



ASIAN AID 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

CREATING A FAIRER FUTURE

ASIAN AID'S VISION AND VALUES

SINCE 1966, ASIAN AID HAS BELIEVED IN THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF HOPE

OUR VISION

Asian Aid gives hope by fostering permanent positive change in the lives of disadvantaged children and their communities.

OUR VALUES

At Asian Aid we believe in:

Jesus: in His love for others, in His compassion for the poor and in His example of giving.

People: helping all who need it regardless of their religion, ethnicity, culture or gender and empowering the poor.

The rights of the most vulnerable: such as children and women.

Good stewardship: being transparent, accountable, honest and cost-effective in all its dealings.

Accountability and professionalism: being responsible to God, to the people we help, to our donors, to the Australian Government and to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Service: opposing poverty and social injustice, condemning all that impoverishes children and denies their potential, and committing to sharing resources with the poor.

The potential of the Seventh-day Adventist education system: working with the church, as an independent and supporting ministry, in helping deliver quality education.

Asian Aid is a registered charity and supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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CHAIRMAN AND CEO MESSAGE

As we reflect on the financial year under review, we are humbled by the way God has led Asian Aid for nearly 50 years – since the organisation's inspirational beginning in 1966 – and for the way He continues to lead and inspire.

This year Asian Aid has experienced significant progress with an increased and intentional emphasis on being a child-focused organisation. A suite of new child-focused initiatives continue to empower children beyond the provision of educational pathways by addressing and resolving issues that prevent them from realising their rights, and from reaching their God-given potential.

The 2014-2017 agency-wide Strategic Plan continues to provide a clear framework for the program, sponsorship and support services. It focuses on us increasing our accountability to deliver relevant and beneficial programs for the people and communities we seek to assist, and to meet our supporters' expectations.

As you will read in the pages of this report, Asian Aid has had a very positive year – in more ways than one. We have helped create sustainable, fair and equitable solutions that address the root causes of poverty and disadvantage. We have improved our processes and procedures to operate with accountability, transparency, integrity and honesty. We have sought to forge creative and trusting relationships with the supporters who enable our work and with the communities in which we serve. And our staff have intentionally engaged in active learning so that we can continuously improve our aid and development work.

Our donations for the year under review are \$4,499,392, an 11% increase on the 2013/14 results. Such generous giving has enabled us to improve the effectiveness of our overseas programs, and to strengthen our administration and advocacy efforts in Australia.

The Asian Aid mission cannot happen without the incredible dedication of our ten partners overseas. With unwavering commitment, our partners are the people who identify and address the many issues – particularly 'rights' based issues – which impact global development. We commend their dedication to working with people and communities in breaking down obstacles that prevent them from building a better future. Their work is often challenging and complex, but they do it with passion and humility.

We also continue to be humbled by you – our 5,000+ dedicated Asian Aid family – who support us from over 43 countries around the world. Your money, prayers and time allow us to continue entering new chapters in a larger aid story. Despite uncertain financial times, your generosity has increased. Thank you for positively impacting the stories of many more individuals and communities throughout Asia.

We would like to acknowledge in a special way the Asian Aid Australia Board directors for the invaluable and voluntary contribution they make to Asian Aid's work. A diverse team of people, the Board directors bring years of experience, professionalism, skills, commitment and passion to Asian Aid's mission. We would also like to thank the newly formed Leadership Group for their enthusiasm in helping guide day-to-day decisions and direction within Asian Aid. They have been instrumental in providing important links between teams, projects and Board operations this past year.

It is always a great privilege working with the Asian Aid staff. The progress made this year would not have been possible without their skills, passion and the desire to serve. Our staff have been instrumental in building the quality of the overall program and in ensuring the organisation abides by best industry-practice.

Together with our overseas partners, our Board directors, staff, generous supporters, and friends, we are encouraged to continue fighting against injustices so that people can achieve the full life that Jesus spoke of in John 10:10.

