



Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd

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Australian Mercy (Australian Relief and Mercy Services Ltd) is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is a signatory to the **ACFID Code of Conduct (the Code)**.

The Code defines minimum standards of governance, management and accountability for non-government development organisations. Adherence to the Code is monitored by an independent Code of Conduct Committee, which is elected from the NGO community. Our voluntary adherence to the Code is our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability. More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct can be obtained from Australian Mercy and from ACFID at www.acfid.asn.au or email code@acfid.asn.au

The Board of Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd (Australian Mercy) is committed to fully adhere to this Code. The Code sets out standards in the three areas of accountability:

Program Principles – including Obligations for effectiveness in aid and development activities, human rights and working with partner agencies.

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A Code of Conduct Committee monitors adherence to the Code and investigates complaints, which may be brought in by any member of the public. Information about how to make a complaint can be found at www.acfid.asn.au



Australian Mercy is a member of **Missions Interlink**, an Australian network for global mission: www.missionsinterlink.org.au



Australian Mercy is affiliated with **Youth With A Mission Australia (YWAM)** and serves as one of its Mercy Ministry arms. Although Australian Mercy is a separately constituted body, some members of its Board also serve as members of Youth With A Mission Australia.

**MAKE
POVERTY
HISTORY**

The Board of Australian Mercy has endorsed the **Make Poverty History Campaign** which is run by a large group of concerned aid agencies under the auspices of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID). Make Poverty History is a joint initiative of the Make Poverty History and Micah Challenge coalitions for all Australians who believe we can and should do more as a nation to end extreme poverty around the world. Australian aid provides opportunities for people, communities and whole countries to build a brighter future – it's work that we should celebrate now, and look back on with pride in years to come. Read more about the campaign and get involved at australianaid.org

Australian Mercy supports the Millennium Development Goals an initiative of the United Nations that seeks to make a difference in poorer nations. Australian Mercy seeks to shape its programs to give outcomes that are consistent with these goals

Millennium Development Goals

- 1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- 2) Achieve universal primary education
- 3) Promote gender equality and empower women
- 4) Reduce child mortality
- 5) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- 6) Ensure environmental sustainability
- 7) Develop a global partnership for development
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Company Directory

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The Board Of Australian Mercy



David Skeat (National Director and Chairman)

*Dip T Early Childhood Education (Hartley CAE, Adelaide South Australia 1980)
Cert IV Emergency Medical Technician (First Response, Cairns, Queensland, 2007)*

Serves in a leadership capacity with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Australia. David has a background in teaching with specialization in Early Childhood. He has also worked in the area of Appropriate Technologies and is a qualified Emergency Medical Technician. He currently serves on the Board of YWAM Darwin.

David has served on other Boards including: YWAM Medical Ships Australia; Marine Reach Australia, Word Relief Australia, Co-Aid, and Travel With A Cause and YWAM Tasmania. He is also a member of the National Eldership of YWAM Australia. He was formerly a Director of YWAM Albury.

David is now based in Burnie, Tasmania with his wife Marie, where he also volunteers with the Tasmanian SES.



Kris Thomson (Director)

Kris is formerly the Director of YWAM South Australia and has served in development in a cross cultural context. Kris co-owns an Internet Hosting Company (KJ Hosting) and lives in Ourimba NSW.



Jen Keatch (Director)

Cert IV Education of Intellectual Handicapped (Burwood State College, Victoria)

Jen has a background working with children with disabilities and also worked for the Anglican Church as a Community Worker specializing in Disadvantaged Families. As well as leading Australian Mercy Darwin Jen is studying Community Development. Jen is also the Director of YWAM Darwin.



Chris Harrison J.P. (Director)

Chris was formerly Chairman of the Evangelical Alliance in Darwin. He serves as a senior fire fighter for the South Australian Country Fire Service. Chris serves as a Justice of the Peace in South Australia. He is married to Gina has 2 children and lives in the Adelaide Hills.



Nik Matthews (Director)

Bachelor of Arts Honors Degree, Business with Economics (University of Central Lancashire), 1995

Nik has a background in Relief and Development. He has previously worked for YWAM Mercy Ministries International based in Bangkok and also spent eight years working for Mercy Ships International, based in Europe. Nik and his family hail from England and currently reside in Melbourne. Nik is also the author of the book 30,000 sunrises.



Dianne Clark (Director)

Dianne is the Operations Director of YWAM Canberra. She has a strong interest in Staff Development and in reaching out to the poor and needy. Dianne and her husband Kevin have initiated several programs to try and assist those in need both within Canberra and overseas.



Bruce Skinner (Director)

Associate Diploma Structural Engineering (Wollongong TAFE 1991), Cert IV Work Place Training & Assessment (Institute of the Nations 2006)
Bruce is the Co-Director of YWAM Wollongong. Having been a Structural Engineer for 16 years in heavy industry, Bruce draws on his experiences in the marketplace, combined with more than 20 years in church leadership. Bruce lives and works in Wollongong, NSW. He is married to Kristin.



Geena Pettigrove (Director)

BA Social Work – RMIT; Cert 4 in Christian Ministry - University of the Nations; Cert 4 work place training and assessment - University of the Nations

Geena has served in Mercy Ministries for over 20 years. She is passionate about issues specially related to vulnerable women and children and is currently working for Save the Children. In addition to this she is doing a post graduate in Trauma counselling. But her most important role is being a wife to Chris and mum to 2 very active children , Matilda (7) and Will (6).



Kevin Clark (Director)

Cert IV in Financial Services Accounting (Canberra Institute of Technology 2005)

Kevin originally hails from Perth and was formerly in the RAAF. He now has a background in accounting and a keen interest in alternative technologies. He currently works as the accounts manager for Youth With A Mission Canberra and also manages Australian Mercy's accounting at that location. He is married to Dianne, and together they have 5 children and 6 grandchildren.



Rodney Richards (Director)

NZ Certificate in Civil Engineering (NZ Standards Authority, 1988)

Rodney manages the National Office of Australian Mercy and is also on staff with YWAM Wollongong. He has a background in IT and Civil Engineering and lives in Port Kembla with his wife and children. Working with Australian Mercy and the various international projects connects well with Rodney's heart for mercy and justice issues in the world.

Australian Mercy Advisory Board

Steve Aherne



National Convenor, YWAM Australia. Steve has participated at Board level for Mercy Ships Australia. Steve serves on a number of boards and is based in Melbourne.

Peter Brownhill



State Convenor for YWAM Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Foundation member of the work of the Institute for the Nations in Western Australia. Peter lives and works in Perth.

Tom Hallas



Asia/Pacific Field Convenor for YWAM International. Member of YWAM's International Leadership Team. Based in Canberra.

Ken Mulligan



Director of YWAM Townsville. Ken has a farming background. Established the national ministry of Mercy Ships Australia. He currently serves as the Managing Director of YWAM Medical Ships.

Kathy Kennedy



Kathy is a Registered Nurse with extensive experience in the Developing World. She is actively involved in medical projects worldwide and has a passion for Primary Health Care. Kathy has founded two Health Care Training programs in Perth including the Introduction to Primary Health Care (IHPC) and the Birth Attendant School. Both of these courses are accredited by YWAM's training arm, the University of the Nations. Kathy lives in Perth.

Matt Colwell



Matt Colwell is a former director of Australian Mercy who retired from the Board two years ago. Matt's background is in administration and accounting and he continues to advise us in these areas.

Communicating with the Australian Mercy Board

The Board of Australian Mercy values your feedback, if you have concerns you wish to raise with the Board about the behavior of Australian Mercy; or have comments of appreciation you would like to make to the Board, then please write to:

***The Secretary
Australian Mercy
PO Box 132
Port Kembla NSW 2505***

Ministries and Projects Projects and Organizations

Organization / Project	Australian Rep Office	Country of Focus	Focus
Ark International	Perth, WA	Thailand	Child at risk
Australian Mercy Fund	National Office	Various	Various
Australian Mercy Disaster Relief Fund	National Office	Various	Disaster Relief
Burmese IDP Project	National Office	Burma / Thailand	Burma IDPs
Buzz Off Malaria Campaign	National Office	Burma /Thailand / PNG/ Indonesia	Malaria, Dengue, Zika etc
Cambodian Harvest	Adelaide, SA	Cambodia	Landmine Victims
Chongqing Child Care Project	Perth, WA	China	Children in care
Donna McDermid Memorial Fund	National Office	Various	Women / Girl children
Emergency Relief Projects	National Office	Various	Disaster Response
Help Save the Kids	National Office	Thailand	Children at risk
Home of the Open Heart	National Office	Thailand	HIV / AIDS
iCare4U	National Office	PNG	Women & Chn with HIV
Karen Refugee & IDP Education	National Office	Thailand / Burma	Refugees
Kids Ark	Darwin, NT	Timor Leste	Com. Dev. Education
Coconut Technology Center	National Office	Solomon Islands	Poverty Reduction
Nowra Community Food Store	Bombaderry, NSW	Australia	Comm. Welfare
Ossa Huna Community Development	National Office	Timor Leste	Agriculture
Perth Community Development Project	Perth, WA	Australia	Comm. Development
Project LIFE	National Office	Thailand	Various Development Proj.
Rahab Australia	Adelaide, SA	Australia	Women in Sex trade
Redefined Ministries	National Office	Congo	Comm. Development
RescueNet	Canberra, ACT	Various	Disaster Relief
Trainers Development Fund	National Office	Various	Education
The Freedom Project	National Office	Burma / Philippines	Children at risk
The Canberra Pantry	Canberra, ACT	Australia	Comm. Welfare
Vanitashray	National Office	India	Women & Chn at risk

Overseas Offices

East Timor - PO Box 151 Dili, East Timor

Cambodia - PO Box 486 Phnom Penn, Cambodia

People's Republic of China - Chongqing (Contact with the China Office is made through our Perth office)

Myanmar - Yangon Buzz Off Office - (Contact Australian Mercy National Office)

Thailand – (Contact the Australian Mercy National Office)

Web and Social Media Sites

Webpages	Face Book Sites	Twitter Sites
www.australianmercy.org	https://www.facebook.com/australianmercy/	@australianmercy
www.buzzoff.org	https://www.facebook.com/aworldwithoutmalaria/	@No2malaria
www.myanmar.buzzoff.org		
www.donnamcdermid.org	https://www.facebook.com/Donna-McDermid-Memorial-Fund-472514942758510/	@donnamcdermid
www.rescuenet.net		
	https://www.facebook.com/goldcoingiving/	

Some affiliated projects have their own websites and social media addresses.



About Australian Mercy

Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd (Australian Mercy) is a non-governmental / not for profit organization that has been set up with the express purpose of providing direct relief to persons in any country who are suffering distress, misfortune, destitution, helplessness and necessitous circumstances. It is a not for profit charitable company, limited by guarantee. It was incorporated in the ACT and has its registered office in Port Kembla NSW. Australian Mercy also has offices in Adelaide, Burnie TAS, Canberra, Darwin, Perth and Townsville.

Australian Mercy is dedicated to the relief of people suffering hardship and distress both within Australia and overseas and does so through a National and an International Fund that have been set up in accordance with the provisions of the Income Assessment Act 1997. Donations to the work of Australian Mercy within Australia are tax deductible.

As well as being a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI), Australian Mercy operates the ARMS Overseas Aid Fund (item 9.1.1) which is a public fund established by Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd that is used solely for the relief of people in countries that have been declared by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to be Developing Countries. Donations of 2.00 or more that are made to this fund are tax deductible to Australian donors.

Australian Mercy is funded through public donations, and through the seeking of grants and corporate donations from the business sector, churches, and other funding bodies. All funds donated to Australian Mercy are receipted into its bank accounts and are subject to a yearly independent audit that meets the standards of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID).

Australian Mercy is governed by an elected board which is elected from its membership. Elections happen once every calendar year at the Annual General Meeting.

Australian Mercy uses the services of volunteers who donate their time to Australian Mercy to help it achieve its goals. All Australian Mercy staff give their services and expertise without charge. They maintain their personal support from people who believe in the value of their ministry. All Australian Mercy workers are trained to uphold the dignity of those to whom they have been sent to serve.

Australian Mercy has many expressions of its ministry some of which include training, emergency relief, provision of medical relief, project grants, child sponsorships, community development, ministry to the homeless, family counselling and the provision of primary health care.

Australian Mercy relies on the generosity of the church, the corporate sector, small business, and the public in general for the finances necessary with which to run its ministry.

Australian Mercy does not give preference on the basis of nationality, gender, ethnicity, creed, or religion. Australian Mercy is willing to cooperate with all governments and other non-government organizations for the common good of those in need.

Australian Mercy believes firmly in the values of integrity and accountability in all its dealings.

More information about Australian Mercy can be found on its website www.australianmercy.org

Capstone Statement

Australian Mercy - people who care helping people in need.

Mission Statement

As a Christian organization that sees Christ as the ultimate expression of God's mercy, Australian Mercy outlines its commitment to mercy ministries in the following statements;

- 1.To example the love and compassion of God to a needy world.
- 2.To restore wholeness and hope to broken lives.
- 3.To empower and support families in crisis.
- 4.To equip people through training and skills development.
- 5.To serve communities by sharing resources.
- 6.To mobilize people to help the poor and the needy
7. To work in development in a sustainable way.



Reports



As you read these reports you will see the blue TD symbol appear the bottom of most of the reports. This symbol denotes that the report you have read had tax deductible status in the 2015 – 2016 financial year.

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National Director's Report

By David Skeat

2016 - 2017 has been another big year, and we are seeing many interesting developments.

Changes to the Board.

In 2016 / 2017 we saw two significant changes to the Australian Mercy Board. The first was the resignation of Geena Brew, Geena is now working with another NGO that specializes in Trafficking of women. Geena could not fit in both her Board related work and her new work so on February 10, 2017 Geena tendered her resignation from the Australian Mercy Board.

In December 2016 Chris Harrison was diagnosed with very serious health problems and has been on leave from his Directorial duties since January 1, 2016. The treatment he has received is really making a difference and we expect to have back from his extended sick leave late in 2017.

Table 1

Board Meetings 2015 / 2016		
Date	Location	Directors present
August 17-19, 2016	Port Kembla	8
February 20-22, 2017	Port Kembla	7

Over the year, a lot of business was handled by the Executive council which meets on a weekly basis and the full Board was kept up to date through the live Cyber Board Portal.

Major Board Decisions

New Constitution

As well as finishing the review of our policies and procedures, the Board also reviewed and updated our constitution, which was put before the members for their approval. The new constitution came into effect on March 9, 2017 All relevant authorities have been notified and have been sent copies of the newly adopted constitution.

Policies and Procedures

The new policy and procedures manual was accepted. This manual is the result of an extensive 2 year review.

Improved Reporting for Projects

The Board has also been developing a new web portal that will better serve our projects in their reporting and in keeping up with their necessary compliances. This new web portal will be rolled out late in 2017.

Revolving Door Loan Fund for Refugees

Table 2: Funds in Australian Mercy Revolving Door Loan Fund

Revolving Door Loan Fund 2016/2017		
Balance of Fund 1/7/2016		0.00
Income for 2016 -2017		5,000.40
Repayments Received 2016 -2017		0.00
Total Income		\$ 5,000.40
Loans out 2016 -2017		4,585.00
Other expenses		0.00
Total Expenses		\$ 4,585.00
Balance of Fund at June 30, 2017		\$ 415.40
Total new loans 2016 -2017		\$ 4,585.00
Total loans outstanding @ 30/6/2017		\$ 4,585.00

\$4,585 to a refugee family who is trying to reunite in Australia and who are faced with excessive immigration or settling costs. Fundraising for this project is ongoing. Table 2 shows income and expenditure for the fund. As the fund was set up close to the end of the financial year no repayments had been received to June 30, 2017'



Refugee sponsorship

In December 2016 the refugees Australian Mercy were sponsoring were denied visas. We are seeking legal advice as to how we can best move forward with regards to this situation.

Necessitous Circumstances

In 2016/2017 Australian Mercy provided support for at least two families who were found to be of necessitous circumstances. Cases needing this kind of assistance seem to be happening more regularly and the Board is looking at ways that it can raise more regular funds specifically designated for these kinds of situations.

