



## Accountability and Transparency

AMAR's stringent financial and project management controls are designed to ensure that every dollar of your donation is accounted for.

To comply with all U.S. laws and policies set by international organizations such as the World Bank, AMAR has adopted the following controls.

- Stringent financial accounting and annual independent audits of field offices by:
  - Iraq: Accounts are internally audited by the Foundation's senior accountant in Basra and then externally audited by Daher and Partners, Beirut.
  - Lebanon: Accounts are externally audited by Daher and Partners, Beirut.
- Consolidated annual independent audit of Iraq and Lebanon accounts by Cocke, Velacott & Hill, London.
- AMAR U.S. accounts are reviewed by Wegner CPA and AMAR's London accountants by Rickard Keen LLP.
- Project procurement standards as per the World Bank's 'Guidelines for Procurement of Goods and Works/Services' document, soliciting multiple tenders for all purchases and contracts in line with four core pillars: Transparency, Fairness and Equal Opportunity, Economy, and Efficiency.
- Independent assessments of projects conducted by donors and academic institutions.
- Day-to-day liaison with in-country Ministries ensures compliances with local, national, and international standards.
- Oversight by the AMAR U.S. Board of Directors and international Advisory Board.
- Robust whistleblower policy and procedure for all AMAR employees.
- Posting on this website of AMAR's annual Form 990 returns to the IRS.

AMAR's record of integrity and reliability is demonstrated through the following indicators:

- Founded in 1991 as a one-off appeal to Assist Marsh Arabs and Refugees (AMAR). The charity has since grown to support over 600,000 men, women, and children each year in the Middle East and South Asia.
- Successfully conducted dozens of projects in coordination with governments and institutional donors, including United Nations agencies, Irish Aid, DFID, the Arab Gulf Fund, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the International Organization for Migration.
- Recipient of funds from various U.S. government agencies including eight multi-year project awards from the Department of State.



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- AMAR holds Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) or partnership agreements with UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UN FAO and the World Health Organization.
- AMAR holds MoUs with key ministries, including the Ministries of Health, Education and Higher Education, in Iraq, Lebanon and with the Kurdish Regional Government.
- Baroness Nicholson is the Honorary Advisor for Health to the Prime Minister of Iraq
- AMAR's model of primary health care has been adopted as the national model by the Government of Iraq.
- Award of Guidestar Exchange Seal for trusted partners demonstrating in transparency and accountability.
- Board of Directors whose membership includes a Baroness and House of Lords member, a CEO and space entrepreneur, WHO Assistant Director-General and WHO Envoy, a former U.S. Army Colonel, a commercial real estate investor and manager, and a former U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy Assistant of Defense for the Middle East.