JOHN 10:10

“...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Like you, we believe that everyone should enjoy a life of freedom and fairness where they can reach their God-given potential. And like you, above all we thank God for calling and empowering us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him.



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RICHARD GREENWELL
Chief Executive Officer



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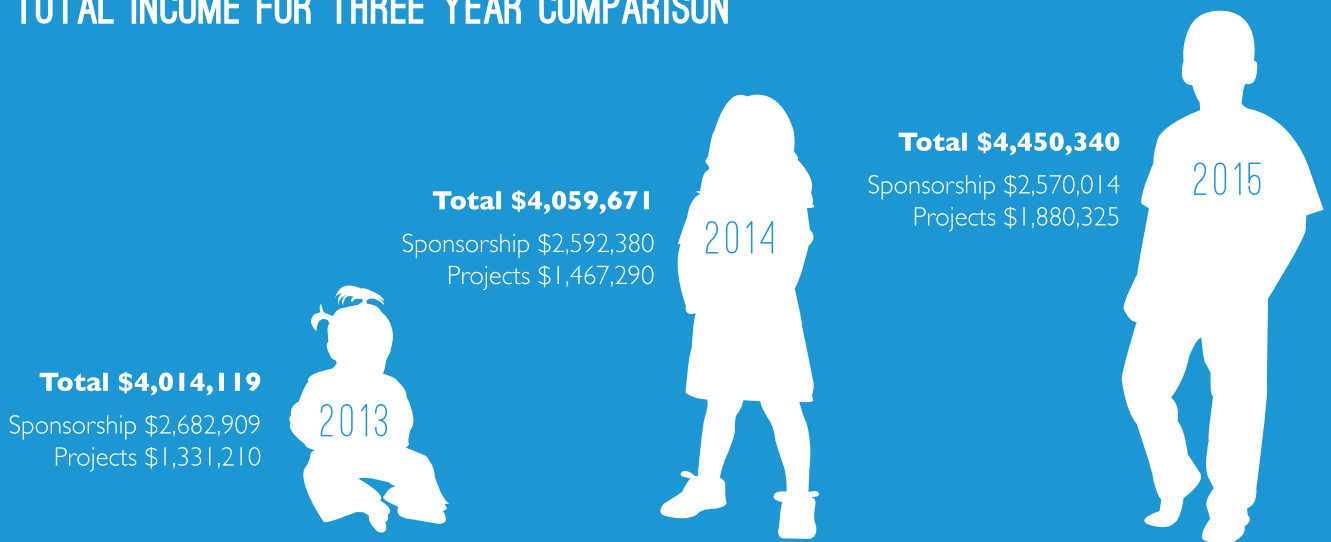
DR JOHN HAMMOND
Board Chairman

ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

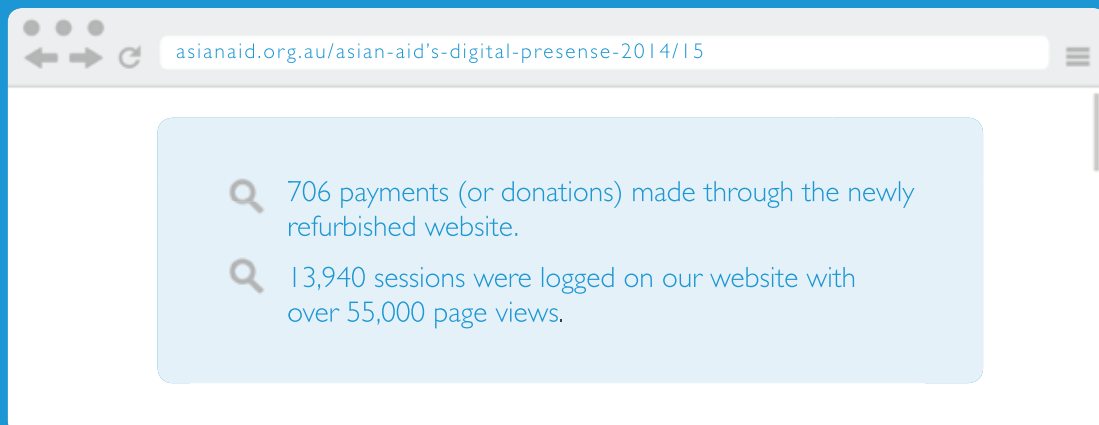
BENEFICIARY IMPACT STATISTICS



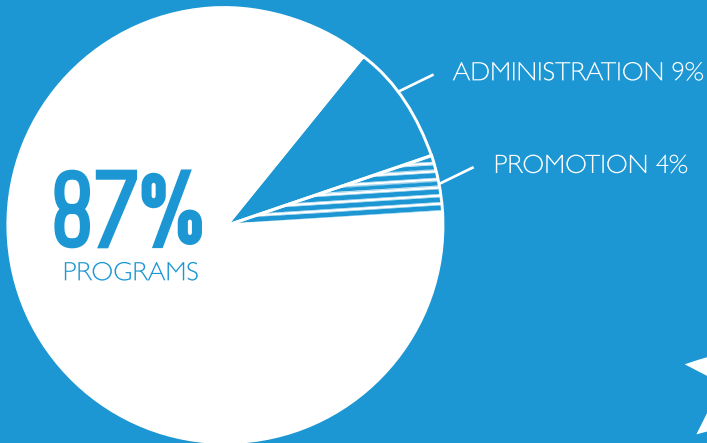
TOTAL INCOME FOR THREE YEAR COMPARISON



ASIAN AID'S DIGITAL PRESENCE



WHERE THE FUNDS GO



Note: The ratios are expense items expressed as a percentage of total expenditure reported on the audited Profit and Loss Statement

AMBASSADORS IN AUSTRALIA



LONG STANDING ACTIVE DONORS

Percentage of Asian Aid donors who have been supporting Asian Aid for over 20 years.



NEW SPONSORSHIPS (2014/2015)

- 2014/2015
- 1,140 new children were sponsored.
 - 9.9% of all newly sponsored children were from new Asian Aid sponsors.
 - 113 new supporters became child sponsors.

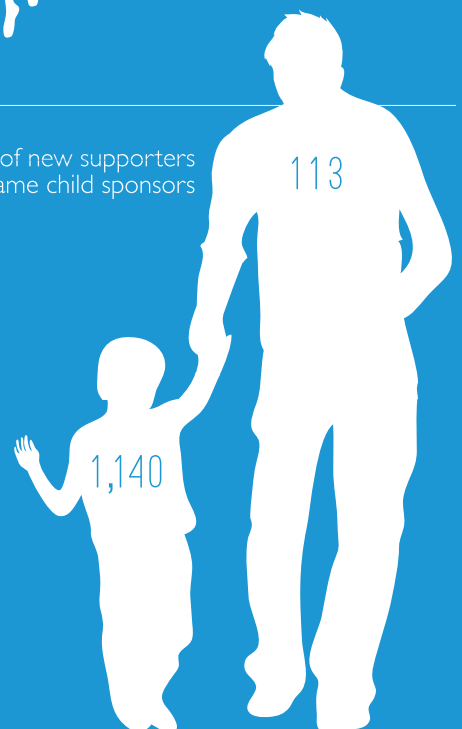
- 2013/2014
- 1,142 new children were sponsored.
 - 12.8% of all newly sponsored children were from new Asian Aid sponsors.
 - 147 new supporters became child sponsors.

Number of new supporters who became child sponsors

113

Number of new children sponsored

1,140





ASIAN AID A YEAR IN REVIEW

This year, Asian Aid has been intentional about giving some of the world's most promising people a 'fair go', and we are excited about the impact the following activities have had on thousands of people and communities in Asia.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Project Themes for Renewed Focus

This year, our work has been intentionally guided by the four key themes of Health, Advocacy, Education and Hope in Communities. Focusing on themes has helped foster increased sharing of information and expertise between Asian Aid and implementing partners, and has encouraged improved efficiency and professionalism. As part of the focus on themes, we have produced the *Big Issues* which are bi-annual reports that include stories and photos of hope and positive change.