Projects Coming and Going

This financial year we have seen three projects leave our ministry portfolio. YWAM Medical ships has completed negotiations with the ATO and now has tax deductible status in its own right and will now stand alone – we applaud the great work that they are doing and look forward to hearing of the increased impact they are having especially in PNG.

In a similar way, International Justice Mission also has negotiated a standalone tax status with the ATO and have withdrawn from Australian Mercy.

Volunteer Vanuatu has completed its work as a project under Australian Mercy and will no longer appear in our reports.

This year we also welcomed iCare4U and project LIFE although these projects are not the same size as IJM or YWAM ships the work that they do is no less important and impacting.

There will be a significant variation in the Volunteer Hours reported this year owing to the withdrawal of larger project such as YWAM Medical Ships.

Charitable Gift Funds

The three charitable gift funds that Australian Mercy has with Equity Trustees have continued to grow. These funds are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Charitable Gifts held by Equity Trustees

Australian Mercy Charitable gifts held by Equity Trustees		
Name of Fund	Equity Trustee No	Beneficiary
The Australian Mercy Disaster Relief Charitable Gift	CH002155	AM – Disaster relief efforts
The Australian Mercy Charitable Gift	CH002309	The Australian Mercy Fund
The Australian Mercy International Women's Charitable Gift	CH002310	Donna McDermid Mem. Fund

These funds are audited every year by the auditors of Equity Trustees and Equity Trustees in turn give us a quarterly report as to the growth of the funds and the income distributed from them. All dividends that received from these funds are included in Australian Mercy's Annual Audit of Accounts.

Donations to these charitable gifts are tax-deductible and can be made by sending a donation to Australian Mercy, or direct to Equity Trustees

Equity Trustees
575 Bourke St
Melbourne Vic 3001

If sending to Equity Trustees, please quote the account numbers listed in Table 3.

Tables 4, 5, and 6 cover the charitable gifts managed by Equity Trustees show the status of these funds as of June 30, 2017.

The tables below give account of the state of the funds at June 30, 2017, all amounts are in Australian dollars



Table 4: Australian Mercy Disaster Relief Charitable Gift

Australian Mercy Disaster Relief Charitable Gift (Est. 2006) - EQT Account No CH002155	
Total funds paid to Equity Trustees	60,560.38
Market Value as at 30/6/2017	70,643.15
Total dividends received by AM since the establishment of the Charitable Gift	23,791.89
Dividend received 2016 /2017	4,000.00
Total donations sent to Equity trustees in the 2016 / 2017 financial year.	199.15

No disbursement was made from this account in 2016 /2017

Table 5: Australian Mercy Charitable Gift

Australian Mercy Charitable Gift (Est. 2016) – EQT Account No CH002309	
Total funds paid to Equity Trustees	30,828.54
Market Value as at 30/6/2017	31,836.54
Total funds received by AM since the establishment of the Charitable Gift	650.00
Dividend received 2016 /2017	650.00
Total donations sent to Equity trustees in the 2016 / 2017 financial year.	2,742.46

\$750 was disbursed from this account in 2016 /2017 \$500 was donated to Vanitashray in India towards the purchase of a new van for their education project and \$250 was donated to YWAM Tasmania for care packages that were distributed to prisoners in a Philippines jail.

Table 6: Australian Mercy International Women's Charitable Gift

Australian Mercy International Women's Charitable Gift (Est. 2016) EQT Account No CH002310	
Total funds paid to Equity Trustees	20,455.68
Market Value as at 30/6/2017	25,333.80
Total funds received by AM since the establishment of the Charitable Gift	540.00
Dividend received 2016 /2017	540.00
Total donations sent to Equity trustees in the 2016 / 2017 financial year.	744.65

No disbursement was made from this account in 2016 /2017

Table 7: Australian Mercy Charitable Gifts – Total of Funds Held

Australian Mercy Charitable Gifts - Total Funds Held			
Name of Fund	Account	Total Funds Paid to EQT	Market Value
The Australian Mercy Disaster Relief Charitable Gift	CH002155	60,560.38	70,487.73
The Australian Mercy Charitable Gift	CH002309	30,828.92	31,836.54
The Australian Mercy International Women's Charitable Gift	CH002310	20,455.68	25,333.80
TOTAL		111,844.98	127,658.07



Funds in Formation

Australian Mercy has two funds in formation that will be transferred to Equity Trustees as soon as significant funds have been raised. These funds in formation are the Vicki Project and the Australian Mercy Three Diseases Fund.

The Vicki Thomson Medical Fund – (Also known as the Vicki Project)

Australian Mercy has been in negotiations with the family of the late Vicki Thomson as to the formation of a Charitable Gift that will provide funds to serve the interests of people in the developing world who need medical testing or training. The fund will give grants to help cover these costs.

Whilst these negotiations have been in progress, some funds have already been raised. The deed for the fund is nearly finalized and increased fundraising activity will commence in the coming financial year. Table 8 below shows the status of the fund. (Amounts are in Australian dollars) These funds have yet to be transferred to Equity Trustees.



Table 8: The Vicki Project – Holding account

The Vicki Project	
Opening Balance 1/7/2016	1,584.07
Income 2016 / 2017	183.38
Total	1,767.45

No disbursement was made from this account in 2016 /2017

Australian Mercy Three Diseases Fund

Australian Mercy is in the midst of setting up the Australian Mercy Three Disease Fund. The object of this fund is to provide a regular income stream for any projects we run that address the health issues of Malaria, (and by extension other mosquito borne diseases, HIV and TB.

Whilst this is being set up, some donations have already been received. Table 8 below shows the status of the fund. (Amounts are in Australian dollars) These funds have yet to be transferred to Equity Trustees.



Table 9: Three Diseases Fund – Holding account

Three Diseases Fund	
Opening Balance 1/7/2016	0
Income 2016 / 2017	3,057.00
Total	3,057.00

No disbursement was made from this account in 2016 /2017

Table 10: Funds in Formation Income 2016 /2017

Fund	Bal at 1/7/16	Income	Bal 30/6/17
The Vicki Project	1,584.07	183.38	1,767.45
Three Diseases	0	3,057.00	3,057.00
Total	1,584.07	3,240.38	4,824.45

The total funds Australian Mercy has in its Charitable Gifts and Funds in Formation is \$116,669.43

The Year's Reports

In this year's reports we are introducing a new item where we have asked projects who are associated with Australian Mercy to include in their report a statement of funds received through Australian Mercy and how those funds were spent. Most projects have been able to comply although some need a little coaching in how express this information. This is a work in progress. Only projects who are outside our scope of audit have been asked to comply with this request.

National Ministry Reports



**The Canberra Pantry
Annual Report July 1, 2016 - June 30 2017**

Now into our sixth year our vision for 'The Pantry' continues with the same values: To endeavour to supply low cost food to the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our area whilst providing a place of hospitality, love and care to enjoy friendship and acceptance.

In 2017 we currently have 120 people registered and often see regularly between 35-45 on a Thursday. Over two thirds of these customers are buying for more than themselves which greatly increases the amount of people we are assisting. We estimate that we provide food and household products for between 150-200 people per week.

Our customers fit into the following categories;

Aged Pensioners; students; single parent families; low income families and singles and new immigrants to Australia

Over the past two years as more Foodbank outlets have opened in our region we have noticed a slight drop in our overall numbers as people find outlets closer to where they live. But the majority of our regular customers have been coming to us for 3 years or more.

A local Community Centre; Northside Community Group continues to bring people in a bus who otherwise would struggle to get here. We also have referrals from ACT Housing and Financial Care with the occasional social worker who brings their client.

Our support network is greatly valued and includes Foodbank NSW/ACT; Rotary Canberra; YWAM Canberra; O'Connor Uniting Church; Hope Korean Church; Brumbies in Anslie; Intertrading and individuals who either give financial or practical help.

There is also a list of groups who are able to issue Foodbank Vouchers that can be redeemed for food at our shop. They are Kippax Uniting Care; St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra / Goulburn; Companion House; Throughcare; St John's Care Migration Support Programs at Australian Red Cross (ACT/SE NSW); Prisoners Aid (ACT). With the ongoing success of Foodbank vouchers we are able to help more people even in the short term.

Our extension pantry commonly known as The Soap Box also continues to provide low cost toiletries and other household cleaning products. These products are mainly sourced through Intertrading Pty Ltd located in Sydney.

Vegetables grown in YWAM Canberra's Community garden are also being used to help supplement food into The Pantry. One aim of the garden is to encourage people to eat healthy while also prompting a sense of community by growing extra food to those who are less fortunate.



**Lyle Hutchinson
Team Leader**



RescueNet Australia Annual Report - 2017



As at 30 June 2017 RescueNet (RN) International proudly boasts ninety one members with the Australian membership being nineteen.

RN Australia operates purely on donations. All members are voluntary and annually over 3,200 voluntary hours are sunk into all aspects of the work. The generous donations received by RN

assist members to deploy covering such expenses as flights and ground fees. The donations also assist in purchasing necessary equipment and medical supplies associated with each deployment. Donations received that are marked for specific aspects of a disaster are channelled directly into those areas.

2016/17 Achievements: DEPLOYMENTS

By request, we deployed two members to coordinate a team of thirty young volunteers, to help with the cyclone 'Debbie' (Queensland, Australia) response. Following are the statistics:

- ☐ Deployment length - 8 days
- ☐ Team number - 30
- ☐ Hours performed - 1,750 hrs = 218.75 hrs per day
- ☐ Houses cleared - 33
- ☐ Factories cleared - 5
- ☐ Public domains cleared (Airlie Beach's main beach) - 1

I am so proud of the entire team - it was a sincere pleasure to coordinate them!

We all worked VERY hard every day and each one returned 'home' feeling like it was like a three week deployment - probably because of the extreme humidity, the rain and the acute sweating - to say nothing of the hyper vigilance due to the ever present snakes, spiders and green ants!



2016/17 Achievements: INTRODUCTORY COURSE

This year's Introductory Course (IC) will be run from 20th November through to 2nd December.

We will operate the IC at the YWAM Canberra base who always are tremendous hosts and who wholeheartedly embrace the work of RN.

Currently we have three participants (two who are doctors) signed up and we have four other people looking to join us.

The course will be coordinated by Elisha Sorensen (an NZ member) who will hopefully be signed of as an official RN Course Coordinator!

Elisha will be assisted by myself and three other international members, but hopefully there will be at least two more. We look forward to an exciting time!

Right this moment we are gearing up to help respond to the Cyclone Irma disaster unfolding in the Caribbean and US, but we also have a very special team going elsewhere!

For many reasons, mostly political, some nations will not allow foreign disaster relief agencies into their countries, and thus their people do not receive the aid they deserve! Over the past year or so, it has come to my attention that those who are not too badly injured in a disaster, are really the very first responders to that disaster. Wouldn't it be great if we could go into these 'closed' nations as 'tourists' and simply share our professional skills with these 'first responders' prior to a disaster, so as to help make their response much more effective!



I'm extremely proud to announce that on Saturday 16th September, I am leading our very first international team - consisting of two doctors, two nurses, a paramedic and a Search and Rescue professional, into Malawi Africa!

We already have a contact inside helping to set this up for us, but the plan is to run a five day Disaster Preparedness Program (DPP) and to then go with the 'students' into their villages, to help address all of the various issues that these people suffer each year. These team members have grown up through the ranks of RescueNet and I couldn't be more proud!

Challenges

As mentioned above, for many reasons countries close their doors to international relief agencies.

The UN and the WHO are well aware of this and the gross malpractice that goes on in disasters and they have therefore developed a listing of just 80 international response "Quality Assured" teams.

Throughout the years, they have been quietly observing the work of RN and they have officially invited RN to be amongst the first of these teams on their listing!

Whilst this will put us in a place of having a distinct advantage to quickly assist those affected by disasters, the 'bar' they've set is very high! For example, they insist on a 'no footprint' deployment, so we must deploy with the capability of producing 30 litres of water per person per day; we must deploy with a smokeless waste disposal unit, and we must have our own sanitation disposal unit.

And these requirements are just the beginning; but nothing that I think is bigger than the Lord Who called for the creation of RN in the very first place. He knows our needs and we have an excellent team to help us pull it all together!!

Once this process is complete, we will be entered onto the WHO EMT listing as a "Preferred and Quality Assured" team. At that stage, whenever there is a disaster, we will not only be invited to respond as a preferred team, but we can also take advantage of military craft, vehicles and even some supplies.

I am truly honoured to be a small cog in what is becoming a very large wheel. I have an excellent team helping me and I look forward to witnessing a very strong RN future.

Mark Cockburn - National Coordinator RescueNet Australia

ANNUAL REPORT AUSTRALIAN MERCY SHOALHAVEN

Annual Report July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017



The Nowra Community Food Store continues to be the 'Supermarket of Choice' for an increasing number of families in the Shoalhaven region. As the store is located on the Princes Highway in South Nowra it is able to serve struggling families in the Bay and Basin area, including the significant towns of Huskisson, Vincentia, Sanctuary Point and St Georges Basin. Further to the north we are able to provide goods for families in Nowra Central, North Nowra, Bomaderry and Shoalhaven Heads, and much closer, East Nowra and South Nowra.

The challenge of acquiring sufficient groceries and fresh fruit and vegetables remains. The local supermarkets fail to appreciate the benefit of giving us their 'waste' as so much of it is perfectly acceptable. Hence our drivers make the 140km round trip to Vincentia and Ulladulla a couple of times each week to pick up what they can. We are hoping to be able to increase the number of pickup days in these locations.

While the store is able to help with the financial demands that low income people face, many come in needing much more than cheap groceries. Every week some of the volunteer staff provide emotional support to people caught up in domestic violence and dysfunctional family life. There is much 'after hours' and weekend support taking place with people who initially came to us for cheap groceries.

A Work for the Dole Building Project was undertaken between 1 July and 23 December to benefit our organisation. This project was government funded, paying both the licensed supervising builder and the building supplies that were required. The office and staff area above, have been a tremendous asset to the store at South Nowra. Unfortunately the work on the property in Bomaderry wasn't able to be completed, largely due to an unmotivated, inexperienced and absentee workforce. The participants came from people on unemployment benefits and were probably representative of many multi-generational welfare recipients in the area. There is a challenging and pervasive attitude of 'entitlement' in this segment of our society that will continue to exist while charitable organisations continue to offer 'handouts' without accountability. Starting to counter this problem will be addressed in the coming months.

David and Helen continue to visit the South Coast Correctional Centre each weekend to offer friendship and acceptance to inmates who don't otherwise have visitors. David also travels to 2 prisons in Sydney each month to visit guys there. This is done in conjunction with Prison Fellowship as a way of journeying with prisoners (and sometimes their families) pre and post release. We have had 2 of these guys come and live with us on their release, with another due in 2018. The property at Bomaderry is now about to provide accommodation to otherwise homeless men. This accommodation will be short term but it will give us an opportunity to support guys towards a brighter future and the possibility of employment. There is still quite a bit of painting that needs to be done on the property, including another bedroom. It is hoped that this can be accomplished in the not-too-distant-future, but is dependent on a volunteer workforce and our current volunteers are already stretched to the max.

Australian Mercy Shoalhaven continues to liaise closely with the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, All Saints' Community Care, Anglicare and Centrelink, meeting monthly to support and encourage one another. We are also closely allied with various mental health organisations, Illawarra and Shoalhaven Health and other community agencies. This interagency co-operation has certainly raised our profile in the community amongst both the many agencies here and also the clients who use them.



Perth Community Development Program Annual Report 2016 - 2017

It has again been a busy, exciting and fruitful 6 months working with families locally and internationally. These last 6 months we were able to serve **172** families and make a total of **618** individual visits. That's approximately **4032** volunteer hours of serving the community in Perth.

The total number of families we have served in Perth since 1988 is **2427**.

We have mostly served families in the area of house-cleaning, gardening and emotional/spiritual support.

Nollamara

We have continued our focus on Nollamara, a suburb of Perth, which has had the highest referral rates 2008-2013. We have also connected with many other residents, especially refugees and migrant families.



We organised a number of Community BBQs and a performing arts festival. This involved inviting residents to join us for BBQs, sharing cultural food picnics, face-painting and performing various items. About 175 residents from the community attended with many nations represented. Many of the residents expressed a desire to connect like this regularly, sharing food and

fellowship at the park.



