Financials

FIRE is committed to keeping administrative costs as low as possible. In 2015, 94% of all income went directly to program expenses. FIRE’s extensive accounting procedures in Mongolia, Nepal, and the United States make sure that every penny is accounted for and tracked. This ensures that FIRE makes the most of every donated dollar, maximizing your support through efficient and responsible fiscal management.

2015 Income Sources
- 60% Individual Donations
- 30% Private Foundations
- 5% Government
- 5% Corporate

2015 Expenses
- 94% Programs
- 4% Fundraising
- 2% Administration

Values

Since its inception, FIRE has strived to maintain a core set of values within every aspect of the organization, including the way programs are designed, implemented, and evaluated and all of FIRE’s relationships. Encompassed in these values is the ultimate value of RESPECT: Respect for our partners; our team members, those marginalized by society, underserved issues, and local leadership.

Responsible — Reliably meeting deadlines on time; honoring commitments and expectations.

Efficient — Achieving maximum productivity without wasted effort or expense.

Sustainability — Ensuring our programs have a replicable design and local ownership for long-term impact.

Partnerships — Strategically building working relationships with national stakeholders and trustworthy organizations.

Empowering — Helping to build capacity and leadership in local communities.

Communication — Open, honest, timely, and culturally-sensitive communication.

Transparency — Openly, clearly, and accurately sharing all information related to our operation and finances.

About FIRE

FIRE — Flagstaff International Relief Effort is a non-profit and non-government organization (NGO) operating since 1999. FIRE is a registered 501c3 organization in the United States, headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona, with a registered NGO branch office in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and small operation in Langrang, Nepal. After 16 years of work, FIRE continues to evolve, meeting the challenges of a rapidly changing world. Through sustainable programming, FIRE strives to empower communities and individuals.

Mission

Flagstaff International Relief Effort (FIRE)’s mission is to provide resources and support to communities in need, reducing poverty and improving quality of life.

Vision

By working with partners from all levels—local, national, and international—FIRE envisions a world with improved education and health care through Empowering Programs targeted at communities.

“Placing aid directly in the hands of the people” since 1999.
Mongolia Programs

Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Screening
Since 2011, FIRE has worked with the Ministry of Health to conduct screening programs. Participants are tested for hepatitis B and C, screened for various cancers and other liver issues including cirrhosis, examined by specialists, and are connected to care. By receiving earlier diagnosis, patients will have a greater chance of survival and treatment. This project prioritizes uninsured, impoverished individuals living in rural communities without access to these services.

Capacity Building for Health Care Workers in Rural Clinics
FIRE has been training health care workers since 2003. FIRE’s current health care workers trainings are coordinated with the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization local office. These training objectives include prevention, detection, and treatment of viral hepatitis and liver cancer and improved medical waste management and health safety practices.

Infection Prevention in Hospitals
Since 2009, FIRE has provided health care facilities with the supplies and training necessary to improve the infection prevention and control of their environment. This project is specifically focused on the improvement of medical waste management and health safety procedures in both rural and urban, small and large hospitals, including dental clinics. Preventing infection is key to ensure the elimination and to prevent the re-infection of hepatitis.

Healthy Smiles
Mongolia has the highest rates of dental cavities per person in the world. FIRE works with schools and orphanages to improve the oral health of students. Training is given to teachers, parents, and students to empower them to sustain better oral health.

Community Awareness
FIRE works with local, state, and community-based organizations to conduct awareness campaigns through the media and community events across Mongolia for the general population. Since 2011, these campaigns have been focused on hepatitis and liver cancer. FIRE trains local officials and community leaders to ensure that they have the resources and knowledge necessary to continue awareness campaigns independent of FIRE.

Nepal Programs

Elder Care
FIRE is supporting a small group elders in the Langtang Valley, the most vulnerable members of the community. Living in temporary shelters at 12,500 feet with no family to care for them, they struggle to care for themselves. FIRE assists them with food, clothing, medical treatment, and other necessary supplies. In the winter of 2016-2017, FIRE moved them into a guest house for the coldest winter months, creating Langtang’s first ‘Elder House.’

During the 2015 earthquakes in Nepal, a glacier fell 3,000 feet causing an avalanche that buried the village of Langtang. 300 people were instantly killed, including 175 villagers, 25% of the population of Langtang.

Cultural Heritage Project
FIRE is working with local and international individuals and organizations on several projects to help preserve the local and unique culture of the Langtang Valley. These projects include collaborations on the Langtang Memory Project, a large audio and visual archive and documentary project. The Heritage Trail is an interactive 8-mile stretch of the Langtang Trail. The Heritage Center is an interactive museum designed by the community, for the community.

Basic Aid and Support
There is tremendous need across Nepal. FIRE works with organizations and communities to help meet the basic needs of different communities across the country.

Mongolia has the highest rate of liver cancer and among the highest rates of hepatitis in the world. 93% of those with liver cancer also have hepatitis and 85% of those diagnosed with liver cancer die within one year. FIRE works to prevent and eliminate these silent killers.