

Arbi Harnet

Activity Report Sept-Dec 2012

Introduction

This is a report outlining Arbi Harnet's activities in the period covering Sept-Dec 2012. The report includes a preliminary financial report which is being audited independently. A comprehensive annual report including the audited financial report will be prepared soon.

Background

Project Arbi Harnet (AH) is an initiative that works to link the resistance inside Eritrea to the resistance in the diaspora engaging the general public to take communal action in response to the worsening human and democratic rights violations in Eritrea.

The project is run by Eritrean volunteers and is completely dependent on public funding (mainly from fellow Eritreans) for its activities. The main tactics of engagement to date have been:

- One-to one random calls to individuals and businesses
- One-to-one targeted calls to individuals identified either as a follow up or due to their direct involvement in matters
- Mass automated robocalls
- Posters and other information distributions inside Eritrea

Strategy

As mentioned above the objective is to create links across pockets of resistance to the regime in Eritrea to this end the Project:

- Communicates directly with the public
- Encourages the public to think communally (creating a sense of common identity) rather than individually
- Encourages the public to consider communal acts of, appropriate, public resistance (e.g. stay at home Friday, visiting public worship venues, boycotting state controlled news papers)

Output

The enclosed Action Plan Review outlines the outputs of the project in terms of the phone calls that were made and the posters that were distributed inside Eritrea. In all over 40, 000 phone calls and 2 poster campaigns were carried out during the period.

Outcome

It is very early in the life of the project to objectively assess tangible outcomes; however anecdotal evidence suggests that the public both in the diaspora and inside the country is encouraged by the process of linking the pockets of resistance and beginning to appreciate the value of communal actions. The poster campaigns have also demonstrated the presence of resistance inside the country and the fact that this can be linked to the resistance in the diaspora.

Financial contributions

Close to 100 individuals and three organisations (Friends of Dawit Isaac, Friends of Aster and In Chains for Christ), made generous contributions of amounts ranging from \$10 – to over \$1,000. Please find enclosed our interim financial report (pending independent audits).

Ongoing work and future plans

The team will continue to build capacity to enhance the work that has already started and also explore new ways of engaging the general public both in the diaspora and inside the country. In the diaspora the team will engage people to support the work inside the country. Whereas inside Eritrea the team will keep working on building the capacity of AH inside the country to really make the presence of resistance in Eritrea felt. A new action plan, covering the period to April 2013, will be announced on the 15th of January.

Arbi Harnet team would like to thank all our friends and supporters for their continued support, especially those who have committed themselves to the regular weekly contributions that enable us to make the weekly and more extensive occasional country wide calls.

We would also like to thank those who contribute ideas and insight into our work and encourage us to pursue initiatives that at times seem impossible to complete.

Our project partners have been great and have enabled us to make the monthly mass calls; we thank Friends of Dawit for our October mass calls, In Chains for Christ (Friends of Abune Antonios) for our November Calls EYSC UK and Friends and Family of

Aster for our December calls. The team is continuously looking for collaborative efforts with other Diaspora based organizations and movements working for change in Eritrea. We would like to thank EYSC-Bay Area for their continuous support to use their banking facilities for AH project related transactions.

Several people have lent us their voice and been ambassadors of ArbiHarnet to their respective communities back in Eritrea: Dr Mohamed Kheir Omer, Saleh G Johar and Keshi Mussie Shishay, we thank you all for your cooperation and putting up with our impossible demands and time scales.

Our media partners have been crucial in disseminating news of our initiative; we would like to thank especially Radio Erena, Asmarino and Radio Wegahta for their continuous support.

But by far our deepest gratitude goes to our team inside Eritrea who have dedicated not just their time and skills like many of us but their security and even their life to the cause.

We look forward to your support and collaboration in the New Year.

