

# 2020 Annual Report



Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we share this Annual Report with you. Although 2020 brought many challenges, we continued to support our students and recent graduates through the worst of the crisis.

As you may know, The Hadhramout Foundation currently sponsors over 100 students in the US and Canada. Your donations help us further our mission to empower the youth of Yemen through education. We continue to further the vision of our Chairman, Eng. Abdullah Bugshan, to promote education in any way possible.

In the following pages you will meet the students you helped support and learn of their hopes and dreams. We are hopeful that through their training these young people become a source of positive change within their country.

Although times have been difficult this year, we continue to strive to meet our mission of helping to rebuild the wonderful country of Yemen.

Sincerest thanks,



Shane Rose, CFA  
Chief Executive Officer



## **Meet a Few of Our Students:**



**Abdoslam Baabbad**

**Master's in Applied Economics**  
**Boston College**

My name is Abdoslam Baabbad. I was born in a small village in Yemen, but when I was six years old, I left with my family to Mukalla city looking for a better life and more opportunities. Due to most of the first-born children born in my country needing to work in order to financially support their families, many do not finish their education. Although I was indeed the first child, my parents firmly believed in my education and always urged me to excel in my studies.

I entered one of the best high schools in my state in Yemen, where I met other students that were passionate not only about their own futures, but of the future of the country. The Hadhramout Foundation gave me the hope that I would be able to fulfill these dreams, and through them I got a scholarship to Umm Al Qura University where I got my Bachelor's in Economics with First Honors in 2018. The following year I received a scholarship from The Hadhramout Foundation to study in the U.S. to further pursue my education.

Education has brought out the best in me and what I have to offer, so one of my dreams is to change other people's lives by making education available to everyone who struggles to get it. In order to make these dreams a reality, I need to educate and develop myself first. For me, my education is not just for myself, but it is the reflection of my parents' encouragement, an opportunity for my parents to leave our small village for the city, and the road to change the world around me for the best.

I plan to get practical experience after graduation, learning how to apply the theoretical to real world problems. I would like to return to Yemen and train more economists at Hadhramout University. However, my ultimate goal is to become an economist at the central bank in Yemen. There I hope to use my experiences and education to bring about real change in my country, help us use our resources more effectively, and raise the standard of living for everyone there.





**Abobakr Abuftaim**

**Master's in International Economic Policy**  
**George Washington University**

I grew up in a small village in the Hadhramout governorate in Yemen, and I am a first-generation college student in my family. Coming from a less fortunate home, I am extremely grateful to The Hadhramout Foundation for providing me with the scholarships that have made this possible. Being a college student from Yemen, there are many expectations of you for your family and country. My pursuit of this Master's Degree in International Economic Policy is influenced by my love for my family, as well as the future of my country. My passion is international economics, and I believe that The Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University is the perfect institution from where I can acquire all the skills and knowledge to be recognized among the best global economists.

With the help of the Hadhramout Foundation Scholarship, studying international economics will assist me in participating in the creation of a progressive economic system with an international perspective in Yemen. My academic colleagues and I established The Hadhramaut Foundation for Legal Development in Hadhramout Governorate. Our mission is to develop the restoration of the State of Law, as well as social progressive leaders in the society such as judges, officers, and politicians. From this experience, I have realized that one of the best ways to rebuild Yemen is to establish friendly business laws for investors, and that program will be a great step towards achieving this goal.

I am truly honored to be a Hadhramout Foundation student at my university. It is ranked among the best international affairs programs nationwide, which means that I will receive the best and highest quality education. In addition, I value the university's location in the middle of Washington, D.C., and its relationships with lawmakers and global economists.

I am a hardworking and determined individual, and I am excited for this next chapter in my economic career. I will work hard and put a lot of effort into my studies, and I cannot wait to see myself standing in the graduation ceremony wearing a rope of justice and proudly representing my country.





**Abdullah Ba Gunaid**  
**Master's in Mechanical Engineering**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**

My name is Abdullah Ba Gunaid and I was born and raised in the beautiful city of Aden, Yemen, along with all my dreams that grew up with me in that city. The people there are very kind, so I always dreamt that I would help them have better lives. When I graduated from high school, I qualified for a scholarship given by The Hadhramout Foundation to study abroad in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in September 2011. This was the first step towards achieving my goals, and through the hard work and effort I put into that stage, I graduated with a GPA of 3.94. Thankfully the Hadhramout Foundation has given me another scholarship to pursue my higher education at one of the most prestigious American universities in the field of mechanical engineering. It's the second major step towards helping me to make my dreams come true, so I'm dedicating all my effort to thrive and follow my passion.