Christmas Appeal

This year during our Christmas appeal we delivered food hampers to 31 families and 46 gifts to children from the families we have been serving this year. It's always hard work, a huge coordination effort, but lots of fun playing Father Christmas for a couple of weeks!

NeighbourCare Training Seminar

We had the privilege of training 14 members from 2 different church groups. They both have a vision to see Christian mercy extended throughout the city and serve families in Crisis in their community.



Manila, Philippines

We took a small team to Manila, Philippines, partnering with Megacities Ministry, working along side local churches and ministries to serve the community in San Juan. We were involved with children's ministry, primary-school education, health care and mercy ministries. We saw 25 children make a decision to become believers.

CDP Leadership

We are sad to farewell Elias Wape and his wife Inga after serving with Australian Relief and Mercy Services for many years. The last 2 years Elias has served as a ministry leader, and has done a fabulous job. We are grateful for their ministry and friendship.

Annual Street Appeal

Our Annual Street Appeal was again a huge success due to the many volunteers who were willing to shake a can in Perth for a day. We were able to raise \$11,200 to serve families in crisis.



Liesbeth McClure
CDP leader



RAHAB
2016 – 2017 PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT

Rahab is a ministry that provides help and pastoral support to women caught up in the sex trade. It is operational in several locations- for security reasons locations are not divulged.



One week at Rahab we had been handing out handbags to the girls filled with lots of treats and indulgences. The handbags were lovingly put together and donated by an Influencers Church women's group. One Friday night we watched one girl unpack her handbag and she couldn't believe that everything in the handbag was what she had on her shopping list to buy that weekend like shampoo, deodorant, foundation, eye liner. At another place, the Rahab girls could hardly get a word in as 11 workers excitedly opened their handbags looking at all the things inside. At two other places, we visited on the same night, we had women tell us that they pass on our cards to other girls in the industry who are doing it tough and encourage them to call us, because "the Rahab girls will help" them.

Over the last four years we have been in contact with an Australian woman who was in a very bad bikie run brothel where she was treated poorly and forced to take drugs out of her own pay to be more compliant while working. She asked for our assistance and we were able to help her temporarily but she found herself back in a bad domestic violence situation. We lost contact with her for a month or two then she called us again and we were able to help her move into a domestic violence shelter. We stayed alongside her with pastoral care for the duration of her stay in the shelter and then in a boarding house as she transitioned out. But then lost contact with her again. Fast forward a year and she called Paullette to catch up. Turns out she had made her way to the country town her mother lived in – reconciled with her mother, joined a local church where she is flourishing. Her heart and her spirit have found much healing except for the occasional nightmare from some PTSD. We are excited to hear how well she is doing and that we were able to be a part of her journey.

A challenge that we have faced this year is language barriers. Approximately 85% of the women we visit and engage with are Thai or Chinese with little to no English. This makes it difficult to share with the women the ways in which we can help them as they are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation of many varieties. Two things we have done to help in this area have been to make our business cards in Thai and Chinese so that the women have a copy of our contact details in their native language and we are blessed with 3 outreach volunteers fluent in Mandarin and one other woman from a local church who is willing to help translate conversations and resources in Thai.

International Ministry Reports





ANNUAL REPORT ARK INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Ark International Foundation, a ministry of Youth With A Mission, YWAM Thailand is an international body defending the rights of children at risk.

Our mission is to network, train and facilitate ministry in South East Asia focusing on **resourcing specific needs for children at risk** so that they can be restored, equipped and transformed for their unique contribution to the world.

ARK International's VISION is to:

1. **Develop specialized programs:** Identifying the needs of children at risk and providing ways to meet these target needs
2. **Partner and Network:** Partnering with other organizations to maximize the influence and effectiveness in assessing need and sustaining growth of programs
3. **Training and Education:** To provide educational opportunities as they arise to children and or workers (directly related to the needs of children at risk).

*"The current world population is approximately 7 billion. One-half of that world population (3.5 billion) is under 15 years of age. Of those, 2 billion live in abject poverty. Therefore, at least **2 billion** children do not enjoy even their basic rights. These children are considered **CHILDREN AT RISK**."* - Hope for the Nations

MINISTRY PROGRAMS OF ARK INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

MENTORSHIP



NAK WING – This is a small mentoring group led by ARK staff and each week over this year, our leader provided input and addressing critical issues such as identity, self-worth, sexuality, spiritual development and culturally relevant issues such as honour, protection etc.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

SATURDAY CHILDREN'S CLUB – This is a weekly, fun, faith filled morning that is holistic in nature. Education, Nutrition, Spiritual Development and Physical Development (with games, crafts etc.) happen each week around common themes. Approximately 30-40 children/youth attend.

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – is designed to financially support targeted youth with food and additional living expenses as a result of unique and compelling difficulties evidenced in their lives. This program works solely in conjunction with these youth that are passionate about improving their knowledge and experience through educational avenues. This past year, we supported 5 youth in this capacity.

HEALTHCARE/MERCY INITIATIVES – This is a program that is designed to help families in extenuating circumstances. This past year, ARK was able to assist one of our families in abject poverty with medicine, healthcare and support while the mother continues to struggle with the effects of a brain tumour.

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

THE EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM promotes the importance of education and its value in creating sustainable and long-term options for youth, particularly targeting youth at risk. Educational sponsorships and educational support are given through tuition and uniform assistance, tutoring, trade programs etc. and are individually catered to youth to help them succeed in their future. Education is the gateway to sustainable change in a child's life and therefore, ARK has a long-term commitment to these initiatives. This year, we partnered with approximately 13 youth/children to go to school. One young boy was rescued this year and ARK has given him the opportunity to return to school in his home nation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

GRADUATION – 2016/2017 was an especially touching year for ARK International. This was the first year that one of our own girls graduated from high school. We held a special graduation party and took 3 of our kids away on a special trip to commemorate the occasion. Memory photo books of the last 8-9 years of our shared journey together, words of encouragement and the affirmation given and received was very moving.

STATISTICS

- It is difficult to measure the effectiveness of what we do as working with children is difficult to measure. I would guess that we work with approximately 40-50 kids each week throughout the year.
- In addition, we are meeting with families of some of these children and engaged in practical ways to help serve the local communities both in Thailand and in Cambodia.

STORIES

This past year we celebrated our first GRADUATION! One of our teenage girls, *Noon was the first girl in our program to finish high school. We have known and had Noon participate in many of our programs over the last 9 years. As a ministry, we personally know her family and have had to have a number of meetings with them to help re-construct a world-view that values education. There were two distinct times over the last number of years where Noon was nearly pulled from school in order to work for the family. After much discussion and persuasion, her mother relented and allowed her daughter the opportunity to finish school. Today, Noon is able to translate documents for many of the migrant workers in her community and provides leadership that excels her years in life. She is a very intelligent young lady and we are thrilled at how her community is seeing the value of education. We see the tangible fruit of this as her parents are advocating for other girls and boys in this community to stay in school. We know that educational opportunities are changing the trajectory of these youth's lives. At her graduation celebration, we honored, we cried and we affirmed the hard work she put in to change her life. What was so heart touching, was a moment when she looked at us with tears in her eyes and affirmed us and thanked us for loving her, being a constant in her life and for being the change she needed to live this life of opportunity before her. Noon is now making plans to go to university. At this time of her life, she has gone further in school than any of her family or community prior to the tragedy of the Khmer Rouge. We are committed to transforming lives, one child at a time (*photo attached*).

"My name is *Nan and I have been with Ark for 9 years. I have a dream to be a doctor. I never thought this would be possible but many years ago, I met ARK staff and they have helped me to go to school. I am so happy and my heart is full. I am from a poor village and I want to help people that can't get good medical care." 'Nan' is one of our stand out teens. She is ranking #5 in her school alongside hundreds of others. She is determined, intelligent, resilient, displays natural leadership abilities and has fought very hard to actualize her dreams. It is a privilege to walk life alongside her and help her with an educational sponsorship which enables her to stay in school. One and a half years ago, ARK also helped Nan to get legal paperwork and a passport so that she is able to further her studies.

This has been an exceptionally difficult year for one of our boys, *Bon has had a turbulent 1.5 years of foster home placement and behavioral challenges. We have persevered and continued to extend support and resources to help this young man. Approximately 8 months ago, he had a life encountering moment and has started to receive the help and assistance. Today, he is getting ready to be enrolled in grade 7 after giving up on school and nearly everything else in life. Though his journey has been a challenge and his life extremely painful, we are seeing him overcome. We are so very proud of his choices and his commitment to continue to overcome (*photo attached*).

**Ark International Foundation has a policy that no real names of any of our minors will be publicly published. This is a real story but her name has been changed to protect her identity.*

FINANCES

Table 1 : Project Income in AUD

ARK INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION - Income 2016-2017	
Income received from AM	3,195.44
Local Donations (from within project country)	300.00
Other Income (grants, sales, visitor donations, etc)	3,485.09
Income Donation 2015 (Large donation divided annually into subsequent years)	10,000.00
Total	16,980.53

***Please note** that income for project is tabled for the dates of Jan-June 2017 as project partnership commenced in January 2017.

Table 2 : Project Expenditure in AUD

ARK INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION - Expenditure 2016-2017	
Direct Project costs (e.g. Education program, specialized programs, medical/dental, life sponsorship program)	10,605.78
Project Administration (Staff salary, social security, general admin)	3496.31
Other costs (e.g. gifts given)	562.16
Total	14,664.25
<i>Unspent Funds (End of June Bank Balance)</i>	<i>230,167.37</i>

FUNDRAISING

- Project proposals sent to various donors raised approximately \$10,000 (AUD)
- An identified need is to continue to work with our current sponsors as well as open new doors of financial gifts/donations to meet our monthly budget/expenses. **A significant challenge** has been fundraising over this last year since we have restructured the ministry. We are hopeful to see breakthrough in this as we enact & implement some new strategies towards this endeavor.



In 2016 / 2017 Buzz Off continued its work in Burma. Running training seminars in six places, four were done in November 2016 and two in March / April 2017.

The November seminars were held in Yangon, Taungoo, Moulemein, and Patheingyi 97 volunteers were trained. These seminars were run over a month because it was not possible for the training team to go to Burma in early 2016, so we did one year's worth of travel and training for the month of November.

The March / April seminars were held in Myawaddy and Keng Tung and trained another 51 malaria volunteers. On this trip we had the privilege of a new team member joining us. Sarah Hesketh a Biomedical Scientist from Hobart joined our team and taught on malaria and hemoglobin testing.

To date Buzz Off has run 23 malaria training seminars in 12 states / regions of Myanmar; training 1,010 malaria volunteers and has distributed 58,061 LLIN nets in remote areas of Burma.

During this time we also distributed 4,500 family sized LLIN nets around the Thai / Burmese border area and in other remote areas of Burma.

Other Training Components

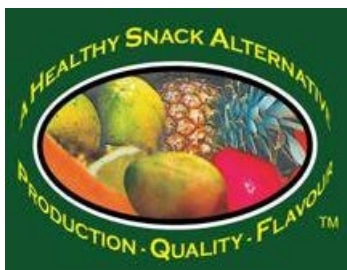
We are further developing the TB component of our seminars and have also adopted a program similar to Days for Girls (<https://www.daysforgirls.org/>) to be included in a special lunch time for women. One of our staff, a nurse conducted a trial of this in Myawaddy and Keng Tung and was amazed at how well it was received. Some girls had received little of no training about feminine hygiene. Girls in Keng Tung told our staff that they were told that the baby was injected into the woman during intercourse and that the man's baby grew inside the woman after that. We are looking at how we can best address these issues in the form of permanent lunch time seminars for women as part of the Buzz Off program.

Digital Burmese language material distributed via Buzz Off seminars and our Burmese language website continue to be popular.

In 2018 Buzz Off will extend into Papua (Irian Jaya) Indonesia. Research for an Indonesian language website is on the way.

Finances for Buzz Off remain a concern and we are looking for further funding especially with the extension work starting in Indonesia.





CAMBODIAN HARVEST DRIED FRUIT CO. LTD. ANNUAL REPORT

1st July 2016 to 30TH June 2017

(Australian Mercy project – Reverse The Curse of Landmines in Cambodia)

In the past 12 months, the political situation has deteriorated to unprecedented levels before and after the election of local government officials in June, when many opposition seats were gained. However, the push to discredit all opposition members and threats of imprisonment or de-registration of parties abounds. Leading up to parliamentary election next June the situation is expected to deteriorate further.

The investigations of the Tax Department into our affairs was finalized in April, resulting in our Company being fined for tax evasion. In ignorance, a mistake was made in our tax return in 2010 and we have now paid the tax and the fine. Our qualified Khmer accountant now checks weekly for updates to the Tax Law, so that no such event can happen again. New legislation to increase taxation from companies is being enacted continually. The past year has seen our staff increase to forty-six people for the mango season and decrease with natural attrition to thirty nine staff at the end of June. All twenty six factory staff members have disabilities, mainly Land Mine amputations, mortar bomb burns, polio and disability caused from traffic accidents. Other staff members work in positions unsuited for those with disabilities. Living conditions for eight families dramatically improved when they moved into their new homes at our property in Prek Dong Village, Kandal Province on 26th June 2017.



The new factory was completed in December 2016 but not occupied until the block of six staff houses was completed in May 2017. There was another delay in occupation while the three phase power was connected at a cost of US\$20,000 and a new well and connecting pumps and tanks were installed. Incidental expenses seriously strained our finances prior to the Official Opening, which took place on 4th August, 2017, although production began in the new factory from the date of the move on 26th June 2017. Packaging began immediately, followed by processing as soon as all the dehydrators were connected. We are so excited about our new workplace and only four men and their families chose not to move from Phnom Penh and to commute to the factory every day. Six single ladies are accommodated on the property and in a nearby rented house. What a wonderful and exciting day it was!

We had an opening celebration with more than 70 people present, including the local Commune Leader and his deputy, five local Policemen, the school Headmaster and a group of neighbors from Prek Dong Commune where we are located. International visitors included Mr. Rod Richards, Administrator of Australian Mercy, (our covering Australian charity), Mrs. Marion Winn and Mrs. Ruth Magarey, from Adelaide, Mr. & Mrs. Philip and Jacque Gifford, from Dunsborough, W.A. and Mr. & Mrs. John & Valerie Carlsson and Mr. Ben Carlsson, from Shellharbour NSW. Local friends, Velta, Dawn and Nay joined with all our staff to declare the factory open and dedicate two houses in memory of Mrs. Alice McCann and Mrs. Rosalie Annells, who were our great friends and supporters through the years.



After visiting the houses and seeing through the factory, a delicious catered lunch followed.

A short video of the event can be found on our webpage
www.cambodianharvest.com

Sincere thanks to all of you who contributed to the cost of those buildings and the necessary infrastructure. The new canopy and



cement floor gave us a great space for the opening and also a lovely space for meals and meetings.

The Project Management Group has continued with only five members over the past year. They are Chairman, Mr. John Thomson, Accountant, Mrs. Judy Thomson, Mr. John Wilkins, assisting as unofficial secretary, from Adelaide, Mr. Rick Toledo. from Wollongong, and Mrs. Marion Fromm in Phnom Penh. Meetings are held monthly by Skype

Training. Accountant, Mrs. Sitha received intensive Taxation training and she now holds the dual position of Administrator / Accountant. Other staff is undergoing marketing studies, IT, computing and outside English and Korean lessons.

Marketing The marketing office in Seim Reap has been open since September 2007 and Mr. Phallet and his wife Thany are the branch management staff there. The Phnom Penh office has three marketing staff, Mrs. Sopheak, Mrs. SreyLeak and Miss Nouch. Mrs. Bopha manages the door sales and Stock Controller at the office is Miss Maly. Tour group mini-busses bring tourists to buy our products and many of these are from Korea, China and Singapore. Export agreements to Korea have lapsed and a local Korean company now exports our products themselves. Local sales to supermarkets, mini-marts, souvenir shops and hotels have spread to provincial towns and finally into the Airport shops. Competition is fierce from one local competitor but mainly from very cheap fake dried fruit imported from Thailand. Major supermarkets dictate that we cannot undercut or overcharge other stores, and if we do so, threaten to stop stocking our products.

Staff Welfare Mrs. Bopha had a baby girl Singing in March. She has returned to work and her baby is being cared for by her sister in our child care room at the office. No incidents of abuse have been discovered and all staff sickness is covered by Cambodian Government Insurance. The next most urgent construction on our list is one building, comprising a child care facility, four new homes and an office block.