Team ArbiHarnet

**Appendix 1:
Arbi Harnet Action Plan Review
September– December 2012**

	Fully met									
	Partially met									
	Not met yet									
	Project name and	Project description	Dates		<i>Arbi Harnet</i> objectives met by the project*			Human resources required		Financial resources required
			from	to	Agency/action	Comm on Identity	Indignation	<i>In Eritrea</i>	<i>In the diaspora</i>	
1.	Sept 18 We are all Abbarre	To commemorate political prisoners and the imprisoned journalists from Eritrea's independent media Awareness campaign in the diaspora: A week long radio event, A paltalk session, rerun of articles on out prisoner of the year (Idriss AbArre) and over 10,000 robo calls on Sept 18,2012	Aug	End Sep	✓	✓	✓	none	yes	Robo calls
updates	This project was successfully completed and the obo calls went over the 10,000 (11,268) mark and hence exceeding targets, the project was also inspirational with ongoing impact and it inspired the team in Eritrea to start a poster campaign reported under Additional Projects section below.									

2.	Isayas Unity symbol	To identify and implement a symbol that demonstrates solidarity across the resistance inside the country and in the diaspora	Oct	Dec	✓	✓				For resources
updates	A symbolic link has been identified and developed; however the implementation needs a bit more development, ArbiHarnet will continue to work on this. The Project has allocated the necessary resources for this and hence implementation is not dependent on availability of resources but a questions of identifying appropriate human resources inside Eritrea.									
3.	Forced militeration	Building on our message of Sept 18, highlight the indiscriminate of civilians and raise indignation about forced milliterisation, but also encourage the people to use the arms to demand change. Highlight that it is grandparents who should spend their twilight years in peace having buried their children and grandchildren in the quest for peace.	October	December		✓	✓	none	yes	For robocalls
Updates	When a similar project was launched by a coalition of organisations, led by EYSC, AH withheld on progressing this project to avoid duplications. The concept will be revisited for potential implementation as appropriate.									
4.	Audio visual resources	To compile audio visual resources and make them available for the resistance	October	Dec		✓	✓	limited	yes	
Updates	This project is lagging a bit; the team has identified the concept and human resources for it, however there is a significant delay in progressing the actual production of the resources, this project will be reviewed, for implementation in the new action plan.									

5.	Ongoing phone calls	Weekly phone calls using robocalls And one to one calls (focusing different cities and using different languages...)	Oct	Dec	✓	✓	✓	No	Yes (around fifty people to fund robocalls)	For robocalls And one to one calls
Updates	Over the period of four months we contacted over 39875 people in the following cities: Barentu (300), Teseney (215), akurdar (300), Massawa (232), Keren (1300), Mendefera (200), Dekemhare (215), adikeyiH (200), Assab (188), Asmara (15200), and a further 21540 to mobile phones and land line phones across the country.									
6.	Voices of families of prisoners	To encourage families of prisoners to use their voices to mobilise the Eritrean public	oct	Dec		✓	✓	No	Yes	
Updates	Each month focused on one prisoner and mass calls in association with friends and family, altogether we made over 25,000 on behalf of three symbolic prisoners: 1 woman prisoner, 1 journalist and 1 religious leader Sept: Sept 18 calls 11,268 October: Dawit Isaac calls 10,240 November: Abune Antonios Calls 5,000 Dec: Aster Yohannes calls: 10,000									
7.	A news letter	This will continue to be discussed	Dec	ong oing	✓	✓	✓	yes	yes	
Updates	This project continues to form part of our serious planning with partners and will be piloted in the next quarterly action plan									
Addition	The Asmara team initiated and implemented an additional poster project which was implemented on new year's eve 20									

al project	posters were posted in the following areas: Outside Cinema Roma Near Cinema Roma (Education) Outside Cathedral Outside Bar Diana Outside Bar Commercial Piazza Michael Adulis club in front of the bank May Abashawil in two places Godena Harnnet in three places Meda Ertra
✓	Fully meets objectives

