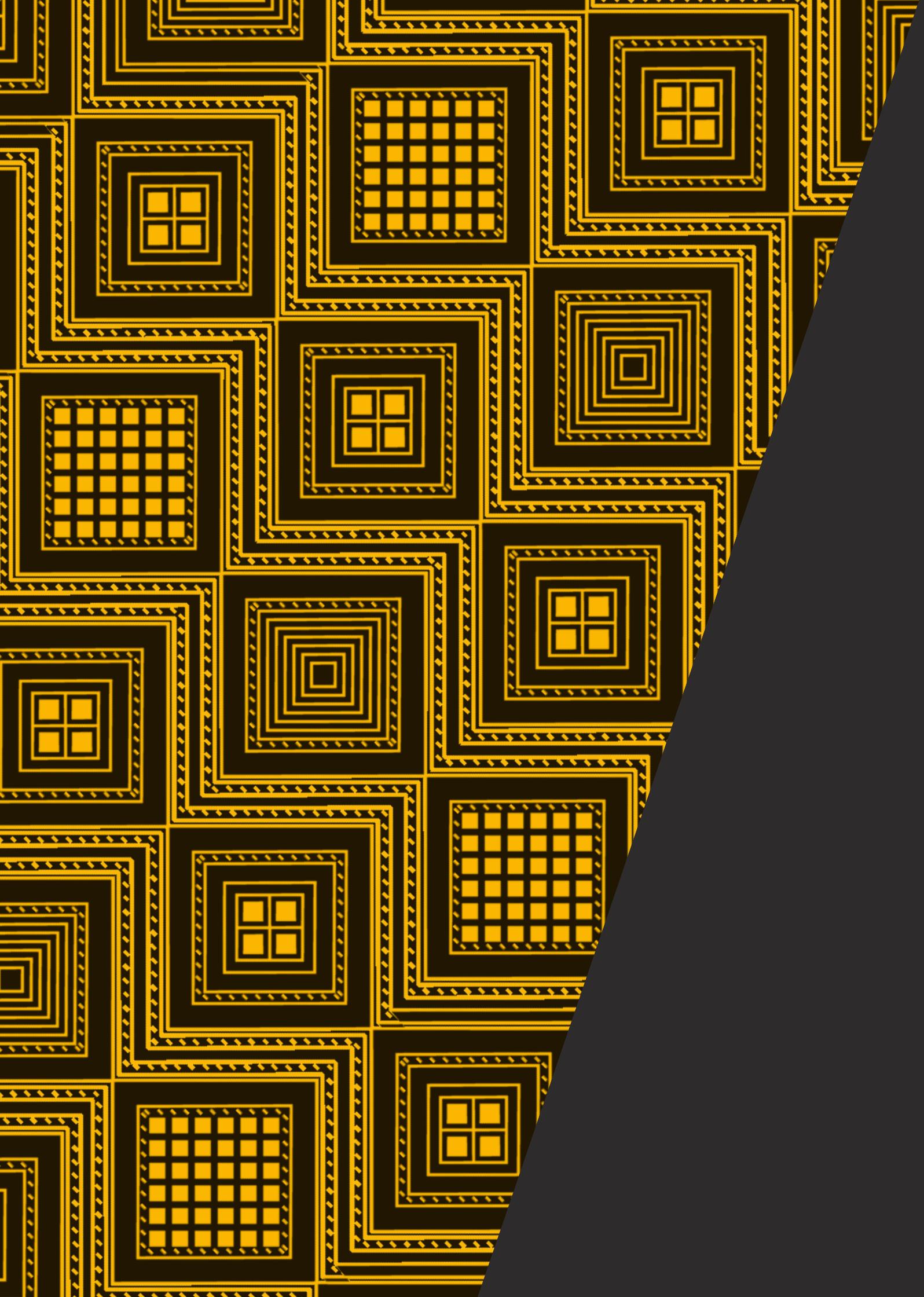


Tegarú Disaster Relief Fund

The Tegarú Disaster Relief Fund (TDRF) is a US-based humanitarian organization devoted to providing urgent humanitarian relief and development assistance to people of Tigray.