Activities Plans to conduct English classes and computer training for staff children and local school children is on hold until the new proposed building is finished. Seven staff children attend the local school, which is either morning or afternoon, leaving available time for all school aged children to attend the classes we plan to provide. Bunthoeun's son Esai is attending pre-school. Ny's son, Nin, is doing 3rd year IT at university.

Future plans In June 2016, a block of 6 staff houses commenced construction and were completed in May 2017. These were occupied in June 2017. Now our most urgent need is for more staff houses, office and Childcare centre, but no funds have been received for this construction to date.



Measurable results During this past year we have seen a very noticeable rise in confidence in our staff and freedom from shame concerning their disability. Few people seem to even notice that they have a prosthetic or other physical disability and relate to them freely, which is in marked contrast to previous years. Formerly they were consumed with self-pity, but now their self-confidence and dignity has been restored, it is making big changes to public perception and attitude towards them. Poverty has been replaced by sufficiency for themselves and their families and sound nutrition and education for their children. The staff houses that they now occupy are clean and thankful for the way they now live.



CAMBODIAN HARVEST PROJECT' REVERSE THE CURSE OF LANDMINES IN CAMBODIA			
Table 1 PROJECT INCOME 2016 - 2017			
Income from Aust. Mercy			\$ 61,992.00
Local donations			\$ 233.00
Other income from sales			\$ 204,321.00
		Total A\$	\$ 310,463.00
Table 2 PROJECT EXPENDITURE 2016 - 2017			
Direct Project costs - Wages, rent food, vehicles			\$ 105,826.00
Project Administration			\$ 143,850.00
Other costs - gifts, staff medical etc.			\$ 2,400.00
Unspent Funds			\$ -
		TOTAL A\$	\$ 252,076.00



AUSTRALIAN MERCY CHONGQING CHINA

1st July 2016- 30th June 2017

This year the main focuses have been on our foster home, facilitating local teams volunteering at local social welfare institute and dealing with changes with the registration of our organization in China.

Dawn Foster Home

Over this year, we have fostered 3 children in our foster home. All of these children have had higher medical needs or disabilities and came from a local orphanage we have close relationship with.

During this period, we continued to care for a 5 year old boy who has Down's Syndrome, providing comprehensive 24hour care, therapy and schooling in a loving environment. He was adopted to a loving forever family from the USA in December 2016.

In July 2016, we began caring for a 5-month-old baby girl in order to carryout medical investigations into her condition. Originally, it was thought that she had hydrocephalus and cerebral palsy, but after investigation, the complexity of her medical situation was realized. In November after much consultation with both local and international doctors, we took her to another province to receive brain surgery. In preparation for the surgery infection and other complications were discovered and her condition quickly deteriorated. She passed away on November 30 2016 in our carer's arms at the age of 9 months. Over 57,000CNY (11,000AUD) was raised to pay for her medical expenses accumulated during her time with us.



At the end of February, we began to care for a 7-year-old girl who has cerebral palsy. We had gotten to know her through our volunteer team's regular visits to the Social Welfare Institute and recognized that she would flourish in an environment with more one-on-one focus and regular therapy. After gaining expert physiotherapy advice both locally and internationally her condition is improving daily with regular therapy. She is a beautiful and joyful girl who loves to learn and play with her dolls.

Visiting Taiwan

In November two members of our staff travelled to Taiwan to visit a disabilities resource centre with the aim of gathering written resources (in Chinese) and forming connections with those who have already been working in the field for over 10 years. It was a valuable time of seeing what is possible, and what works in an Asian context, and we hope to make use of information and resources gathered as we continue to look towards opening a disabilities resource centre for families who have children with disabilities in the future.



NGO Status

In January 2017, there were changes in the law surrounding non-profit organizations in China that affected us as ARMS Chongqing. In March we started the process to change our registration from a company to that of a Non-Governmental Organization. We had much assistance in the process from our provincial public security department who aided us every step of the way. In practical terms, this has meant a lot of paperwork for us, but in terms of financial and day-to-day running there is little change. However, we now need to report to an intermediary government department.

Training

In May 2017, one of our AM staff had the opportunity to be a part of a family retreat for 20 families who have children with disabilities run in another province of China. The retreat was run by an international charity organization in collaboration with a Chinese charity organization and our staff member was able to contribute to teaching sessions run for the parents and caregivers. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn what this kind of retreat can look like and gain experience that will be valuable as we venture into the world of working with families who have children with disabilities in our city.

Volunteers

We have had a steady group of local volunteers visiting the Social Welfare Institute on a bi-weekly basis with one of our AM staff since we re-started this in June of last year. It has been great to see our volunteers connecting with some of the growing number of youth who have arrived, through varying circumstances, as well as connecting with the younger children. We have also been able to grow resource cupboard through some generous donations.



Wellspring Disabilities Resource Centre

As we have previously mentioned, in 2017 year we were aiming to open a Disabilities Resource Centre in our city. As a staff, we met to decide on a concrete plan for the opening. After a period of looking into funding and searching for openings in the city without much fruit, we reassessed the timing of the opening. We have now decided to go ahead with developing a website of resources available in the city as well as start support groups for parents of children with disabilities but to not go ahead with opening a physical space for the centre for another year.

General Financial

Our annual administration/expenses ratio is 1:3 as our office is largely a skills-based organization therefore our administration expenses in comparison to our overall expenses are relatively high.

Future Developments

In the near future we are considering taking another woman into our single mother's program (after a break of one year), following being connected with a woman who has needs in this area. As mentioned, we will also be taking steps into the area of working with families who have children with disabilities. Towards the end of the year one of our workers is planning to run a youth camp for local youth to encourage them to see the needs of disadvantaged people in our city and respond with mercy.



Just Projects International Upper Mekong Region Annual Report (1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017)

Impact Story

JPI sponsors children's education to rescue them either from fighting as a child soldier or preventing them from being conscripted to fight with rebel groups as a soldier. A testimony

from one of the children follows:

"My name is Ben. I am 14 years old and I study grade 5 in Chinese, and grade 4 in Burmese. A few years ago I moved from my home in the village with my parents to this children's home. My parents are still in the village and they both work in rubber plantation. They cannot take care of me and cannot support me to go to school. At my home there are still 4 other siblings.*

My name is in the military registration, so it is safer me to come and be in the children's home so I don't get conscripted to fight. I think if I graduate from school I want to be a teacher – to teach children who cannot go to school. Because if they don't know any good things they can only do bad things. I feel happy now to go to school. I work hard to learn to help other helpless children."

**Name changed for security.*

Challenge Overcome

The nature and location of our work restricts our impact particularly when there is

an outbreak of fighting or increased tensions in the community due to heightened rebel activity. During this reporting period, our work was slowed by not being able to finish construction on new school buildings. Some families were also displaced during this period resulting in some students being unable to attend school. Fighting also restricted people's movements around the region meaning our scheduled teacher training sessions had to be postponed. Despite these challenges, we had some new buildings completed and we have begun conducting classes there; we had students doing very well in their studies; and we had new teachers hired and begin working in their appointed regions.



Photo obscured for security reasons.

Financial summary

One of the major challenges was the loss of a major donor in late 2016, so we had to make up the shortfall through other donors, which we were able to do. As usual, the biggest expense is the children's home, making up approximately 35% of total costs. Additionally, it is difficult to find quality staff who will be committed long term unless we can secure extra funds to pay them competitive wages.

Income 1 Jul 2016 - 30 Jun 2017 - AUD	
Income received from AM	31,461
Local Donations	0
Private Giving + other NGO sponsors	241,112
Total	272,573

Expenditure 1 Jul 2016 – 30 Jun 2017 - AUD	
Direct project costs	256,911
Project administration	15,662
Other costs	0
Unspent funds	0
Total	272,573





The Freedom Project India (TFPI) Annual Report (1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017)

Impact Story

In January 2017, TFPI received information from reliable sources that several women were being forced into sexual exploitation at three different establishments within the same vicinity. The team planned and decided to rescue the all the women. We hit two of the three targets and successfully rescued 15 women. However, at the third location not a single victim was found and we suspected there may have been a tip-off. After confirmation from the informer that we were in the right location, we continued searching, and on closer inspection a team member noticed a hidden door that led to a secret passage. In this secret passage and adjacent room, we found 11 women huddled together whom we then rescued. In total, we rescued a record number of 26 women survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. The women are currently in various shelter homes where they will be rehabilitated. There is no update on those who were arrested.



A Challenge Overcome

As a major part of our prevention approach is through education, we wanted to start Anti-human trafficking (AHT) clubs in local schools and colleges. Unfortunately, many of the establishments we approached felt they already had too many other commitments and clubs. We believe in the

importance of education helping students not only understand the risks for themselves, but also in order to help look out for siblings or friends who may be at risk of exploitation. Our solution was to create a program to go into the schools and colleges and run classes focused on trafficking and slavery. This has been well received so far, with the students being engaged, asking questions and wanting to get more involved. This is something we hope to expand in the future.

Financial summary

In the FY16/17, 50% of donations have come from The Freedom Project through Australian Mercy, the other 50% from other donors.

The project costs are split between our Sports for Life project (56%) and Justice for the enslaved (44%). The capital costs included purchase of computers and furniture to help equip our programmes.

Income 1 Jul 2016 – 30 Jun 2017 AUD (50INR=1AUD)	
Income received from AM	88,009.60
Local Donations	0
Other income	86,488.76
Total	174,498.36
Expenditure 1 Jul 2016 – 30 Jun 2017 AUD	
Direct project costs	161,579.48
Project administration	1,250.82
Other costs	11,668.06
Unspent funds	0
Total	174,498.36





Just Projects International Philippines Annual Report (1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017)

Impact Story

JPI sponsors children's education to either rescue them from fighting as a child soldier or preventing them from being conscripted to fight with rebel groups as a soldier. A testimony from one of the children follows:

"Going to school seems like an impossible dream yet this seemingly impossible dream has become a reality through [this] scholarship program. Aside from rescuing at risk and hopeless kids, the program has helped us fight poverty through the education that we receive and supported our families' dreams in the future. It also contributes to peacebuilding efforts and fight injustices in various forms due to illiteracy. Aside from that it encourages other kids like me no longer to consider serving in the insurgent camps in exchange of food. It has built hope in my heart and for many of us and has created a rippling effect of changes in our little villages. In the past, this educational assistance has proven that is doable and possible to make our environment free from the agonies of war by sending more kids to school and educating our parents and communities about pursuing justice in a peaceful way." - Nora (name changed for security)

Challenge Overcome

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Financial summary

Most income has come from other NGOs, with AusMercy contribution equalling 39%. Throughout the year we spent 30% on administration, while the remaining 70% was related to direct project costs

Income 1 Jul 2016 - 30 Jun 2017 - \$AUD	
Income received from AM	42,341
Local Donations	1500
Other NGOs and private donations	64,049
Total	107,890
Expenditure 1 Jul 2016 - 30 Jun 2017 - \$AUD	
Direct project costs	75,523
Project administration	32,367
Other costs	0
Unspent funds	0
Total	107,890

Home of the Open Heart (Chiang Rai) July 2016 - June 2017



Who: Children affected/orphaned by HIV/AIDS, HIV+ single mothers with children, pregnant teens and women, people living with HIV who need hospice care, and families in our surrounding community affected by HIV/AIDS.

How many: 2 mothers and 19 children. In the community, schools and hospitals we have visited and assisted many HIV+ and HIV affected people.

Living on-site: Through 2016 there have been 19 children, 2 single mothers and we welcomed quite a number of volunteers to join us and live on-site, due to the fact that we opened our hospice to patients in January. We have had 8 volunteers come and go for periods of 3-12 months to assist in the care of patients in our AIDS hospice. Also since March one full-time, long term staff (Lisa Hogg from Canada) joined our team to learn language and live-on-site as support staff in child care, hospice and counselling. Also, teacher Margo from New Zealand has lived on site since May 2016 to tutor our children in English, as well as teach full-time at one of the schools that some of our children attend.

Staff: Penny Wilcox (director), 5 Thai staff and 6 foreign staff.

Life story:

Bua came to our AIDS hospice from the Thai government hospital, a 27 yr old young woman who had no family to care for her. The hospital called us and explained she was in final stages of AIDS, she had no family and would be care for her? We agreed, as she fitted our criteria. She had the opportunity of being more comfortable, as our carers at our hospice were able to give her the individualised time and medical care needed to make her more comfortable. She was able to find peace in her final stages of life, praying and asking Jesus to be alive in her life.

Highlights of 2016:

*** Homeschooling high-schoolers.** We continue to see this as a key step to our children becoming more appropriately trained in English, as well as Thai language. So we teach them at home until they are able to pass an English proficiency test at local international schools. Helping them improve in all subjects but particularly in their English ability in all subjects. Another one of our boys graduated from home school to international school.

• Progress of our hospice. We were able to take in our first patient for the year early February, a male patient who stayed three months, until he was well enough to be discharged to another ministry in Chiang Rai, an old folks home. We made more progress with planning alongside doctors at the local Thai government hospital. A highlight is that we have more progress and set-up support from short-term experienced palliative care carers and nurses. We were able to reach our goal to receive volunteers and have sufficient staff for receiving patients again from Jan 20th, 2016. Thai government hospital doctors proved on-going support and desire for partnership with our project. Local Thai provincial government hospital have referred several patients to us through the year and others have come through different

ministry and community contacts. Although our demand of patients as been lower than expected, we are content to have slower than expected beginnings to our hospice work. Dr Rachel from U.K. continues in the position of hospice manager.

*** Began preliminary discussions with OMF staff** to partner with them in the future for the development of our teen pregnancy support centre. We have facility and they have staff and desire for assisting with this community need.

*** Our first Thai tertiary student.** Our eldest child Belle, (now 21yrs) is planning toward and applying for English/tourism degree at Rajabhat university in Chiang Rai for 2017.

*** Progress for our children.** We have been continually encouraged to experience almost all the children become more stable emotionally and flourish in every area of their



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lives. Our youngest child, Arnun who has struggled with his health, has had a much healthier stronger year, with only ONE hospitalisation compared to 8 times in hospital the year before.

Plans for 2017:

*Paul and Penny plan to take a 12 month sabbatical from April 2017, returning March 2018. Ministry team of Thai and international staff will maintain care of women, children and hospice. Pray for our staff and children's needs as we leave for one year of rest from April. That everyone will enjoy and benefit from a year of maintaining ministry in our absence.

* Continued preparation of our high school children to enable them to attend the local international school. Preparing them with their English skills. Raising education sponsors for this tuition. Giving our children the best educational opportunities available to them, especially in view of our regions goals with Asean.

• Seeking bi-lingual Thai or international staff, to fill a nurse aid position in hospice. \$500 more funding for monthly operational costs of hospice.

*Seek more educational sponsorships for our high-schoolers.

Table 1: Project income in AUD	
Home of the Open Heart 2016-2017 (\$AUD)	
Income received vi Australian Mercy	94,675
Local Donations	529
Other income – grants sales etc	10173
Total	105,377

• Continue partnerships with others who are working with PLWHIV in Thailand.

CHALLENGE WE HAVE FACED IS DEFINITELY NOT HAVING SUFFICIENT STAFF.

Table 2: Project expenditure AUD	
Home of the Open Heart 2016-2017 (\$AUD)	
Direct project costs	103,084
Project admin	11,532
Other costs	11,487
Unspent funds	1903
Total *	128,007

**Note – difference between expenditure are excess funds from previous financial year.*



iCare4U has spent some time securing our MOA with Gereka Community where our property is located. We signed the MOA in March of 2017 and have been building on our relationship with the community. The Nazarene Church is leasing to iCare4U 1.3 Acre of land which was gifted to them to use for community development.

In February of this year iCare4U was donated a large building made up of 12 modulars. This building will serve iCare4U in many ways. We aim to use the building for 2 rehabilitation homes for up to 20 women as well as a managers home, two staff/volunteer homes, an office space and also a small classroom.



The catch and biggest challenge for us has been to raise the needed funds to relocate and refit the building to serve us in the way we need. We need to raise around \$150,000 AUD to achieve this. We want to have the building moved by January so that we can have building teams come for the refit.