**Appendix 2:
Arbi Harnet Financial Report
Aug-Dec 2012**

Date	Gross Amount(\$)	Net Amount(\$)	Balance	Expenses Net (\$)	Expenses (\$)-Monthly Actions	Contributions (\$)-Monthly
31/12/2012	1083	1083	1563.23		2800	2773.65
31/12/2012	25	23.97	480.23			
27/12/2012	20	18.92	456.26			
26/12/2012	50	47.75	437.34		PFDJ Officials 200 Calls 12-31-12	
19/12/2012	100	96.8	389.59		Assab 200 Calls 12-28-12	
18/12/2012	50	47.75	292.79		Adi Keyih 200 Calls 12-21-12	
15/12/2012	36	34.3	245.04			
13/12/2012	50	48.25	210.74			
13/12/2012	40	38.54	162.49			
12/12/2012	28	25.65	123.95			
10/12/2012	20	18.92	98.3		Free Aster 10000 Calls 12-10-12	
10/12/2012			79.38	2520		
10/12/2012	30	28.83	2,599.38			
09/12/2012	100	96.8	2,570.55			
09/12/2012	20	18.92	2,473.75			
09/12/2012	30	28.53	2,454.83			
09/12/2012	10	9.31	2,426.30			
09/12/2012	50	47.75	2,416.99			
08/12/2012	100	96.8	2,369.24			
08/12/2012	100	96.8	2,272.44			
08/12/2012	25	23.72	2,175.64			
08/12/2012	16	15.08	2,151.92			

08/12/2012	50	48.25	2,136.84			
07/12/2012	60	57.96	2,088.59			
07/12/2012	20	18.92	2,030.63		Keren 1300 Calls 12-7-12	
06/12/2012	50	48.25	2,011.71			
06/12/2012			1,963.46	280		
06/12/2012	100	95.8	2,243.46			
06/12/2012	30	28.53	2,147.66			
06/12/2012	15	14.11	2,119.13			
06/12/2012	30	28.53	2,105.02			
05/12/2012	30	28.53	2,076.49			
05/12/2012	20	19.12	2,047.96			
05/12/2012	150	143.85	2,028.84			
05/12/2012	40	38.14	1,884.99			
05/12/2012	10	9.31	1,846.85			
04/12/2012	30	28.53	1,837.54			
04/12/2012	10	9.31	1,809.01			
04/12/2012	20	18.92	1,799.70			
03/12/2012	50	47.75	1,780.78			
02/12/2012	20	19.12	1,733.03			
02/12/2012	30	28.53	1,713.91			
02/12/2012	100	95.8	1,685.38			
30/11/2012	100	95.8	1,589.58		2235.99	2524.38
30/11/2012	50	47.75	1,493.78			
28/11/2012	1000	970.7	1,446.03		Hidar Tsion 5000 Religious Calls	
26/11/2012	60	57.96	475.33			
25/11/2012			417.37	414.99		

25/11/2012			832.36	1400		
25/11/2012	50	47.75	2,232.36			
25/11/2012	50	47.75	2,184.61			
24/11/2012	120	115.02	2,136.86			
24/11/2012	30	28.53	2,021.84			
23/11/2012	100	96.8	1,993.31			
23/11/2012	45	42.94	1,896.51		Massawa 232 Calls 11-23-12	
22/11/2012	70	66.97	1,853.57			
21/11/2012			1,786.60	140		
19/11/2012	50	48.25	1,926.60			
19/11/2012	20	18.92	1,878.35			
18/11/2012	10	9.31	1,859.43			
18/11/2012	10	9.41	1,850.12			
18/11/2012	100	96.8	1,840.71			
16/11/2012	100	96.8	1,743.91		Mendefera 196 Calls 11-16-12	
15/11/2012			1,647.11	70		
11/11/2012	30	28.53	1,717.11			
09/11/2012	20	18.92	1,688.58		Deqemhare 215 Calls 11-9-12	
08/11/2012			1,669.66	140		
07/11/2012	75	72.52	1,809.66			
07/11/2012	50	48.25	1,737.14			
07/11/2012	50	47.75	1,688.89			
06/11/2012	18	16.04	1,641.14			
06/11/2012	100	95.8	1,625.10			
06/11/2012	120	116.22	1,529.30			
06/11/2012	120	116.22	1,413.08			