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Inspiring Generations.**





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OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES



“A united and reignited diaspora community with clarity of vision, mission and the problem to be tackled in Tigray.”

-Goitom Mekonen



Our Mission

TDRF works to provide urgent humanitarian relief and development assistance to communities across Tigray.

Our Vision

TDRF seeks to improve the quality of life through health, education, and economic relief initiatives for communities across Tigray.



Our Values

- **Integrity:** We believe in honesty and strong moral principles
- **Excellence:** We are committed to delivering the best possible service
- **Humanity:** We are driven by human values of respect, acceptance and empathy towards other human beings
- **Collaboration:** We are always ready to work with others, supporting each other for the sake of our collective goal
- **Innovation:** We pursue superior value by maximizing available resources

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

— *Tsehaye Zemenfes*



Dear Friends,

We are excited to present our 2021 Annual Report, highlighting the incredible humanitarian work the Tegarú Disaster Relief Fund (TDRF) was able to do in Tigray with support from individuals, foundations, and corporations. The year 2021 was a difficult year, plagued by war-induced displacements, atrocities, and manmade famine—all on the backs of a global pandemic.

Tigray is currently under a blockade due to the war that began on November 3, 2020. Nearly 500 days later, TDRF has worked to connect, collaborate and call for peace in Tigray. Across the globe, the Tigrayan community's resilient spirit inspired TDRF to elevate its capacity in order to meet the needs that are so urgent at this time. To that end, we welcomed twelve new board members to the team, increasing the total number of the Board of Directors to fifteen.

Together with our supporters, we are working to respond to the humanitarian crisis that the people of Tigray continue to face. For instance, in May of last year, we partnered with the Houston Tigray Community to raise



funds that were used to purchase essentials for refugees in Gadarif, Sudan, delivered with help from the Tigray Development Association chapter in Sudan. Furthermore, in collaboration with our partners on the ground in Tigray, \$90,000 worth of food was distributed to over 8,000 people across Tigray, whose lives were severely affected by the war.

However, we know the gap between needs and provision has been exacerbated since the war began. A recent food security assessment by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) shows that almost 40% of Tigrayans suffer from an extreme lack of food after 15 months of the conflict. The same survey found that 13% of Tigrayan children under the age of 5 and 50% of all pregnant and breastfeeding women are malnourished. Such bleak assessment confirms that Tigray is facing famine due to the war and the Ethiopian government's blockade on humanitarian aid to the region.

Numerous challenges lie ahead. As an organization with a mission to provide emergency aid and development support to communities across Tigray, we will continue to work hard in addressing the obstacles

by collaborating with like-minded organizations.

Join us as we continue to advocate for peace, strengthen partnerships and build capacity to help meet the demands of the worst humanitarian crisis of our lives. Tigray has never needed you more.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tsehaye Zemenfes, PharmD, MPH
Executive Director



TDRF developed a foundation for standard operating procedures and adopted the use of various online organizational management tools to improve communication, increase efficiency and overall productivity.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

01



**Abby
Teklehaimanot**

02



Abeba Yihedego

03



Abraham Tesfay

04



Assefa Abay

05



**Cherkos
Dessalegn**

06



**Simret
Asegedom**

07



Yibrah Weldu

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Yosef Kidane



The Statistics

Number of Board
of Directors:

15

Total Donations
Raised (2021):

\$162k

Total People
Supported:

8,560

” *TDRF has a great cause that everyone can identify with and is led by highly dedicated professionals.”*

— Girmay G



Executive Team

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Azieb Kidanu
Co-Director of
Program Devt

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Fthawi H. Aemro
Director of Finance

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**Ledia A.
Gebremedhin**
Director of
Marketing

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Selam Tadesse
Executive Secretary

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Tigray Kahsai
Director of PR &
Communication

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**Tsehaye
Zemenfes**
Executive Director

15



Yodit Teklu
Co-Director of
Program Devt

From June to November 2021, the Executive Board Members led a strategic planning exercise including a revision of the mission, vision, and values, SWOT analysis, and establishing strategic goals and objectives.