We have raised some funds within PNG however we need to go internationally to raise the remainder. The plan had been to do this in January of this year however with the arrival of our son we are adopting we have been unable to leave the country. We are just weeks away from the adoption hearing now and so plan to do this needed trip very soon.

Ways in which we raised the funds so far:

- 1) YWAM teams help us with awareness, t-shirt and cookie sales
- 2) Fundraising dinner
- 3) Donation boxes located in three different restaurants
- 4) Partnership with Wycliffe Associates



We have roughly \$45,000 raised so far

At the moment we operate all our admin etc from our home as we do not have an office space. We also do not have expenses of staff wages or rent yet which has allowed us to save more. We do support our volunteer Sylvia who is a great advocate for women living with HIV. We aim to sponsor her through her Discipleship Training School this year so that she will be ready to get on board with our Womens Rehabilitation Program for HIV Affected ladies next year. She is living with HIV.

Over this past year we have been able to assist one young lady living with HIV and also cared for an unwanted baby before he was placed with his new family. We have been busy laying down the foundations of our ministry to make sure we have a firm place to grow on. The legal framework is slowly coming together. We were able to achieve charitable status here in Port Moresby early this year as well.

This is a rough projection as we are not permanently on our property and or running our rehab program yet. We also will need to provide accommodation for volunteers/staff which at this point will be developed with our property early next year.

iCare4U - PNG Westpac Account Income (AUD) opened in March 2017

Income Description	Amounts	Total
Local Donations	38,576.90	
Sales	5,935.40	
		44,512.30

iCare4U - PNG Westpac Account Expenses (AUD)

Expenses Description	Amounts	Total
		44,512.30
Event Costs	3,893.65	40,618.65
Bank Fee	3.90	40614.75

Help Save The Kids is a youth based center for development, having a strong focus on education and skills based training. Located just inside Thailand on the Thai/Myanmar border, HSTK services youth from surrounding villages and into remote areas of Myanmar. Providing a safe, community based structure, for all live in students; HSTK has been strategically positioned in a region that services both the interests of Thailand and Myanmar. Therefore it is essential and the core value of the education program to assist each student in the best communication methods possible to optimize their chances of gaining employment and meeting employer satisfaction. Well rounded numeracy and literacy skills are integral for community integration as well as general life situations, holding a strong emphasis on critical/creative thinking and problem solving throughout the education programs and emphasizing the 4 major languages of the boarder line Thai, Burmese, Karen and English.

Moving Campus:

After a long and much anticipated wait, with great enthusiasm, HSTK was finally ready to move into its very own property. October 1, 2016 marked the date that would see, what felt like, a never-ending courier of cars and tractors driving back and forth from the rental properties to their new location. Moving close to 40 people took almost a week, relocating all the equipment that was collected over the past several years. They also used the opportunity to throw away much of the clutter and interesting items that 30+ students build up over time. It was such a great time of celebration and testing as everyone was excited to spend the first nights in their new rooms and eager to see if all the plumbing, water and showers worked. Thankfully all was good and several months later HSTK has made this new campus their home.

Building Construction:

November 2016 – February 2017 saw the final building on the newly appointed campus completed to join the already existing boys dormitory, classrooms, and staff quarters. The final building was purposefully designed to house the female students of HSTK. Boasting dormitory styled bedrooms each with their own bathroom, internal facing courtyard, and sewing center. What was perhaps more remarkable (than the building itself) that this was to be the final assessment for the building and construction team at HSTK. Taking charge from beginning to end these remarkable young men completed the build in 4 short months. Graduating from a 3-year apprenticeship in the building design and construction program.



March 2017 - HSTK Building

Design and Construction graduates took on a new and exciting challenge. Winning a contract to build a new church in Pah Dang, in the far north of Thailand. The newly graduated students ran their own building project from design to completion. This challenge was met with enthusiasm as the team worked extremely hard over the next 3 months of the project. Bringing a more western influence to the way in which the locals build saw mixed emotions; people were both skeptical and intrigued at the same time. Seeing their work ethic and the quality of build the team was quickly contracted to build yet another church in a village a few kilometers on from Pah Dang. The team of 8 decided to divide and conquer; resourcing other local laborers to assist in the building, they were able to complete the task in a 4-month period.

Weaving/Sewing:

2016 – 2017 saw the launch of Thread Village, a social enterprise started by the students and faculty of HSTK. During 2016 they tested many products, the team of students made pillowcases, and placemats from materials sourced locally and hand woven beach towels and blankets. Market research showed an ever-growing popularity in the beach towel arena and it was decided to focus their efforts there. Traditional hand loomed materials are fast becoming an ancient memory all around the world through the introduction of machine looms and the need for speed in a consumer based world. Thread Village wishes to once again bring back the emphasis of sustainable consumerism and the beauty to be admired in hand made fabrics.

Volunteers:

Penelope Ingwersen (Dec 27 2016 – Mar 25 2017) and Holly Redding (Oct 1 2016 - Dec 1 2016).

Penelope (Penny) is a return volunteer having spent a previous season teaching at the school. Penny wants to make her visits to HSTK annual. Penny is a well-decorated teacher in music and performing arts. Holly recently graduated high school and before deciding what her next season in life will be, Holly decided to spend a few months with the team at HSTK in Thailand. Holly's expertise in cake making and decorating was most appreciated by all staff and students. Holly spent her mornings teaching English and her afternoons lecturing on the service industry, giving the youth a great advantage if they choose to pursue it as a profession. HSTK was truly thankful to have 2 outstanding women join the team during the year.



January Story

January is a 11 years old boy , he has cerebral palsy, he cannot talk, and when we first met him he couldn't walk and was just another boy hiding behind his disability and the family didn't know what to do about him.

Since he started to come to the rehabilitation center (CRLM) his life has changed.

January is a very smart boy, and is attending the classes every week that is run by Arms volunteers (Kim & Deborah) he is responding to everything and is very excited about learning.



He cannot walk but now he is using a walker provided by the center, and there is weekly home visitation to improve his life standard and make sure the family know how and what to do to help him .

Since he got the walker he is become very active, and can not compare to what he use to be, so the center is making a huge difference in many lives.

High school students

As in our school we only have pre-school to upper primary classes, our students have to leave school after finishing year 6.

We have been getting this awesome reports from schools and teachers from other schools saying that is a big difference in the kids that comes from our school and other kids. They are willing and eager to learn, are

principled and likes to enquire and answer questions . To hear that bring a great joy and a sense of accomplishment and a desire to continue to empowered our teachers to bring changes to the student's lives.



New Clinic in the mountains



We are just finishing building another small clinic in the hill, the village of Lebutum.

The village chief and administrator are so happy to see this change coming to his people, as the need to walk hours , there is no public transport to go there, so if there is a emergency there is at least 3 hours to walk to the nearest clinic, so at the moment we have mobile clinic there once a week.

Together with the clinic we also have a water tank collecting water from a spring in the hills to bring water close to the people.

Challenges

The main challenge we are facing is a financial challenge, its easy to get people involved in a building program, raising money for a specific project, but to daily run the project is a bit difficult.

We are training and employing local people as teacher and health workers, administrator so they need a salary to support the family. So our biggest challenge is the monthly wage of the staff working with us, this has been a huge challenge.

Mae-la Refugee Camp Report

By David Skeat



The work at Mae-la refugee camp continues. We are providing nutritional support to families at risk within the camp. Educational support to a primary school and the preschool network in the camp as well as supporting the Zone A No 9 preschool. We also support a house that provides emergency accommodation for unaccompanied children in the camp.

Zone A No 9 Preschool

Is located close to St John's Anglican church in the camp it has 70 children and 11 staff. In the financial, we were able to send \$1,000 in support which helped to pay for staff wages, food and educational resources for the preschool. We also provided medicines as needed.

Emergency accommodation for unaccompanied children.

There are 17 children in this hostel ranging from 5-17 years. These children are at risk, and are cared for by a Karen married couple who have been known to us for many years.

The children all go to nearby schools but their families are in Karen State – they have no known relatives in the camp.

In 2016 - 2017 Australian Mercy supplied \$1,000 in support to the accommodation centre – these funds were used for wages, food, medicines and school supplies for children living in the hostel.

Zone A Primary School (formerly known as the middle school)

The Zone Primary school is the most struggling and poorly resourced school in the camp. It has the lowest educational results of all camp schools. Over the years we have tried to assist the school with financial support for teaching aids. Funds for food, and provision of equipment. This has helped to improve the potential of course delivery but the training of staff is now a major priority.

In 2016 -2017 Australian Mercy provided \$1000 in cash support to the school. We also sent a team to help train Teaching staff of both preschool and primary school teacher in lesson delivery with an emphasis on English teaching. (See report below.) This training was well received by the Primary school and we look forward to seeing the fruits of the training rolled out into lesson in the school.



Christmas in the Camp

Every year Australian Mercy runs a program called Christmas in the Camp. It is an end of year Christmas celebration that involves all 22 preschools. The program provides an end of year event for staff and students and builds morale in the preschool network.

A Christmas event is held in each preschool where there is singing games, storytelling, presents and Christmas dinner. The staff and students all work hard to practice songs and families come and watch the presentations. Each child is given a small gift. Christmas dinner is a nutritious meal, which is usually chicken, rice, and vegetables.



Last year more than 2,000 children and 200 teachers in 22 preschools participated in *Christmas in the camp*, together with another 200-300 primary school children.

In 2016 / 2017 there was a water shortage in the camp and refugees had to take pots and vessels to the few parts of the camp that had running water. One of these areas was close to the preschool we support in Zone A.

Rice supplement program

Australian Mercy runs a nutritional supplements program in Mae-la camp preschools for families and children who are risk. In November 2013 rice quotas to the camp were cut by 33% this caused incredible hardship for the refugees and malnutrition and increased health issues were the result.

Each month Australian Mercy provides rice to the camp which is distributed to families at risk via the Mae-la preschool network. In 2016 / 2017 we donated 14,400 kgs of rice to the program. In June 2017 we began to include extra protein along with the rice. So far we have supplied \$200 of tinned fish to the preschools along with the rice. The total cost of the rice program for 2016-2017 was \$9200.



Teacher Training 2016

In late 2015 Australian Mercy was approached by the Anglican Church in Launceston Tasmania about providing an opportunity for youth involved in a leadership-training course with the church to do volunteer work in Mae-la camp.

This eventuated in an English teaching outreach team going to Mae-la in October 2016 to train trainers. This team was led by David Skeat and consisted of 5 other participants from the Anglican diocese.

Just prior to leaving Australia problems arose in the camp and the camp commander cancelled our permission to enter the camp to run the teaching. We had to arrange for the training to be run at a venue close to the camp and refugees were allowed day passes to attend the training.

Teachers from most of the preschools and the primary school were in attendance and the emphasis of the training was phonic based English. English teaching is a major need within the camp and not many Karen teachers can teach it effectively basically because they have never been taught the phonics of the language.



More than 30 teachers were trained over the 2 weeks we were there and in the end we did manage to get into the camp in the end and were able to run classes in the Primary school and teacher training in the afternoon at the Zone A No9 preschool.

Annual Progress Report

The Osso-Huna Community Tourism and Cooperatives (OCCT) Project

1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

Project Background

The village of Osso-Huna is in the Sub-district of Baguia, about a four-hour drive from Baucau in the north-east of Timor-Leste. It is on the slopes of Mount Matebian, the second highest mountain in Timor-Leste and a place of great historical, cultural and religious significance.

The people in Osso-Huna and the surrounding villages are subsistence farmers, who eat what they grow using dry cultivation of mostly beans plus small amounts of corn, cassava, sweet potatoes, and other vegetables. Agricultural production in Osso-Huna and its surrounding villages is so low that farmers are not able to meet their own household needs for food throughout the year.

In May 2015 Fundação Matan Ruak (FMR) received approval from AuMercy for the implementation of a three-year project entitled the Osso-Huna Community Tourism and Cooperatives (OCCT) Project. In 2016, the project established five farmer groups to facilitate technical assistance, enhance access to and availability of inputs needed for increased productivity of their farming systems; enhance access to markets for produce; increase associations and cooperatives ability to organize; and make it possible for small producers to benefit from the economies of scale. Increasing productivity has primarily concentrated on horticulture, specifically increased varieties of vegetables. There is a high unmet local demand for vegetables, supporting the possibility of significant results in the near term.

Osso-Huna is located at the foot of mountain Matebian, as stated above, and is very picturesque and has profound cultural meaning as well as historical significance in terms of the struggle against the past Indonesian occupation. There is significant potential for eco-tourism. In addition to hiking in the area, there are other historical and cultural assets of Osso-Huna such as the *asuma lulik* (house of ancestors), and caves with prehistoric drawings. These include a mixture of various cultures: Portuguese, Indonesian and indigenous Austronesian and Melanesian. The project intends to start with building a community training center that will be used for an English language course for the community to prepare them to become tour guides in the future.

The project will also facilitate other relevant training on hospitality (accommodations and food) and the communication of local history and culture. The project will also promote eco-tourism by producing booklets or brochures about potential activities and areas in Osso-Huna and the surrounding villages. Building of guest houses in Osso-Huna for tourists would begin in the third year although this may be adjusted in the overall plan.

Main Achievements/Progress

This report presents the achievements and challenges within the reporting period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and builds on previous progress reports in the implementation of the project. The project witnessed stable progress in the second year of implementation despite challenges related to changes in the climate that happened in Osso-Huna and political issues. Moving forward, the OCCT project continues to build as well as strengthen its capacity to share its experiences relating to the implementation of the project in addition to continuous engagement with communities on horticulture and a community tourism program.

Agriculture

From July 2016 to June 2017, the Project continued to support five existing farmer groups that planted agricultural products to improve their income generation. Crops that were planted by these groups included: cabbage, top king 26, green pak choy or green bok choy, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, etc. These crops were harvested and they earned over \$4,000 in income.



The project also provided a two-day basic horticulture training on pest control, fertilizer and garden improvement to the farmer group members. The training was conducted from 11-12 May 2017 in Osso-Huna and attended by 30 group members. The training was facilitated by Jose Cirilio Pereira, one of the former horticulture

training facilitators from the Ministry of Agriculture. He has facilitated many horticulture trainings for extension from the Ministry of Agriculture. He has experience and linkages with Government and NGOs which are focused on Horticulture Programs in Timor-Leste. His presentations in Osso-Huna were important since he shared his experiences and provided basic horticulture information about pest control, fertilizer and garden improvement to farmer groups in Baguia. The project learned that his presence in Osso-Huna was considered part of promotion in order to strengthen the farmer groups' relations with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Farmer groups showed their interest in the horticulture project and they thanked FMR and AuMercy for supporting them. Luis Piedade, one member of the Kokolai farmer group, said in a meeting that "their gardens were successful and they were happy with the results; the work was easy; and they had food for consumption and extra money for other family needs such as house improvements and school expenses of their children."

Chris reported: "It was the largest one with the most produce and quite beautiful. The women brought us samples of their produce – big beautiful cabbage, bok choy and other vegetables. I could tell that the women were so proud of their garden and what they had accomplished."

The training was also attended by two heads of villages from Osso-Huna and Afaloicai in Baguia. As community leaders in these villages, they are interested to engage the farmer group members in order to promote horticulture in their villages. The local authorities promise to advocate with the Ministry of Agriculture to support the development of horticulture programs in Osso-Huna.

Tourism Program



During this reporting period, the project started the construction of the community tourism training center in Osso-Huna. However, the construction was not completed due to delays in transporting construction material to Osso-Huna/Baguia. There were heavy rains in Osso-Huna since January to June 2017 that have caused the road to Osso-Huna to fall further into disrepair and the people couldn't manage to work on the construction during the rainy time.

The building is composed of four rooms that will be used for a variety of activities such as non-formal English classes; training on hospitality and hotel management; community meetings; temporary guesthouse; and classrooms for the secondary school. The target groups of the training will be the youth in order to improve their skills for future tourism program implementation. It is hoped that the construction will be completed in October 2017.

Project Management Visit



In October 2016 Christine Vertucci, one of the Project Management group members, conducted a two-week site visit to Timor-Leste in order to view project implementation in Osso-Huna/Baguia. During her visit she conducted meetings with the five farmer groups in Osso-Huna and Afaloicai, secondary and pre-secondary school students, teachers, and the Board of Directors of Fundacao Matan Ruak (FMR) in Dili and Osso-Huna. She also visited the community tourism training center under construction.