My master's project involves working with a solar energy research team on a solar tower project. More specifically, I will be working on an indirect heat exchanger. It is an important component of the project to transfer the heat gained by the working fluid to the water. I am trying to maximize my knowledge in the area of energy production using solar energy so that I can help tackle the energy shortage in the country, which was a problem even before the war. The country has great resources in terms of solar irradiance, and the usage of solar energy has the potential to partially solve this chronic problem. When the time is right, after my education and some practical training, I will do my very best to help bring this technology to Yemen.





**Sauda Basaleh**

**Master's in Pharmaceutical Science**

**University of Colorado Denver**

My name is Sauda Basaleh. I was born and raised in Hadhramout, specifically in Ash-Shihr. I obtained my PharmD degree from the University of Hadhramout in Yemen. I worked for one academic year as a teaching assistant, and then with the support of The Hadhramout Foundation, I began my Master's in Pharmaceutical Sciences. I am specializing in clinical pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, which is one of the highest-ranking American universities in pharmaceutical sciences.

The field that I am studying now impacts the research, clinical, and academic aspects of the healthcare system. This science accompanies medicine from its manufacture until after its application. It is also important in providing the type of optimal treatment for each patient specifically. In other words, it is the science by which the drug becomes approved or rejected, and the critical condition is able to be treated effectively.

Healthcare, like the other essentials of life, has been significantly affected and deteriorated in Yemen while the world develops and progresses. It is my hope that my people could access medical services that would improve their quality of life and save their lives. I hope that the era of mortality due to morbidity will be controlled and the urgent need to travel abroad for treatment ends. I believe that I have to be one of the founders of the advanced health and research era in Yemen, and it is something I am preparing for.





**Ahmed Eshaq**

**Master's in Chemical Engineering**  
**University of Washington**

I was born and raised in Sana'a, the capital city of Yemen, where my best childhood memories were made. Since I was young, I have excelled at my studies, which resulted in high expectations of me from my family and myself. I finished my secondary school with excellence, and I was able to get a scholarship to Sana'a University. However, at that time, Sana'a dipped into chaos and protesting occurred to overthrow the governmental system. Consequently, I began to look for a scholarship to pursue my undergraduate study abroad at an esteemed university. Then, my father recommended to me that I apply for The Hadhramout Foundation scholarship as they sponsor distinguished Yemeni students. I was happily able to be one of those that received a scholarship to pursue my undergraduate study at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals.

I left my country in December 2013 to continue my education as a chemical engineering student in Saudi Arabia at King Fahd University. The undergraduate program at King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM) has provided me with a strong foundation of Chemical Engineering principles. It also exposed me to all of its various fields, including reducing the effects of climate change and enhancing the environment. Throughout my undergraduate study, I would receive news from home about the war, where I lost many innocent friends and relatives. Also because of the war, the financial situation of my family became very difficult and that made me feel responsible to both study and work simultaneously so I could transfer living expenses to them. Despite all of these obstacles I have been confronted with, I was able to graduate from KFUPM with a Second Honors distinction and my graduate project won an award as the best chemical engineering project design in that semester throughout the university.

Post-undergraduate study, I decided to pursue my Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Washington, one of the prestigious universities in the United States. I once again sought a scholarship from Hadhramout Foundation and I was fortunate enough to receive it. Life presents us with tremendous opportunities as well as unique challenges. My decision to pursue a master's in chemical engineering is motivated by a desire to contribute to the development of this industry in the future. After finishing my studies in chemical engineering, I am planning on gaining solid practical experience in the United States by working within the chemical industry. My plan for the future is to then hopefully contribute to the development of chemical industries in my own country when the war ends.