To help increase brand awareness and programs, the TDRF Board of Directors continue to engage Tigrayan owned media.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Despite all its challenges, 2021 was TDRF's most productive year yet. TDRF touched more people, to greater effect than before in its short existence since 2018. Our strategic planning, guided by the responses received from assessment surveys, reflects a growing confidence in the consistently high quality of work. In the past year, TDRF supported advocacy work, in amplifying desperate

pleas of victims of war living under a deliberate blockade. These victims continue to face weaponized rape, starvation, aerial bombardment and forced displacement. TDRF mobilized all its efforts and resources to speak on behalf of people currently facing extermination. We are fully committed to bring about relief and a lasting resolution.



March '21

Partnership with Houston Tigray Community. TDRF entered into a partnership with Houston Tigray Community to manage and facilitate the delivery of funds to victims of war in Tigray. The funds were raised by the Houston Tigray Community.



May '21

Give a Meal to Tigray Campaign. Tigray religious organizations called for three-day fasting and prayer to be observed. TDRF encouraged supporters to donate their meals towards feeding the people of Tigray, raising over \$10,000 in 3 days.



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Rebranding. In an effort to revitalize the organization, the former board members commissioned a logo design to reflect the mission and vision of the organization. In addition, TDRF launched its official website: www.tdrfund.org.



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Capacity Building. As part of strengthening the organization, the founding Board of Directors increased the number of board members to 15. Twelve new Board of Directors were recruited via public announcement.



June '21

SGBV Advocacy. From June 17-19, TDRF joined a coalition of more than 40 Tigrayan and Pan-African grassroots organizations in a campaign to end conflict-related sexual violence in Tigray.



August '21

Tigray Can't Wait. TDRF joined a coalition of Tigrayan grassroots organizations in a campaign on a live Clubhouse event to raise funds for the rehabilitation and aid of the Tigrayans through Tigray Development Association-North America.



September '21

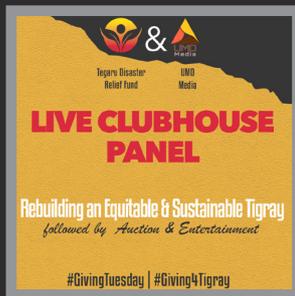
Grant Submission. TDRF submitted a letter of intent to submit a grant to the Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility at the University of Minnesota on Women's Health. Although the project was not selected, it allowed TDRF to identify future partnerships.



October '21

Indigenous Peoples' Day Campaign. TDRF, in collaboration with Irob Advocacy Association, utilized social media to raise awareness about the plight of Tigray's indigenous groups, including Irob and Kunama people who are facing existential threats.

Year In Review *(continued)*



November '21

Giving Tuesday. TDRF launched the first Giving Tuesday Campaign, branded as #Giving4Tigray. The focus of the campaign was to raise \$30,000 to provide urgent and humanitarian relief to those impacted by the war in Tigray. It successfully raised over \$100,000.

November '21

Rebuild Tigray. As part of the #Giving4Tigray, TDRF convened a panel of experts to discuss “Rebuilding a Sustainable and Equitable Tigray”. The event was co-hosted by UMD Media, and transmitted via its Clubhouse as well as YouTube channel.

December '21

Request For Proposal. TDRF announced a request for proposals, as it sought to support nonprofit and community organizations providing urgent humanitarian relief and development assistance to the people of Tigray, including refugees in Sudan.

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Silver Award For Transparency. TDRF has won the Silver Transparency Seal of 2021 from Guidestar.



SUPPORT TDRF WITH AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way to support TDRF and Tigray every time you shop at no cost to you! At smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience that you have on amazon.com.



Follow these steps to setup Amazon Smile with TDRF as your charity:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign-in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select 'Tegarú Disaster Relief Fund' on the lefthand dropdown tab for 'Supporting'
4. Continue shopping through out the year



2021 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Business Advantage Fundamentals	2021	2020	2019
Beginning Balance	\$480	\$480	\$-
Total Credits	\$131,918	\$-	\$-
Total Debits	\$ 917	\$-	\$-
Ending Balance	\$131,481	\$480	\$-
(a)TDRF Tigray Relief			
Beginning Balance	\$73,402	\$100	\$-
Total Credits	\$31,035	\$-	\$-
Total Debits	\$104,036	\$-	\$-
Ending Balance	\$400.63	\$73,402	\$-
Impact			
Total Raised	\$162,954	\$73,402	\$ 211,588
Humanitarian Food Aid Delivered (flour)	133,209kg	\$-	\$-
Total People Supported	8,560	-	-
Mothers Supported	480	-	-

(a) TDRF Tigray Relief account was opened in partnership with Tigray Community Houston to execute humanitarian relief projects.