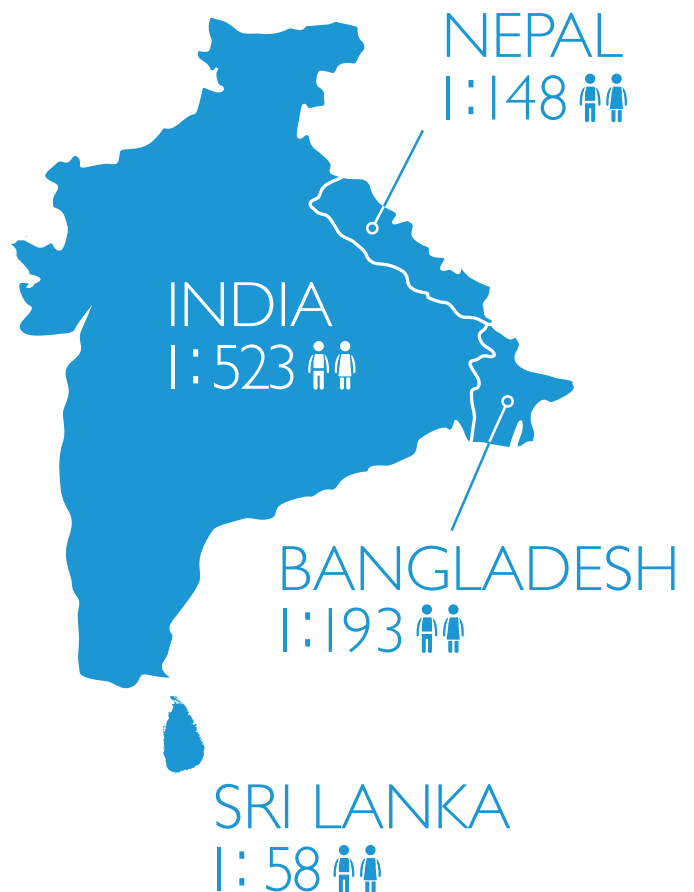
Sponsorship Partner Training

Following an in-depth review of Asian Aid's Child Sponsorship Program, staff from Asian Aid Australia and partners in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka met for the first time in Bangalore, India for workshops. The workshops included participatory sessions on the child selection criteria, reporting procedures, child-sponsor correspondence requirements, rights of the child, child protection and participation, and the tertiary program.

New Christmas Card Templates Implemented by Partners

Over 7,000 Asian Aid sponsored children used

newly designed Christmas card templates to send their sponsors Christmas greetings. Our dedicated partners were instrumental in implementing this newly designed card, often making long and rough journeys to remote schools to connect the child with their sponsor.



The info-graphic above shows the number of Asian Aid sponsored children to each field officer in each country. Field officers work closely with schools to ensure the wellbeing of sponsored children.

Child-Focused Initiatives

This year we have been on an exciting journey of implementing a number of new child and young person initiatives focused on developing a holistic approach to the sponsorship experience. Our increased emphasis on Child-Focused Initiatives has seen Asian Aid work closely with our partners to ensure that our sponsored children and young people grow, learn and play in safe and nurturing environments.

Child Enrichment Program

Asian Aid increased sponsorship rates by \$5 in January 2015 to ensure our overseas partners can provide each of the sponsored children in our program with two holistic gift packages each year.

These gift packages contain a range of small, but thoughtfully selected age and culturally appropriate gifts items, and also provide children with a suite of educational resources.

My Asian Aid EOFY Campaign

Committed to advocating for vulnerable people and to empowering disadvantaged communities, we encouraged supporters through the My Asian Aid Appeal – our 2013/2014 end of financial year campaign – to support a country and project they related to best. Doing this we saw an increase of \$180,000 in donations compared to the same period in the previous year, 130 new donors and sponsors joining the Asian Aid family, 37 children sponsored, and helped supporters gain a better understanding of the fundamental issues that our projects address.