**Hamad Aldhlea**

**Master's in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution**  
**Columbia University**

My name is Hamad Aldhlea and I am a Yemeni student sponsored by The Hadhramout Foundation. When I was 17 years old, the Yemeni youth revolution started a crisis in my country against the Saleh regime. As a result, I saw a need for divergent groups to come together. However, it was not until several years later that I learned of peacemaking and conflict resolution as a field of study. As a result, for my undergraduate degree I majored in Engineering in college thinking that my work in that field could improve the infrastructure of Yemen. Yet, even at that time, I knew in my heart that I wanted to become a peacemaker to help my country. Sadly, it continues to have a desperate need to help resolve the current war and its aftermath.

The people of Yemen are the first and most severely affected victims in this conflict. Due to a lack of educational specialties there, I decided to come to America to continue my studies with the help of The Hadhramout Foundation. I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (NECR) at Columbia University. Without the intervention of peacemakers, these conflicts will continue into the future unabated.

Unfortunately, the war in Yemen continues and has resulted in a yearning need for conflict resolution. My heart hurts at the thought of all the pain and suffering this war has brought to my country. Based on my knowledge of the current situation in my country, I think we need peacemakers to resolve this crisis. Because peace is also an important post-conflict strategy, I believe that my country needs even more mediators after the crisis to handle the stability of the country. Peace is not just a passive word. Rather, it is an active foundation of state stability, and an important pillar upon which people's lives depend. I firmly believe that without peace, there can be no stable life.

I want to complete my MS and PhD degrees in this discipline to help bring peace and human rights to my devastated country. Once this is complete, I would like to contribute to other generations in Yemen through teaching at one of the universities as well as leading by example as an administrator. By doing this we will have more capable people within Yemen that can continue the healing process. These things will help me reach my ultimate goal, which is to be a leader in restoring the meaning to my country's name: 'Happy Yemen.'





**Saeed Ba Abdullah**  
**Master's in Journalism**  
**Northwestern University**

My name is Saeed Abdullah Ba Abdullah and I am a graduate student in the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. I was born the youngest of five children in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, from a Hadhrami family that migrated from Yemen to Saudi Arabia in 1950. As the youngest, I was afforded the opportunity to follow my ambition to become a professional journalist. In 2015, I graduated from King Abdulaziz University with honors. I also received a diploma from Aljazeera in TV Presentation.

The Hadhramout Foundation has a great reputation in Saudi Arabia. It is known to offer a variety of scholarships to Yemeni students to complete their higher education in different countries, such as the United States and Canada. I met and interviewed with The Hadhramout Foundation, and I received a scholarship to study English and journalism in the United States.

Unfortunately, I was faced with some challenges in 2017. I was on a plane to continue my academic journey in the United States, but the US administration had decided to ban entry to Yemenis. When I arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport, I was detained, my visa was canceled, and I was sent back to Saudi Arabia. Despite everything that happened, I did not give up on my goals. I found a program in Canada, interviewed and received a Canadian visa, and went there to study English instead.

While there, I had the unique opportunity to explore cultures and language in one of the most diverse countries in the world. I feel that my experience in Toronto helped refine my academic and professional skills in a way that I could not attain in any other environment simply because of the daily access I had to the English language.

After studying in Canada, I obtained a U.S. visa to attend a Media and Global Communication program at the University of California, Irvine. During that time, I requested a scholarship to study journalism from The Hadhramout Foundation at one of the most-distinguished universities in the United States. With their support, I became a graduate student at Northwestern University to begin fulfilling my dream.



At Medill School of Journalism, I have learned how to work professionally as a journalist in the U.S. by using SPJ Code of Ethics:

- Seek truth and report it
- Be accountable and transparent
- Act independently
- Minimize harm

As a professional journalist who studies in the USA, I wish to provide citizens with the information they need to make the best possible decisions about their lives, their communities, their societies, and their governments. This experience will give me the ability to create a free journalism association that helps people in Yemen by providing the information they need to make the best possible decisions about their lives, their communities, their societies, and their government.

**Meet More of Our Students on Our Website at**  
**[www.hadhramout.org/meet-our-students](http://www.hadhramout.org/meet-our-students)**



# **2020 Financials**



<b>Operating Revenue</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,054,367</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
<b>Program Services</b>	
Tuition	1,050,247
Living Expenses	602,070
Health Insurance	215,910
Reimbursable Expenses	11,462
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>1,879,688</b>
Fundraising	-
Management & General*	28,986
<b>Total Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$145,693</b>

\* Note that all Management and General Costs are carried by a special grant. **All donations from non-Board Members go towards student funding.**

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