05/11/2012	20	18.92	1,296.86			
02/11/2012	50	47.75	1,277.94		Agordat 300 Calls 11-2-12	
01/11/2012			1,230.19	71		
27/10/2012	100	96.8	1,301.19		3057	4353.89
26/10/2012			1,204.39	83		
24/10/2012	50	47.75	1,287.39		Barnetu 300 Calls 10-26-12	
24/10/2012	30	28.53	1,239.64			
23/10/2012	60	57.96	1,211.11			
21/10/2012	30	28.53	1,153.15			
19/10/2012	50	47.75	1,124.62			
18/10/2012	30	28.83	1,076.87		Tessenai 215 Calls 10-19-12	
18/10/2012	50	48.25	1,048.04			
18/10/2012			999.79	84		
18/10/2012	40	38.14	1,083.79			
18/10/2012	30	28.53	1,045.65			
17/10/2012	100	96.8	1,017.12			
15/10/2012	20	18.92	920.32			
15/10/2012	20	19.12	901.4			
14/10/2012	15	14.11	882.28			
11/10/2012			868.17	2890	Free Dawit Yisak 10000 Calls	
11/10/2012	1352.1	1,338.58	3,758.17			
11/10/2012	1793.93	1,775.99	2,419.59			
07/10/2012	40	38.54	643.6			
05/10/2012	300	291	605.06			
05/10/2012	20	18.92	314.06			
04/10/2012	20	18.92	295.14			

04/10/2012	15	14.26	276.22			
03/10/2012	40	38.14	261.96			
03/10/2012	5	4.5	223.82			
03/10/2012	5	4.5	219.32			
03/10/2012	70	67.67	214.82			
03/10/2012	20	18.92	147.15			
03/10/2012	50	47.75	128.23			
03/10/2012	10	9.31	80.48			
02/10/2012	20	19.12	71.17			
02/10/2012	50	47.75	52.05			
20/09/2012			4.3	1790	1790	1,649.55
20/09/2012	1.95	1.95	1,794.30			
18/09/2012	28	26.89	1,792.35			
17/09/2012	40	38.54	1,765.46		Abu-Are Sept 18 -11268 Calls	
16/09/2012	100	95.8	1,726.92			
14/09/2012	40	38.54	1,631.12			
14/09/2012	30	28.83	1,592.58			
14/09/2012	25	23.72	1,563.75			
14/09/2012	50	47.75	1,540.03			
13/09/2012	50	48.25	1,492.28			
13/09/2012	40	38.54	1,444.03			
13/09/2012	190	184.19	1,405.49			
13/09/2012	10	9.41	1,221.30			
12/09/2012	5	4.5	1,211.89			
11/09/2012	30	28.83	1,207.39			
11/09/2012	300	291	1,178.56			

11/09/2012	40	38.14	887.56			
11/09/2012	30	28.83	849.42			
11/09/2012	15	14.11	820.59			
11/09/2012	50	48.25	806.48			
11/09/2012	60	57.96	758.23			
11/09/2012	60	57.36	700.27			
11/09/2012	50	47.75	642.91			
10/09/2012	30	28.53	595.16			
10/09/2012	20	18.92	566.63			
10/09/2012	20	18.92	547.71			
10/09/2012	45	42.94	528.79			
09/09/2012	30	28.83	485.85			
07/09/2012	50	48.25	457.02			
07/09/2012	100	96.8	408.77			
07/09/2012	50	47.75	311.97			
06/09/2012	50	47.75	264.22			
05/09/2012	25	23.97	216.47			
01/09/2012	50	47.75	192.5			
31/08/2012	50	48.25	144.75			144.75
31/08/2012	50	48.25	96.5			
31/08/2012	50	48.25	48.25			

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End of 2012 Pay Pal Balance

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End of 2012 Bank Account Balance

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End of 2012 Arbi Harnet Account Balance

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