MARKETING HIGHLIGHTS

Gifts of Hope Catalogue

Asian Aid's new Gifts of Hope catalogue was launched in December 2014, with 29 unique gifts to empower lives and communities out of poverty. Gifts of Hope provides people with a way to give gifts that matter and is a great resource for fundraising.

Women's Health Tour

This year we invited in-country partner staff from the Women's Health Project in Nepal to visit Australia and raise awareness about issues of women's health. Sharing first-hand stories of the exciting – yet often confronting – work in Nepali communities, the ladies were able to advocate for women of Nepal to over 420 listeners throughout New South Wales and South Queensland, and increase funding for the Women's Health Project.

Promotions

It has been a busy year for the marketing team, as they have helped advocate, raise awareness and fundraise for the key issues Asian Aid addresses. Our team have attended Big Camps in NNSW, Queensland and Victoria, produced adverts and editorials for print, radio and online media, organised concerts and movie screenings, and resourced ambassadors and generous supporters with material to help in their chosen promotional activities.

Volunteers/Internships

This year we provided volunteer and internship opportunities for people to serve Asian Aid overseas and domestically. We hosted four professional interns from Avondale College of Higher Education and a year 10 student from Avondale High School in our office. We also supported students and staff from Kempsey

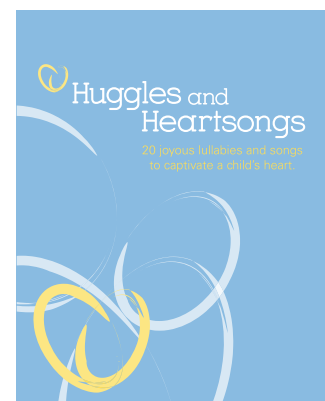
Adventist School and Blue Hills College, and volunteers from Australia and New Zealand as they served in Nepal and Indonesia and experienced first hand the challenges and opportunities that our partners face in delivering hope to people in need.

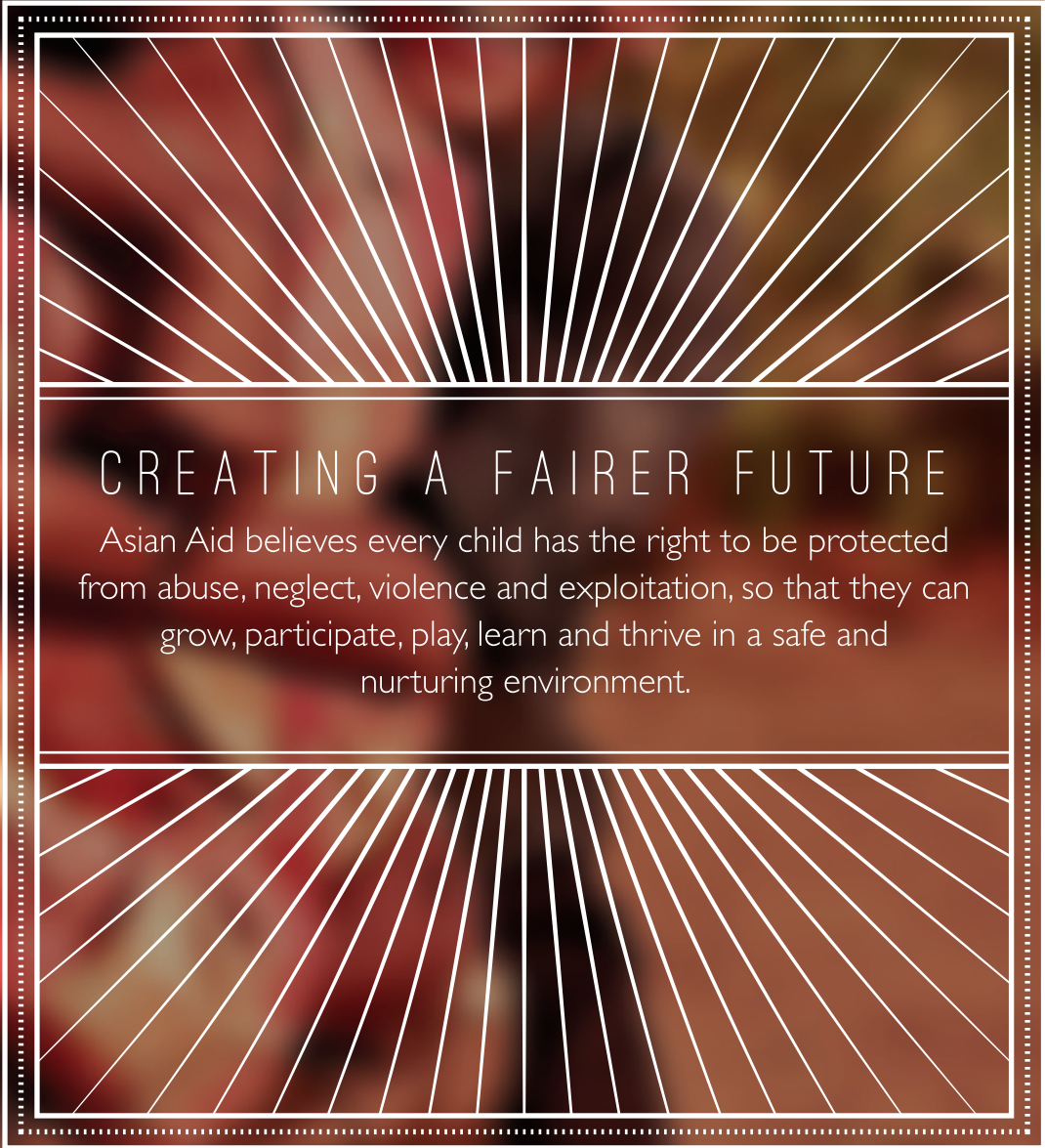
[Newsletter New Look](#)