Recent Statistics on Our Impact

Total Raised in 2021

\$162k

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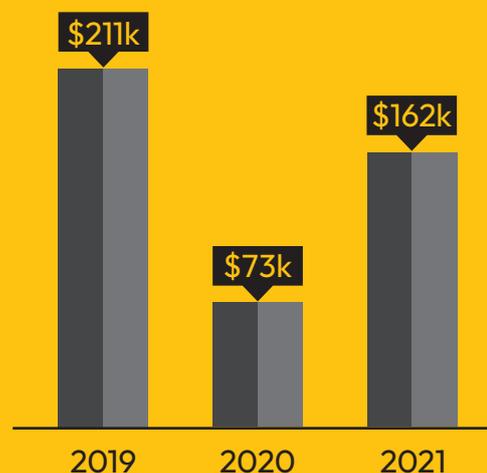
Total Raised in 2020

\$73,402

Total Raised in 2019

\$211k

Our Revenues For The Years
2019-2021



2021 IN PICTURES

These pictures were taken in Tigray during various deliveries of our humanitarian aid.



1. Food aid storage for delivery
2. Aman Gebresadik, Yirga Gebregziabher and Mulu Haileselasie
3. Our aid distribution work with our partners



4. Food aid in storage
5. Aid distribution on vehicle
6. Our partners on the ground at work distributing aid

IN GRATITUDE



Our work at Tegarü Disaster Relief Fund wouldn't be possible without the support of our partners, who continue to find ways to champion our work. We are immensely grateful to the countless supporters and donors. Simply put, they are our heroes.

- Dr. Selome Gezahegn
- Ethiopian Tigray Community Minnesota
- Keradion Elders Support Association
- Mulu Charity Acts Coordination Center
- Organization for Social Services, Health and Development (OSSHD) Tigray
- Tigray Community Houston
- Tigray Refugee Tri-state



Dr. Selome Gezahegn



Partnership with Tigray Community Houston

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- \$5,000 wired to refugees in Gadarif, Sudan via the local TDA chapter
- \$5,000 sent to OSSHD
- \$90,000 sent to Tigray to purchase food aid
 - 133,209kg of wheat flour
 - Helped 8,560 people across Tigray
 - Aid delivered to the following areas: Adigrat, Tembien, Adwa, Aksum, Nebelet, Maichew, Shire, Wukro, and Mekelle



DONOR HIGHLIGHT

Message from one of our most esteemed donors



“ I have been blessed in that I have never missed a meal in my lifetime. I can’t imagine how the children, the expecting mothers, the nursing mothers and the elders are dealing with not having food for several days. Before my retirement, I worked in healthcare and this allows me to understand the role of nutrition in one’s health. I want to applaud those of you who live around the center of power and tirelessly attend demonstrations and advocate for our Tigrayan population. Those of us who are not able to participate in those activities can help in other ways, i.e., financially. Every one of our Tigrayan life matters, and I know we can make a difference with our donation to help them survive through this difficult time. The joy of giving is immeasurable.”

Ms. Lemlem Birhanu

**WE WOULD LIKE TO
THANK ROBEL KASSA
FOR HIS DEDICATION
AND WORK IN
SUPPORTING OUR
ENDEAVORS.**





OUR WORK AT THE TEGARU DISASTER RELIEF FUND WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS, WHO CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO CHAMPION OUR WORK. WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL TO THE COUNTLESS SUPPORTERS AND DONORS. SIMPLY PUT, THEY ARE OUR HEROES.



FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS

According to WFP, 5.2 million people, 91% of the total population in Tigray, are food insecure and requiring immediate assistance. Nearly 500 days since the start of war and a complete blockade, conditions in Tigray are deteriorating and the global response has been abysmal.

TDRF is determined to be part of the life saving efforts. We hope you will join us by directly donating through our website or fundraising to support our programming initiatives. Lastly, find ways you can contribute your talents, time and network to support the work of our organization.