The visit was very productive and Chris and FMR had very effective meetings with the farmer groups in Osso-Huna and Afaloicai. During these meetings, the farmer groups showed their interest in the horticulture project and they thanked

FMR and AuMercy for the support. Women were also involved directly in the horticulture groups.

However, Chris and FMR also noted that the farmer groups still faced major problems in developing their horticulture. Mateus Pereira da Silva commented that they started their gardens with the natural skills that they had. Thus, they would like to have training to improve their skills and their capacity to plant successful gardens as well as have assistance on pest control. On the other hand, access to markets is still limited. The main buyer of their produce is the community and they cannot sell all they produce. Hence, the project should focus on consolidation of the five groups in order to improve the quality of their produce and their skills as farmers and look to the future when there is accessibility to new markets.

Ms. Jacinta Amaral, a female participant of the training, said that they are interested in the training. According to her, this is the first horticulture training they have had in their community. She thanked the facilitator who provided them knowledge in developing their horticulture production. She requested more follow up training and more assistance during the time of planting.

It was also noted that for the sustainability of the horticulture project, FMR must begin discussing with the farmers the possibility of their contributing counterpart to the project. The project started by providing all the inputs to the farmers without charge, but this is not sustainable since the support from donors will only be temporary. So FMR must begin preparing the farmers now for a mutual equitable way to share costs between them and the donor.

Challenges faced by the Project

The main challenges faced during implementation of the project within this reporting period are as follows:

- The farmer groups still faced problems in developing their horticulture due to the need for their skills to be improved. The farmers do have a natural ability to plant, yet they need more training in scientific ways to improve their methods of farming.
- Access to markets is still limited due to lack of transportation to bring products to markets.
- The delay of the completion of the construction of the tourism training Center. The construction of the tourism training center was not completed due to delays in transporting of construction material to Osso-Huna/Baguia. There were heavy rains in Osso-Huna and it caused the road to Osso-Huna to fall further into disrepair that made it very difficult to transport construction materials to Osso-Huna.



The condition of the road to Osso-Huna is getting worse

Finances

Table 1 : Project Income

OCCT Project - Income (US\$)	
Income received from AM	34,677
Local Donations (from within project country)	0
Other Income (grants, sales, visitor donations, etc)	0
Total	34,677

Table 2 : Project Expenditure (US\$)

OCCT Project - Expenditure 2016-2017 (\$AUD)	
Direct Project Costs (e.g. wages, rent, food, vehicle costs, etc)	32,350.00
Project Administration (office supplies and communication)	2,327.00
Total	34,677.00

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September 2017





Redefined Ministries International Annual Ministry Report 1st July 2016 - 30th June 2017

Redefined Ministries International DRC (Redefined) is a registered organization in Ituri Province, Mahagi Territory of Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which is focused on empowering local communities and individuals in rural and undeveloped areas of Mahagi.

This year has seen some exciting achievements and some long-term goals accomplished. None of these could have been possible without the backing and hard work of individuals throughout the international community. It would also have been impossible without your financial and practical support. On behalf of the Redefined team, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters who are helping us achieve this purpose.



Special thanks go out to Australian Mercy for their support and efforts on our behalf. In addition, we would like to acknowledge our partners in this work: Eyes on Africa of UK, Days for Girls Australia and Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia.

Thank you all! We hope that you will continue to partner with us as we continue this important work.

With sincere thanks, from the Congo Project Board.

Our Vision

Our vision is to see the people of the Congo shed their image of a war-torn country, and be redefined, gaining a self-image built through a united community. We work with the community to create infrastructure throughout Mahagi Territory for the empowerment of all members of the community without discrimination to race, gender or tribe.

We envision a community where all children have access to school; women are valued and hold equal rights in their community; and men have

respect for themselves and their neighbours. We envision access to jobs and career progression, re-population of livestock in the area, and ready access to food, medical services and good housing.

See our website for more information:

redefinedministriesinternational.com

One of the most significant advances towards our vision this year was the commencement of building a Maternity Ward



Innocent – Managing Director (based in DRC / Uganda)



Project Achievements and Highlights

Redefined Medical Facilities – Jalasiga

Thursday 16th March 2017 will go down as a special date for everyone connected to Redefined as it saw the opening of the Redefined Health Centre – Dispensaire MIRECO, a huge milestone for everyone involved with this community project.

The Redefined Medical Facilities continue to outgrow their roots due to the high demand of medical services in the rural area of Jalasiga. Put simply Redefined do not have the infrastructure to cater for the sheer numbers of people that require our services. It is something we are hoping to address in the coming months through additional buildings.

Birthing Kits

This year saw distribution of birthing kits continued thanks to our partner, the Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia. These kits include items needed to promote a safe birth environment for all involved, including: plastic sheeting for the ground, clean and disposable razor, gloves and soap for the midwife and string for the umbilical cord.

Tailoring/Sewing & Days 4 Girls Project

These projects have huge potential for expansion and not only are the projects sustainable, it may provide further employment opportunities and generate income for other projects to get off the ground with the same level of success.

Water Source Project

Redefined assisted in establishing a water source for locals in the rural area of Jalasiga.

Eye Glasses

Distribution of eye glasses continued, supplied by Eyes on Africa.

Soccer

Soccer is by far the most popular sport in the area where Redefined operate.

Financial Update

Redefined is currently working hard with limited funds and we thank all those who have practically assisted this important work through donations. We could not do what we do without you.

Fortunately this year we saw a significant rise in finance being available for projects through donations. This past year we were able to raise over \$37,469.50 (USD) for our work in DRC. In addition to this money, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community with volunteer work. We are extremely grateful for the material donations that cannot be valued however have significantly aided several projects.

All of our staff are currently unpaid volunteers. Our core team is supported by the ministry with housing and food.



Australian Mercy continues to be a valued partner giving supporters the option to donate via a tax deductible method.

Moving Forward

Here is some of the critical work scheduled for the coming year:

Fundraising

Implement various reoccurring fundraising projects across Australia and locally in Uganda.

Vitamin Angels

We hope to finalise our application to Vitamin Angels in order to negotiate the possibility of bulk vitamin distribution in DRC.

Medical Facilities

With funding for the Maternity Building secured, we look forward to having the building completed towards the end of August.

Staff Accommodation

As our entire crew on the ground are volunteers we managed to secure funding for the construction of additional Staff Accommodation. The vast majority of our crew are local Congolese and Ugandans, many of which are friends and family supporting our locally born Managing Director. They share in our passion/vision of empowering the local community in a sustainable future through many of the projects listed in this annual report therefore we would like to repay their loyalty and service by providing for some of their basic needs with local accommodation in the field.

Ugandan Administration Office

Funding for a Ugandan Administration Office has been secured, we will be applying to register in Uganda and we will be sourcing a suitable location in the town of Paidha in the coming months. An administration office in Paidha will be a huge step for the Ministry as a whole as we



look to expand and establish ourselves further afield. Paidha is a thriving busy town located on the Ugandan side of the DRC/Uganda border and will provide us with a fixed address in Uganda which will assist us in receiving goods, services, mail, as well as welcoming visiting teams and continuing to oversee current/future self-sustaining projects which will in turn support the current/future projects in DRC.

Expanding Redefined Vehicle Fleet

Funding for a second hand car/truck has been secured, we will sourcing a suitable vehicle mainly for the transportation of supplies into rural DRC. Suitable transportation of supplies has long been an issue for the Ministry, often leaving us exposed to high transportation costs through hiring a driver's services or the service of their vehicle. Currently we are making do with the three motorbikes we have operating in the area however some supplies (especially building supplies) and multiple people requiring transport make this option by itself no longer viable. Currently we source the majority of our supplies through Paidha and sometimes further afield in the Ugandan capital of Kampala. The purchase of our own vehicle will enable us to provide a service to the local community in need (transport - free of charge) and a service to local businesses who wish to hire our vehicle or our driver's services at a reasonable cost which will in turn support the current/future projects in DRC.

Thanks

The staff of Redefined Ministries International thanks all its supporters. Our greatest thanks go to the community within Mahagi Territory who are working alongside us in our efforts. If you would like to support our work financially, donations can be made via Australian Mercy: [Make a Donation today](#)



Vanitashray Annual Report

July 1 2016 – June 30, 2017



VANITASHRAY

Caring For Orphans, Destitute & Widows

Every Child's Right to Education, Care, Health and Family. We invite you to engage with us in the following pages, learn and get inspired to help vulnerable children.

Our success would not be possible without your invaluable support; for this we are very grateful. This year, we have received encouragement and validation for our work from families, communities, civil society and government. The more we do, the more we see how much further we have yet to go.

How would you like to partner with us to bring that necessary Change – One Child at a Time?
Remember: Every Child Matters!

India

India is the second largest country in the World in terms of population. It shares borders with Pakistan, Nepal and China. 30% of the population is aged 14 or below. In spite of its rapid economic development, over 21% of its population is living below the international poverty line. Corruption is a problem in India, on an international scale from 0-10, 10 being the best a country can be India is at 3.1. It is estimated that there are over 50,000 street children in New Delhi.

With this in mind Vanitashray Mission is:

- . To Provide care for orphans, unwanted and destitute girls and women.
 - To improve the quality of life and advance the rights of children and Women.
 - To encourage children and families to participate in processes which enhance their equality, self reliance and long-term sustainable developments.
 - To provide practical support wherever possible so that children can grow up within their own families and communities.
 - . To rescue minors we partner with other NGOs and Anti-trafficking local Police Team.
- To fulfil our mission our funds come from a wide range of activities ensuring that we have a good balance of unrestricted and restricted funds. These are raised from within India and worldwide, including Europe, Australia and America. We seek to join our efforts with international networks of likeminded organisations dedicated to improve the future of the most disadvantaged children.

Our Vision:

Vanitashray exists to Help Orphaned, Poor and Exploited. Other marginalised children and Women in India. Vanitashray is a non-sectarian, non-political and non-profit organisation that provides crucial support to underprivileged children, destitute women and widows.

For Vanitashray, no effort is too big, no need is too small. India's 'child flesh' industry is considered the second largest in the world. With over 700,000 victims trafficked throughout the world each year, and with India serving as a major trafficking hub. Because of economic constraints, rejection by family and relatives, their socio-religious status and caste status; nearly 200 minor girls in India are driven to enter the 'child flesh' trade everyday.



She is clothed in strength and dignity

Vanitashray caters to the needs of the prostitutes and Transgender in the RED Light District Pune. Especially the elderly women who are out of business, highly infected with HIV/Aids and are starving.

She Narrated "I got married at 16, but after some time in marriage, my husband started neglecting us after I gave birth to five children," recalls the now mother of eight (two have since died and the rest are adults) "I could have had 10 children if were it not for two miscarriages," reveals Rosi (Name changed) who parted ways with her family and is living in the Red light District. Regardless, after knowing the fact that we care and are there to serve, she can now smile through her pain and wrinkled face. There are many Rosi's who share horrific stories and we do our best to help and treat them with Dignity. We care for every Individual person.

"To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." — Nelson Mandela

International Women's Day

On 8th March "International Women's Day" was marked as a special service to Women. A free medical camp was organised by Vanitashray for two days and over 600 hundred women and children received special medical assistance. We want to thank our Board of Trustees, Doctors and Nurses along with a team from USA, who gave their support. We appreciate your valuable support and prayers. We continue to run 3 medical camps annually. The local authority and the village contact people are very excited to see the medical service given to the community. To honour the widows, saris were distributed to 40 widows from the same community. Our hearts were moved with compassion towards these women. We really hope to see this service carry on each month, to help the poor and needy women in the community with a Mobile Clinic. The Team of Doctors of 8 members gave their time and medical assistance. We are so grateful for the Funds that were given towards this camp by the Sanghvi Movers –Pune.



Projects: Education (Education will Inform, Conform, Reform and Transform)

There are millions of children across the world who do not have enough food to eat every day, who do not attend school, live in slums or on the streets, suffer from untreated diseases, are abused and mistreated, die early, and never get the opportunities we take for granted.

These children have no one to turn to. Vanitashray has been Helping Orphaned, Poor and Exploited children since 1999. Getting each child on Government Record- Birth Certificates, hence giving an identity to every individual child.

Happy Hearts Nursery /Day care centre – community project:

In past 17 years a lot has been achieved. Our organisation's income has grown from when it was founded. Many other developments have taken place such as:

- Development of systems, policies and procedures that facilitate organisational effectiveness.
- Greater focus with fewer partners so that impact for children is more effectively assured.
- Development and use of a clear Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct.

We are proud that these changes have resulted in firstly and foremost an increase in the number of children we have supported year on year. We want to strive to help even more children and to do what we do as best we can.

This strategy sets the direction of our work for the next three years. We use a rigorous approach to selecting partners who share our same ethos, with an active nature of nurturing them. We respect their capabilities and respond to their needs.

Vanitashray is a partner that wants to develop partnerships beyond projects. Partnering with those contributing to the growth and relevance of the organisation.

Goals & Objectives

We prefer child-centered forms of Institutional & Non-Institutional Alternative Care. We advocate for every child's right to family thereby emphasizing family preservation. We commit to strengths based family care for children through holistic participation, partnership and advocacy at local, state and national levels; and empower communities to be led by their needs and voices of all children. We connect and engage with valued stakeholders to provide direct practice. Our work ensures the child's fundamental rights as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Medical Camps

Medical Camps that serve women and children at large: Cancer screening was done by the Cancer free hospital Pune for 100+ women at Krishnanagar. Ruby Hospital Pune as always have graciously send their Team of Medical practitioners to assist our Board of Trustee Dr Chyyo Sada, under whose supervision medical assistance is provided three times a year children, women and families in the community. Meals were served and blankets were distributed.

In early 2016, we began working with the Government of Maharashtra to make our mutual aspirations in building content, Child protection policies and create awareness On Child Rights. We have been working hard to create a system that can better care for children in a loving and sustainable way. Over the past year, we have begun to empower a much greater number of stakeholders to embrace child protection practices across the entire country. Bringing resources and Training National Child care Workers.

Vanitashray Family Connection Centre

Our center is making an impact in communities in ways we cannot believe! No. of Beneficiaries by Activity (Compiled)

Activities	Numbers	Total beneficiaries
House Visits	200	253
Community Meeting	12	92
One-on-one Meeting	510	510
Day Care Centres	3	118 children attendance
Sewing Classes	2 batches	12
Visits (different dept. etc.)	20	110
Medical Camps	3+1	900
Mid Day Meal	5 days a week	121 daily
Free Cataract Surgeries	8	12
Counselling at Centre	135	135
Counselling at Field	120	120
Field Trips	4	250
Staff Training	7	120
Centre Meeting	16	
Case File Management	20	
Visitors came at centre	120	120
New cases received	49	
Follow up cases received	19	
Total Beneficiary	1,297	2,873

www.vanitashray.org

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M.S. India.

Community Office

Plot No 60,
Krishnanagar, M'madwadi
Hadapsar, Pune.
M.S . India

Financial Reporting



Income

This year's audit shows a easing in company income. This financial year had income of \$1,343,563.88. This is \$238,337 below last year's total income. The main source of the difference is that we no longer receive funding for Buzz Off which we were receiving at a rate of approx. \$117,000 per year. The balance of the down turn in income lies with the projects that have completed or left our project portfolio as discussed on page 13 of this document.

Table 1 below shows our annual income and monthly income over the past 3 years. The Board and our auditors are not concerned by the lower income rate as this will pick up as new projects are established.

Investment income was up by \$3,196.26 on the previous year, this income is expected to increase in the coming financial year.