This year our quarterly *Response* newsletter received a fresh design, and includes exciting new sections to keep our sponsors and donors updated and informed about the work they so generously support.

[Huggles and Heartsongs: Music CD Brings Hope to Children](#)

With a vision to create a music CD for children, and a passion to use their talents for social change through Asian Aid, musicians Kylie Stacey and Coralie Fraser joined others in creating a music CD that was dedicated to Asian Aid. Their dream became a reality in *Huggles and Heartsongs*, and the CD – with beautiful songs and lullabies – is now giving hope to Nepali children.





CREATING A FAIRER FUTURE

Asian Aid believes every child has the right to be protected from abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation, so that they can grow, participate, play, learn and thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.

CHILD-FOCUSED APPROACH PART OF A BIGGER Story

Asian Aid has had a long history of impacting the education 'story' of thousands of children and young people throughout Asia. For many sponsored children the gift of education has been a significant part of their story of change and empowerment.

The new Child-Focused Approach will play an important role in helping children and young people remove barriers that affect their future.

MUSICAL CHILD-FOCUSED INITIATIVE PILOTED IN NEPAL



One of the initiatives of the Child-Focused Approach this year has been the pilot of the Early Childhood Music Program in Nepal, which enabled Nepali young children to create and respond to music, while their teachers learned how to make music easily accessible for the children.

"I have learned a lot from the music program," says Binu, a Nursery teacher who participated in the program. "It has given me a lot of ideas and shown that learning can be more enjoyable and fun when adding music. After seeing the students' happy faces, I wish we could have such classes every day."

The children also enjoyed their experience. Asmi, an early childhood student, says, "I was so excited about the Music Program and I really had a lot of fun." Alisha, a kindergarten student, adds, "I liked the music a lot and hope we have these programs more often."

“Children who took part in this program were delighted about it, and I believe music will help them to express and release their emotions in a positive way,” says Rama Basnet, the director of the Asian Aid supported school in Kathmandu. She plans to continue the music program throughout all early childhood education, as part of the Child-Focused Approach.

ASIAN AID'S COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Asian Aid believes that all children and young people around the world deserve adequate care and support as they grow and develop.