Donate

- On tdrfund.org
- Setup [Amazon Smile](#)
- Use [Shoott](#)

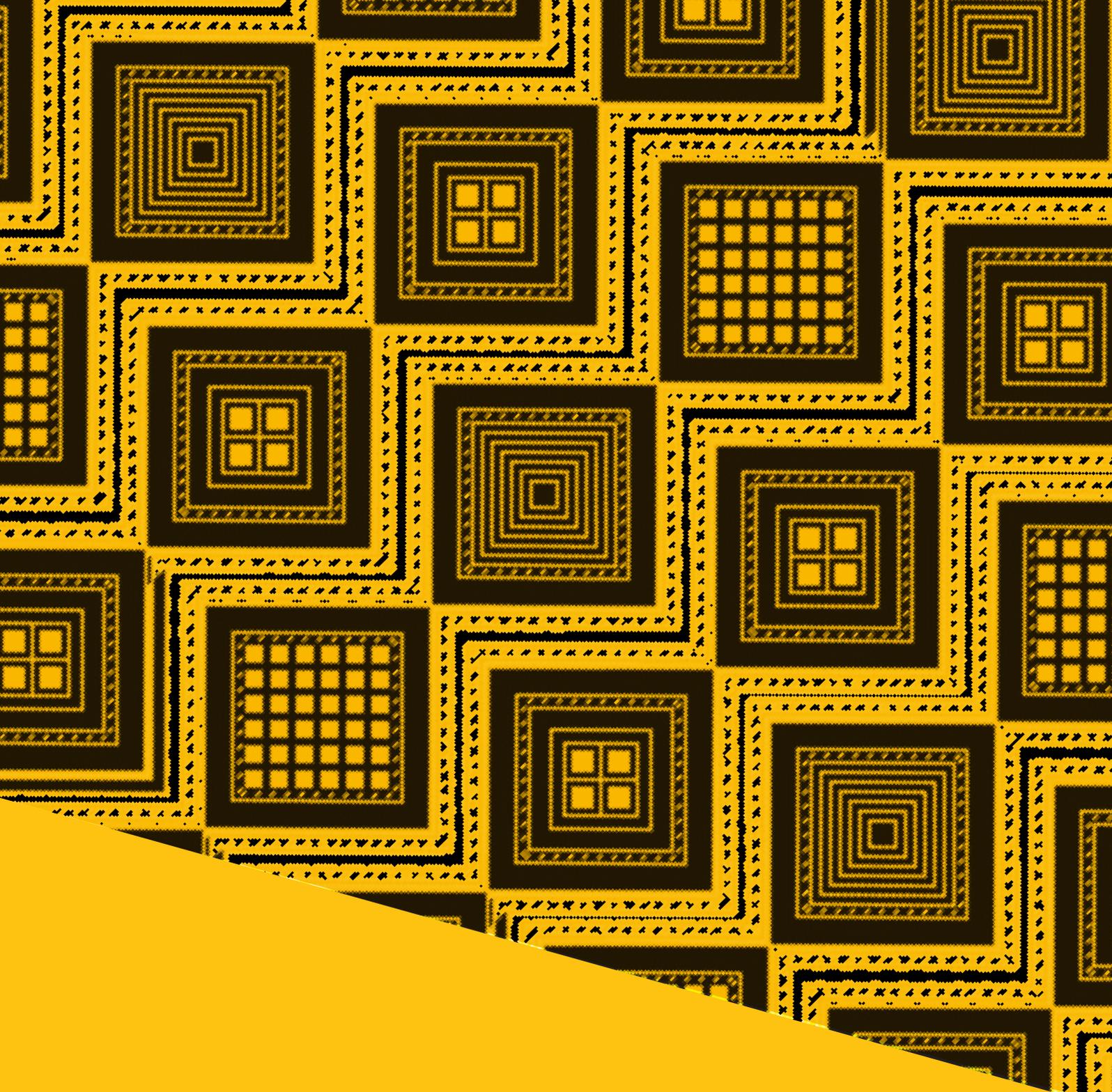
Volunteer

- Become our Social Media Ambassadors

Fundraise







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