Chart 1: Donation Income over 3 years

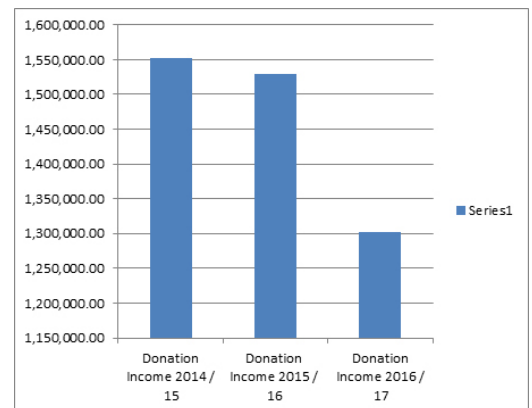


Table 1: Monthly income over 3 years

Year	Annual Income	Average Monthly Income
2014 - 2015	\$ 1,589,642.34	\$113,545.88
2015 - 2016	\$1,581,900.88	\$131,825.10
2016 - 2017	\$1,343,563.88	\$111,963.70

Donation Income

Donation income was down in 2016 – 2017 by \$226,237 on the previous year. See table 2

Table 2: Donation Income over 3 years

Year	Donation Income	Average Monthly Donation Income
2014 -2015	\$ 1,551,958.40 (14 months)	\$110,854.17
2015 -2016	\$1,528,566.17 (12 months)	\$127,380.51
2106 -2017	\$1,302,328.84 (12 months)	\$108,527.40

Expenditure

Australian Mercy services both national and international projects amongst the poor and needy. Without a doubt the strongest proportion of our funding and effort is centered on international projects, but a significant effort is still spent on helping those in need within Australia. All of our projects are listed on page 8 of these reports.

International Projects

The largest single expenditure item in this year's audit was funds to international programs which was \$961,807.92. International program support costs were \$44,424.36 making a total of \$ 1,006,232.38. This represents 74.89% of total income for the year.

The increase in project costs is due to better accounting procedures. Previously some project costs were being accounted for in our National Administration budget.

National Projects

The audit of accounts shows that in 2016 - 2017 that the total amount expended by Australian Mercy on National projects was 271,090.92. In this amount is included the costs of extensive renovations at Shoalhaven and the costs of food for our food programs in Nowra and Canberra.

National project spending was represents 20.18% of total company income.

So putting these figures together we see that in this financial year the total amount expended by Australian Mercy on National and International projects was \$ 1,277,323.30 which represents 95.07% of total expenditure. These figures are expressed in table 3 below.



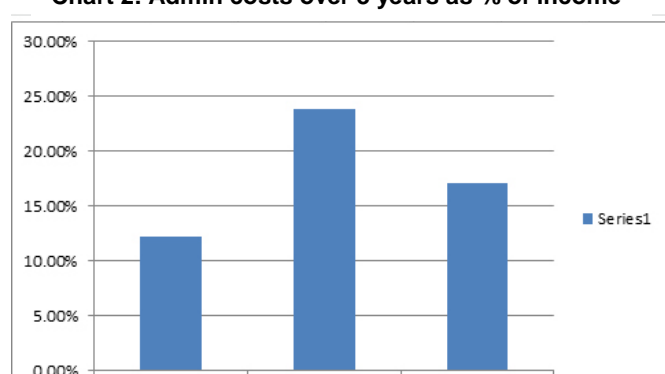
Table 3: Project expenditure over 3 years *

Year	Expenditure	Percentage of total income
2014-2015 National Projects	\$ 128,360.51 (14 months)	8.07%
2014-2015 International Projects	\$ 1,211,037.63 (14 months)	76.18%
Total 2014 – 2015	\$ 1,339,398.14	84.25%
2015-2016 National Projects	\$261,203.14	16.51%
2015-2016 International Projects	\$1,100,555.40	70.18%
Total 2015-2016	\$1,361,758.54	86.69%
2016-2017 National Projects	\$271,090	20.18%
2016-2017 International Projects	\$1,006,232.38	74.89%
Total 2016 -2017	\$1,277,323.30	95.07%

**These figures and percentages are effected by funds from the previous year still travelling through the accounting system. In last year's audit (2015-2016) it was shown that on June 30, 2016 that Australian Mercy had \$502,659.19 in funds available for use. On June 30, 2017 there was \$338,967.10 in funds available for use, a difference of \$163,692.09. This simply means that in this financial year Australian Mercy spent \$163,692.09 more than it receipted in the 2016-2017 Financial Year the extra funds spent were funds that were receipted in the previous financial year*

Administration and Accountability

The reports show that in the financial 2016-2017 Australian Mercy spent \$229,933.14 on Administration and accountability. This is an decrease of \$147,640.75 on last year's figure. The removal of the larger projects outlined on page 13 not only lowers income but also lowers our admin costs. Also previously stated the lower figure is partially due to improved accounting procedures that help us to more easily identify funds that should be accounted for in other areas. It is also due in part to savings made in administration. Some of this year's savings are recorded in Table 4. A comparison of Admin costs over 3 years can be seen in Table 5 and Chart2.

Chart 2: Admin costs over 3 years as % of income**Table 4: Admin savings**

Item	Amount saved
Bank Charges	\$1,263.83
Computer Exes	\$3,176.47
Freight and Cartage	\$8,353.73
Travel Exes	\$5,629.05

Table 5: Admin and accountability expenditure over 3 years

Year	Admin	Percentage of total income
2014 – 2015	\$197,057.29	12.39%
2015 - 2016	\$377,573.89	23.87%
2016 - 2017	\$229,933.14	17.11%

This audit of accounts shows us to be in very healthy financial position we thank our auditor's T A Khoury and Co for their hard work in preparing these reports.

Details of our audit of accounts can be found on the following pages of this report.

ADMINISTRATION FEES

Australian Mercy takes a 5% administration fee from all donations and 10% from all grants and sponsorships that it receives in order to cover its administrative costs. These fees together with separate fundraising aimed at increasing the administration budget helps us to cover our administration costs without greatly impacting projects.

We also have some donors who specifically donate towards our administration costs.

Our desire is to see as much money as possible pass onto the projects where it is needed most.



11 things you should know about Australian Mercy's financial policies.

The Board of Australian Mercy wish to advise donors and supporters that it has strict accounting policies and guidelines in place to ensure that;

1. All funds that are donated to Australian Mercy, together with income from other sources are receipted and are subject to an annual independent audit. A synopsis of this audit appears in our annual reports. (A full copy of our annual audit and annual reports are available upon written request from the Australian Mercy National Office.)
2. All funds donated to Australian Mercy are used for the purposes for which they are given.
3. Tax deductible funds for development based overseas projects will not be used for welfare, religious, or political purposes.
4. Where unspecified funds remain latent in our books for 12 months and the donors cannot be contacted, the Australian Mercy board will distribute such funds in ways that will benefit smaller development projects such as funding monitoring trips.
5. Australian Mercy funds will be used to assist those in need without distinction on the basis of caste, creed, class, race, gender, religion or political persuasion.
6. When a development project is completed and excess funds have been raised for that project then the Australian Mercy board will use the excess funds for another development project of a similar nature or in the same country as the original funds were donated to. (Tax deductible funds will only be used for other tax deductible projects.)
7. Australian Mercy deducts a 5% admin fee from all donations received in order to fund its operational expenses. It takes a higher admin fee of 10% or more from all grants and sponsorships (depending on the expectations of the donor). We also actively fundraise to meet for our administration costs. Some donors donate directly into our administration account in order to assist us meet the cost of our administration. Our intention is to pass on as much of each donation as possible to the project to which it is directed.
8. When we run an appeal for a project, at the close of that appeal we take out of the appeal monies the costs of running that appeal. These might include postage and printing and stationary charges etc. Once these costs have been recouped, the appeal profit is declared. Five per cent of the profit comes back to our admin account and 95% goes to the project.
9. The Australian Mercy Board is committed to openness and integrity in all of its financial dealings. You can request a copy of the full audit of Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd by writing to: Australian Mercy National Office, PO Box 132, Port Kembla NSW 2505.
10. Australian Mercy values its volunteer staff and in accordance with ACFID Code of Conduct guidelines expresses a dollar value for volunteer services in its audit documents. This can be seen in the notes to the audit. A copy of This values is derived by multiplying various categories of volunteer labour against a sliding scale of hourly rates that is provided to all NGOs by AUSAID. Hence the income and expenditure figures are inflated by these amounts and should not be mistaken as cash received or expended.
11. The Australian Mercy Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Recognition and Disclosure of Contributed Services

In September 2011, The *Australian Standards Accounting Board* decided that;

all NFPs (Not for Profits); whether in the private or public sector, should:

(i) be required to make disclosures about the nature and significance of donated services received, whether recognised or unrecognised; and

(ii) in principle, be required to recognise donated services received at fair value, when fair value can be measured reliably; http://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/Minutes_unsigned_7-8_Sept_2011.pdf (Page 6.)

This concept has been further developed by DFAT's Aid arm (formerly known as AusAID and has been inserted into the ACFID Code of Conduct guidance documents.

Australian Mercy will progressively move to accurately acknowledge show volunteer hours in its audit documents. We feel we cannot include the value of volunteer hours as a line item in the audit until some work is done ACFID and other regulators with regards to the technical issues that first need to be addressed.

In calculating the value of volunteer hours Australian Mercy has derived monetary value for its volunteer hours by applying a scale that has been approved and published by DFAT. Details of this scale can be found in the following document; "*Australian NGO Cooperation Program - Recognised Development Expenditure*" - January 2017 http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/rde_notes.pdf (page 7-8) Annex A - Valuing Volunteer Contributions.

Australian Mercy highly values its volunteer workforce but at the same time does not want to risk inadvertently overstating its financial position in audit of accounts; therefore in calculating the value of volunteers we have chosen to use the lower end of the DFAT scale when calculating the monetary value of volunteer labor.

For example if the DFAT scale gives the designation of *Project Assistant* with the salary range of 43,368 – 47,364 per annum. This works out to an hourly rate of 20.85 to 22.77 per hour. In its calculation for volunteers working under this designation Australian Mercy has used the lower portion of the hourly rate scale in doing its calculations.

(Australian Mercy has used the same principle in calculating all volunteer hour values in all pay scales.) A statement on the value of volunteer's contribution is found in the Auditors Notes to the Financial Statements and reads:

Non-monetary items

Non-monetary items arising from the work of volunteers in the Australian offices and the overseas projects constitute a significant value to the organisation.

The current policy of the company is such that the value of these non-monetary items is not recognised in the company's accounts.

However, the directors have calculated the value of the non-monetary volunteer work to be \$2,887,268.40 for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.



Explanation of volunteer hours recorded in the 2016 / 2017 audit

As a volunteer organization Australian Mercy values its volunteers. Australian Mercy relies solely on its volunteers to maintain its objectives and run its projects. We have no salaried staff: all of our workers from the National Director to the most recent volunteer worker are unsalaried and the work they do is amazing.

Last year the requirement for keeping account of estimated volunteer hours became known to us as the audit was being assembled by the auditor. In order to comply with this requirement we sought estimates from all of our projects and the auditor mentioned them in the notes as a single figure. We calculated the volunteer hours as follows.

1. We took the lower end of each pay scale and divided it by 52.14 (365/7) This gave us a weekly rate.
2. We divided the weekly rate by 38 which is the current number of hours in the Australian Working week, this gave us the hourly rate.
3. We applied the hourly rate to the number of hours worked in category on a project by project basis.

These pay scales are represented in Table 1. The source document used in these calculations can be found at http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/rde_notes.pdf (page 7-8) Annex A - Valuing Volunteer Contributions.

2016 / 2017 volunteer hours.

In 2016 / 2017 the number of donated volunteer hours was 90,904 hours which we valued at \$2,891,661.90.

This well below last year's total and is explained by the absence of large projects who have either left Australian Mercy or have completed their work.

Of these hours, 47,521.50 valued at \$1,559,346.69

hours were for overseas projects; 42,982.50 values at \$1,332,315.50 were for national projects. This year the Australian Mercy Board put in 5,401 hours which were values at \$273,910.07.

Our datasheet for 2016 / 2017 is reproduced in Table 2.

Whilst the data is large in its estimate, we are working on ways to make sure that our possible margins of error are reduced. This year some projects sent us one total of volunteer hours without breaking them down into categories. In such cases the number of hours has been recorded at the lowest possible hourly rate.

The Board is of the opinion that the margin of error in this year's estimates is no more than 10%. Being a solely volunteer organization means that our volunteer participations rates will be higher than most other organizations.

Table 2 Below shows the total hours and value of contributed volunteer services on a project by project basis.

Table 1: Pay rates used to estimate volunteer hours.	
Designation	Pay scale
1. Project Assistant	\$44,235 - \$50,263
2. Project Officer/Technician	\$58,033 - \$65,808
3. Middle Professional	\$65,030 - \$72,127
4. Project Manager	\$71,708 - \$79,720
5. Team Leader	\$98,494 - \$114,579
6. Higher Professional	\$118,943 - \$139,761

A full copy of the Australian Mercy audit of accounts for this financial year is available from our National Office upon written request.

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Table 2: Volunteer hours data sheet 2016/2017

Australian Mercy Volunteer Hours 2016 / 2017		
Project	Hours	AUD Value
Ark International (Thailand)	2,100.00	\$ 80,117.05
Buzz Off (Burma)	1,752.00	\$ 84,992.64
Cambodian Harvest (Cambodia)	3,456.00	\$ 172,045.44
Chong Qing (China)	6,200.00	\$ 177,608.60
Coconut Technology Centre (Solomon Is.)	413.50	\$ 11,863.70
Freedom Project - Burma	850.00	\$ 18,972.00
Freedom Project - India	104.00	\$ 2,321.28
Freedom Project - Philippines	715.00	\$ 15,958.80
Home of the Open Heart Thailand)	7,296.00	\$ 162,846.72
Help Save the Kids (Thailand)	1,675.00	\$ 56,812.60
iCare4U (PNG)	1,040.00	\$ 43,337.40
Karen Projects (Thailand)	1,616.00	\$ 50,333.52
Kids Ark (Timore Leste)	5,400.00	\$ 120,528.00
Nowra (Australia)	15,650.00	\$ 381,565.50
Ossa Huna (Timor Leste)	900.00	\$ 36,627.00
Perth Community Dev. Project (Australia)	4,032.00	\$ 89,994.24
Rahab (Australia)	7,160.00	\$ 214,591.40
Redefined (Congo)	4,646.00	\$ 159,007.86
RescueNet (Australia)	3,303.00	\$ 131,079.89
The Pantry (Australia)	1,380.00	\$ 41,768.10
Vanitashray (India)	9,208.00	\$ 361,580.58
Adelaide Office (Australia)	778.00	\$ 20,995.96
Burnie Office (Australia)	208.00	\$ 4,602.55
Canberra Office	3,350.00	\$ 121,236.50
Port Kembla (Australia)	1,720.00	\$ 52,571.00
Mae Sot Office	150.00	\$ 4,393.50
Directors (Australia)	5,401.50	\$ 273,910.07
TOTAL	90,504.00	\$ 2,891,661.90
This table shows final totals only and does not show full RDE data for for each project.		
Salary scales sourced from: "Australian NGO Cooperation Program - Recognised Development Expenditure" - January 2017 http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/rde_notes.pdf (page 7-8) Annex A - Valuing Volunteer Contributions		

Audit of Accounts



Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Directors' Report

Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

1. Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

David Skeat
Rodney Alan Richards
Nicholas John Matthews
Georgina Pettigrove
Kris Leonard Thomson
Bruce Colin Skinner
Christopher Lee Harrison
Dianne Margaret Clark
Kevin Ewart Clark
Jennifer Anne Keatch

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

2. Operating Result

The profit of the company for the financial year amounted to:

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2017	30 June 2016
\$	\$
(163,692.09)	9,943.06

3. Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company in the course of the year were the provision or relief to persons in necessitous circumstances. There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the financial year.

4. Dividends

In accordance with the Memorandum of Articles of Association, no dividend can be paid, and accordingly, no dividend has been paid or recommended to be paid.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
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Directors' Report

5. Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and/or unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

6. Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the Report in the accounts that would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

7. Review of Operations

The Company continued to trade at the start of the 2016-2017 financial year in a similar manner to the previous financial year. Since the end of the financial year no matter has arisen that has or may have a significant effect on the operations of the company or results of those operations on the state of affairs of the company during the financial year subsequent to the 30th June 2017.

8. Directors' Benefits

No director has received or has become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company or related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest.

This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the company or related body corporate.