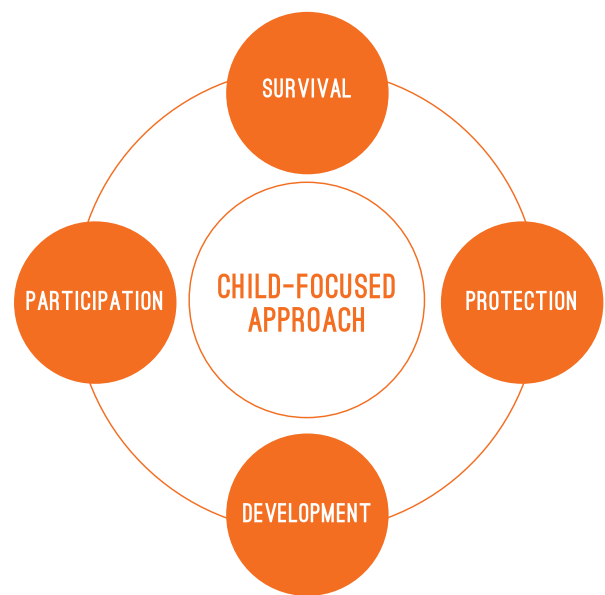
With our partners, we are developing an even stronger agency-wide culture that values, supports, nurtures, protects and respects all children and young people regardless of gender, race, culture, ability or religious affiliation.

TRANSITIONING OUR PROGRAM

Historically, Asian Aid's programs have been founded on the provision of welfare-based assistance. Since the development of the Asian Aid Organisation Strategic Plan for 2014-2017, and becoming members of the Australian Council for International Development, Asian Aid has made a strong commitment to growing as a Child-Focused Organisation and transitioning towards more sustainable models of education and care.

The transition to a Child-Focused Approach is founded in the desire to improve holistic outcomes for children and young people through rights-based programming designed to support them towards fulfilling their God-given potential.

Our desire to design and deliver a Child-Focused program will ensure we plan activities with children and young people in mind, and engage them as active participants in shaping the direction of our program.



The four rights-based outcome areas of Asian Aid's Child-Focused Approach



THE CHILD-FOCUSED APPROACH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO WAYS

1. CHILD-FOCUSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

These longer-term, community-based projects will help address and resolve the root causes of issues that prevent children and young adults from realising their rights to Survival, Development, Protection and Participation.

Projects may include:

- Adult Literacy classes.
- Water and Sanitation projects.
- Health, Education and Awareness programs.
- Micro-finance programs.
- Sustainable Agriculture projects.
- School Strengthening, resourcing and capacity building.
- Child Rights and Protection projects in communities.

2. CHILD-FOCUSED INITIATIVES

The following short-term initiatives will focus on:

Survival

- Training on child nutrition and provision of supplements.
- Training for new mothers, school and home staff on child development.
- Development and implementation of Asian Aid's Standards of Care at all supported Children's Homes.
- Where appropriate, reconnecting and reuniting children living in Children's Homes with family members and relatives.

Development

- Development and implementation of Asian Aid's Standards for Education Providers for all supported schools and training institutions.
- Student life skills training programs.
- Gender specific enrichment programs.
- Career counselling for senior students.

Protection

- Ongoing Child Protection awareness training.
- Introduction of a children's Personal Safety Program.
- Alternative Discipline Training for school and home staff.
- Participation in advocacy and lobbying for children's rights.

Participation

- Establishment of a network of Children's Committees.
- An annual Child-Focused Forum with representatives from throughout the Asian Aid program.
- A number of feedback and sharing activities through the Child Enrichment package.

BENEFITS OF THE CHILD-FOCUSED APPROACH FOR CHILDREN

Children will:

- Learn about their rights.
- Participate in leadership-development activities.
- Have opportunities to voice their opinions and thoughts with a view of helping shape the care and education they currently receive.
- Have an empowering and holistic sponsorship experience.
- Participate in a variety of child-focused initiatives.