9. Indemnifying Officer or Auditor

No indemnities have been given or agreed to be given or insurance premiums paid or agreed to be paid, during or since the end of the financial year, to any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

10. Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Directors' Report

11. Auditors Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 has been included.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



David Skeat
Director

17/11/2017



Rodney Richards
Director

Dated: 17/11/2017

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue			
Donations and Gifts			
- Monetary	2	1,302,328.84	1,528,566.17
- Non-Monetary	1	0.00	0.00
Bequests and Legacies		0.00	0.00
Grants			
- AusAID		0.00	0.00
- Other Australian		0.00	0.00
- Other overseas		0.00	0.00
Investment Income – Interest Received		9,506.10	6,309.84
Other Income		31,728.94	47,024.87
Profit on Sale of Assets		0.00	0.00
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0.00	0.00
Total Revenue		<u>1,343,563.88</u>	<u>1,581,900.88</u>
Expenditure			
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure			
- International Programs			
- Funds to International Programs		961,807.92	1,092,735.10
- Program Support Costs		44,424.36	9,637.29
- Community Education		0.00	0.00
- Fundraising Costs			
- Public		0.00	0.00
- Accountability and Administration		229,933.14	377,573.89
- Government, multilateral and private		0.00	0.00
- Non-Monetary Expenditure		0.00	0.00
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		<u>(1,236,165.42)</u>	<u>(1,479,946.28)</u>
International Political/Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0.00	0.00
Domestic Programs Expenditure		271,090.55	92,011.54
Total Expenditure		<u>(1,507,255.97)</u>	<u>(1,571,957.82)</u>
Excess/(Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenditure		<u>(163,692.09)</u>	<u>9,943.06</u>
Funds available for future use at the beginning of the year		502,659.19	492,716.13
Excess/(Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenditure		<u>(163,692.09)</u>	<u>9,943.06</u>
Funds available for future use at the end of the year		<u>338,967.10</u>	<u>502,659.19</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Statement of Financial Position As At 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	386,140.01	477,712.76
Other financial assets		(62,355.13)	12,497.38
Total Current Assets		<u>323,784.88</u>	<u>490,210.14</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	23,302.29	28,083.29
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>23,302.29</u>	<u>28,083.29</u>
Total Assets		<u>347,087.17</u>	<u>518,293.43</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	8,120.07	15,635.24
Current tax liabilities - GST		0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities		<u>8,120.07</u>	<u>15,634.24</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>8,120.07</u>	<u>15,634.24</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>338,967.10</u></u>	<u><u>502,659.19</u></u>
Equity			
Retained Earnings		338,967.10	502,659.19
Total Equity		<u><u>338,967.10</u></u>	<u><u>502,659.19</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Cash available at the beginning of the year \$	Cash raised during the year \$	Cash disbursed during the year \$	Cash available at the end of the year \$
Designated Purpose A – Papua New Guinea	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Designated Purpose B – Thailand, Burma	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Designated Purpose C – HOOH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total for All Other Purposes	502,659.19	1,343,563.88	1,507,255.97	338,967.10
TOTAL	502,659.19	1,343,563.88	1,507,255.97	338,967.10

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Retained Earnings \$	Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 JULY 2016	502,659.19	0.00	502,659.19
Excess/(Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenditure	(163,692.09)	0.00	(163,692.09)
Amount transferred (to) from reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance at 30 JUNE 2017	338,967.10	0.00	338,967.10

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	1,334,057.78	1,575,591.04
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(1,516,060.55)	(1,562,317.07)
Interest received	9,506.10	6,309.84
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	<u>(172,496.67)</u>	<u>19,583.81</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(172,496.67)	19,583.81
Cash at the beginning of the year	472,544.29	458,128.95
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	<u><u>300,047.62</u></u>	<u><u>477,712.76</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Funds to Domestic Projects		
National Office	61,818.42	69,888.56
Perth	0.00	224.00
RescueNet	0.00	0.00
Shoalhaven	185,817.03	0.00
Canberra	23,455.10	21,898.98
	<u>271,090.55</u>	<u>92,011.54</u>
Fundraising Costs		
Public	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,507,255.97</u>	<u>1,571,957.82</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(163,692.09)	9,943.06
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	0.00	0.00
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(163,692.09)	9,943.06
Total changes in equity of the association	(163,692.09)	9,943.06
Opening retained profits	502,659.19	492,716.13
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(163,692.09)	9,943.06
Closing retained profits	<u>338,967.10</u>	<u>502,659.19</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Independent Audit Report to the Members

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited, which comprise the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report to the members on our independent audit. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the associations internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting obligations. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2017

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are a general purpose financial report that have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and the Corporations Law. The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Income tax

The company has received endorsement as an Income Tax Exempt Charity and accordingly no provision for income tax has been made.

Fixed assets

Property, plant and equipment are brought to account at cost. The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal.

The depreciable amounts of all assets are depreciable over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Investments

Investments bought to account are at cost or at valuation. The carrying amount of investments is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments.

Dividends and interests are brought to accounts on the profit and loss account when received.

Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investment in money market instruments maturing within less than two months, net of bank overdrafts.

Non-monetary items

Non-monetary items arising from the work of volunteers in the Australian offices and the overseas projects constitute a significant value to the organisation.

The current policy of the company is such that the value of these non-monetary items is not recognised in the company's accounts.

However, the directors have calculated the value of the non-monetary volunteer work to be \$2,887,268.40 for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Directors' Declaration

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Regulations; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



David Skeat
Director

17/11/2017



Rodney Richards
Director

Dated:

17/11/2017

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Independent Audit Report to the Members

Qualification

Cash donations are a significant source of revenue for the company. The company has determined that it is impractical to establish control over the collection of cash donations prior to entry in its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash donations had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether cash donations received by the company are complete.

In the normal course of its business, the company derives a substantial portion of its income from donations and sales to related parties. As the effective control over such transactions are not established until they are received and entered in the accounting records, we have been unable to independently verify whether the amounts received from this source have been completely accounted for.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, except for the qualification mentioned above, the financial statements of Australian Relief & Mercy Services Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- (b) other mandatory professional report requirements.

Signed on : 17th November, 2017



Tony Khoury, Partner
T A Khoury & Co
Chartered Accountants
59 George Street, Burwood NSW 2134

Australian Relief and Mercy Services Limited
ABN 84 008 643 258
Auditor's Independence Declaration

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE
CORPORATIONS ACT 2001**

TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LIMITED

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit has been breached.

Signed on : 17th November, 2017.



Tony Khoury, Partner
T A Khoury & Co
Chartered Accountants
59 George Street, Burwood NSW 2134

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Responsible persons' declaration — *per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.



David Skeat
Director



Rodney Richards
Director

Dated this 17th day of November 2017

Current Board Statements





Statement on intellectual property, brandings and business names

In the past, Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd has traded under the branding of *ARMS*; in 2011 the Board decided to move to the new branding *Australian Mercy*.

Our office in Cambodia has been known as *Reverse the Curse of Landmines* but now uses the branding *Cambodian Harvest*.

Our office in Timor Leste uses the branding *Kids Ark*.

Our office in Yangon trades under the name of *Buzz Off*.

Our campaign against gender injustice and sexual abuse in the developing world is known as the *Donna McDermid Memorial Fund* in honor of our late friend and supporter Donna McDermid.

Our international initiative against malaria and other mosquito borne diseases is known as *Buzz Off*.

Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd operates under the following Trademarks;

Australian Relief and Mercy Services

Australian Mercy

Buzz Off

RescueNet

These trademarks are held in trust by a third party, and we use them under license from that party.

Australian Mercy also uses the following registered Business Names;

RescueNet
Australian Mercy

A list of our web and social media sites can be found on page 8 of this document





Statement on Volunteers

Australian Mercy is a volunteer organization that is made up of 100% volunteers who work in a variety of ways and provide services to the organization that benefit the poor and the needy in the many communities in which it works. From the membership of our Board to our International and Australian based projects to our office staff we are all volunteers. Some volunteer staff are with us for a short time and other have worked for us for many years donating thousands of hours towards our causes.

The Board wants to publicly state it recognizes the huge contribution to our work that is achieved through our very talented and hardworking volunteer work force. The Board thanks our volunteers and recognizes that through the direct efforts of our supporters and volunteer staff Australian Mercy has developed into an effective aid and development organization.

The ACFID Code of Conduct in its desire for Recognition and Disclosure of Volunteer Services is moving towards requiring that a financial value be placed in all signatory Audit documents that reflect the monetary value of the donation of time by volunteers. The Australian Mercy Board is willingly complying with this requirement, noting that the value of its volunteer staff is really beyond measure.

In order for Recognition and Disclosure of Volunteer Services to be accurately put in place so that the company auditors can include it as a line item in the audit requires some new structure to put in place by the Board. This monetary value of volunteer staff is derived by using a scale that has been developed and approved by AUSAID. This scale provides an hourly rate for several volunteer job designations. The number of hours worked are multiplied by a pre-set hourly rate. Details of this scale can be found here.

http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/rde_notes.pdf

In its compliance with these new regulations Australian Mercy is now working with its Auditors and ACFID to include a dollar value figure in its audit documents that will reflect the value of time donated to our organization by our very talented volunteer force. Details of the formula used to arrive at this figure can be found in the financial section of these reports.



Statement on Australian Mercy Project Methodology

Projects do not just happen! They are carefully planned responses to identified needs that have been adequately researched and are presented to the Australian Mercy Board for consideration and approval. The processes in place for Australian-based and overseas projects are very similar.

Registering a project

Once a need is identified and some basic research is done an Expression Of Interest (EOI) is lodged with the Board briefly outlining the identified need and an outline of a proposed response to that need. The Board looks at the EOI and assesses it against three basic criteria:

- 1. Is the underlying need(s) for the project valid and the proposed response(s) to that need the best approach to take in order to address that need?*
- 2. Does Australian Mercy have the capacity to mount a sustainable response to the identified need(s) and run the project?*
- 3. Does the project theme fit well into the portfolio of projects that are currently being run by Australian Mercy?*

If the Board accepts the EOI then a Project Proposal is lodged with the Board.

Project Proposal

Before a proposal is accepted a Project Management Group must be in place. The PMG are a group of people who are acceptable to the Board to manage the project. The Project Management Group report to the Board via the National Office.

Each Project Proposal identifies the need(s) and the developmental objectives that are sought to be addressed by the project. It outlines how the project will operate, looks at risk management issues and sets a three year budget. Sometimes some negotiation needs to happen before the Board will approve a project proposal, but once it is approved the project is handed on to the National Office who works alongside the Project Management Group.

The Board views a Project Proposal as a living document in that circumstances may change the project. Such changes need to be identified and logged as the project moves forward. Changes to the project may affect the budget and delivery of the project on the ground.

Project Monitoring

The Australian Mercy Board monitors projects in two ways. Firstly each project has to lodge a six-monthly report on the progress of the project. This report looks at changes to the circumstances of the project and any adjustments to its objectives, budget, and/or risk assessment that are a consequence of those circumstances.

The six-monthly report also looks at how the project is addressing the identified needs and how it is achieving its stated goals and objectives.

The Australian Mercy Board is fully aware that a project may look different at the end of the three-year project proposal cycle than it did on paper when it was first approved.

Projects are further monitored through annual visits. Each project is visited in the field by a person authorised by the Board to go and see firsthand what is happening at the project level.

Project leaders and staff meet with the project monitor. Staff can air grievances or concerns. Questions are asked based on the six-monthly reports and current project proposal. The project financials are available for the project

monitor to review if necessary. The project monitor also seeks information from the beneficiaries of the project and the local community as to the progress of the project and the impacts it is having at the local level.

Upon return, the project monitor reports any concerns or recommendations to the Board.

Project Evaluation

The majority of Australian Mercy projects are relatively small and many of our project managers are not community development specialists. The evaluation of projects is one area in which the Australian Mercy Board is taking deliberate steps to increase the capacity of project organizations.

Impact studies and mid-term or on-going evaluations are conducted as internal evaluations by implementing agencies in the context of the annual visits.

End-of-project evaluations, addressing the broadest policy issues, are required as part of the input into the consideration of a second or continuing project proposal.

Conclusion

The Australian Mercy Board meets face-to-face four times each year and works continuously online to consider and refine project proposals, to review monitoring and evaluation reports, and to plan its work with the project organisations for greater impact, greater capacity building and better sustainability in the projects.

The Australian Mercy Board believes that the processes it has put in place enable it to reassure donors that their funds are being used wisely and appropriately and provides confidence at Board level that Australian Mercy's policies and values are being followed at project level.



Statement on international projects and tax deductibility

Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd (Australian Mercy) has been set up to care for the poor and the needy both within Australia and overseas. We are a company limited by guarantee, a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) and an endorsed tax concession charity (TCC).

All of our Australian based projects attract tax deductible status with the Australian Tax Office. However, not all of our international projects are tax deductible.

During some of the time that these reports cover all our tax deductible international projects were done in partnership with World Relief Australia and only some of our projects were registered as Tax Deductible with them. With the coming of our own 9.1.1 fund we were able to extend tax deductibility to more of our projects.

There are many reasons why donations to a project may not be tax deductible however the lack of tax deductibility should not reflect badly upon the project itself. All of our projects whether they attract tax deductibility or not are developmentally sound and appropriate to the areas in which they are located.

The red and blue TD symbol, as seen on this page, at the end of the report of an international project indicates it is an Australian Mercy project that attracted tax deductibility for the year 2016 - 2017.





Statement on Emergency Appeals

From time to time Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd (Australian Mercy) will launch emergency appeals so that it can respond to disasters and other emergency situations.

Australian Mercy takes all donations to such appeals very seriously and handles the funds given with the same care as it does for all other support that is given to its projects.

All donations made to an emergency appeal have a 5% administration charge levied against them. This percentage has been capped by the Australian Mercy Board and the funds help us to cover the administration costs involved in running the appeal. 95% of all donations will be used to alleviate the need related to the emergency appeal.

Appeal funds are usually used to provide medicines, clothes, plastic sheeting, food, clean water and other direct needs that people caught up in disaster may have. A small percentage of the funds may be used to pay for transport costs of getting teams or resources to the disaster or refugee sites.

All emergency appeals usually have a cut-off date. Once an appeal has reached its cut-off date, Australian Mercy will do one of two things with the unspent funds or excess funds that come in.

1. The funds can be transferred to ongoing second phase projects related to the emergency, such as reconstruction work etc. For example; excess funds from our Boxing Day Tsunami Appeal in 2004 / 2005 were used to maintain a hospital in Aceh that was serving tsunami refugee populations.

2. The other option we have is to place excess funds into our Emergency Response Fund (ERF). The ERF is an account we use to launch an emergency response. It pays for some of the initial costs of sending out a disaster response team. These costs might include the purchase of medical supplies or emergency resources and equipment that teams take with them. The ERF can give team leaders cash in hand that they can use on site to buy needed resources. Eventually once donations begin to come in the ERF is repaid the money that was outlaid and the funds are there for the next time Australian Mercy responds to a disaster. The ERF is subject to Australian Mercy's annual audit.

Australian Mercy wants to thank its many donors for supporting to its emergency appeals and hopes that this statement will give better understanding of exactly how the donations to these appeals are used.

If you have any questions, please contact the National Office.

Statement on fundraising for the Donna McDermid Memorial Fund

The Board of Australian Mercy oversees the work of the *Donna McDermid Memorial Fund* and has released this statement with regards to the fundraising done by this fund.

The *Donna McDermid Memorial Fund* has two components: an investment fund and a financial appeals mechanism, these components work in this way.

Investment Fund

Australian Mercy through the *Donna McDermid Memorial Fund* solicits donations which are invested with reliable conservative financial institutions. These investments are under the direct control of the Australian Mercy Board. Dividends from these investments are distributed according to the following formula:

70% of dividends are distributed to projects that fit the funding criteria at the discretion of the Australian Mercy Board
20% of dividends are reinvested back into the fund to promote fund growth and to lessen the impact of inflation
5% of dividends are used to cover Donna McDermid Memorial Fund operational costs
5% of dividends are given to Australian Mercy to cover audit and administration costs.

Financial Appeals Mechanism

From time to time the Board of Australian Mercy will fund raise through the *Donna McDermid Memorial Fund* in order to assist an approved project or cause. In such cases an appeal target is set. Funds are distributed according to the following formula:

90% of funds raised are sent to the appeal target
5% of funds raised are used to DMMF cover admin costs
5% of funds are used to cover Australian Mercy admin costs.

Funds that are in excess of any DMMF appeal target are donated to the Donna McDermid Investment Fund.

A copy of the operational guidelines of the fund can be viewed on the fund's website www.donnamcdermid.org

The *Donna McDermid Memorial Fund* is subject to Australian Mercy's annual audit of accounts.

End of Reports

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