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PART OF A BIGGER Story

EDUCATION

DEEPA'S STORY

Deepa* is an optimistic teenager who loves to sing, dance, and spend time with her friends. Her teachers say she learns very fast and is a caring young girl. Deepa would like to become a nurse in the future so she can serve people in need. But Deepa almost missed out on her chance to go to school.

When Deepa was around eight years old, she was given the opportunity to attend an Asian Aid supported school and Children's Home in West Bengal, India. "I never knew my parents," shares Deepa. "They had both



passed away, so I lived with my grandfather until I came here." Deepa still holds tight to the legacy he left her, and treasures the only picture she has of him.

Before coming to the home and school, Deepa only knew her village language, and a little bit of Bengali. When first arriving at the school, Deepa struggled with communicating to her new school friends and family. "Despite communication challenges, I loved my new home as I could go to school, I was given food, clothes and had a nice family." Eventually, the school and home grew and with it came more opportunities for Deepa. "I would never have had all this if I had stayed in my village."

The education and care Deepa has received is a significant chapter of her larger story of hope. This education 'chapter' continues to contribute to Deepa's overall story, and gives her confidence about her future opportunities as she pursues her dream of becoming a nurse.

*Name changed to protect her privacy.

EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Education has been the core of Asian Aid's work since 1966. Asian Aid believes that all children and young people – regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability or religion – are full of potential and have a right to education.

Unfortunately, some 72 million children in developing countries face social and economic barriers that prevent them from attending school and reaching their dreams. Some dream of becoming teachers, nurses, doctors, writers, lawyers, pilots, engineers, singers, scientists. But many of these dreams are only possible if they receive quality education and the children are empowered to break down barriers that prevent them from reaching their full potential.

Asian Aid's Education Program is a proven way of opening doors for children so they can access a world of opportunities that would have been otherwise denied to them.

REMOVING BARRIERS THROUGH EDUCATION

Gifts of Hope Fund

The Gifts of Hope Fund (previously Gift Fund) has helped ensure every child in Asian Aid's sponsorship program receives an education, and feel equally loved and valued. It is also a reliable way of ensuring all sponsored children – including those waiting for a sponsor – receive two annual age and culture appropriate gift-packages that include resources to further educate them about their rights and value.



School for the Blind and Speech and Hearing Impaired School, India

The reasons behind the causes of visual and hearing-impairments are still poorly understood in rural communities throughout India, and as a consequence blind and deaf children often experience prejudice, discrimination, and fewer opportunities in mainstream society. But these Asian Aid supported schools provide quality education, holistic care, and community-based engagement initiatives to ensure all children are treated with dignity and supported in achieving their dreams.



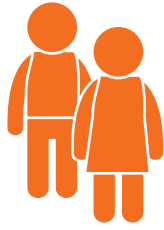
3 Angels International Mission School, Nepal

This income-generating school project aims to accommodate over 800 students, with profits used to impact the lives of 200 underprivileged day students and children currently in the care of the 3 Angels Children's Homes. The school will also allow children to be educated about the dangers of human trafficking and create awareness of health, lifestyle choices, and the rights of women and children.

Adventist International Mission School Development Project, Bangladesh


Education in Bangladesh is treasured but not always accessible. This income-generating school will not only provide quality education for 900 students in Dhaka, but also support 300 disadvantaged children and some 20 village schools, empowering disadvantaged children to lead more purposeful lives. Built ahead of schedule, the eight-story building will improve the AIMS school facilities, so students can enjoy a new school facility that is purpose-built to deliver a high quality education.

1,200+
CHILDREN IMPACTED



Village Schools, India and Bangladesh

This year a total of 29 rural Village Schools in India and Bangladesh were supported with funds to meet the ongoing needs of each of the schools – whether it be the teachers' salaries, school operational costs or school lunches for the children.

 **29**
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IMPACTED



HOPE IN COMMUNITIES



PAUL'S STORY

Paul is a man of many talents and passions. He is a house parent at one of 3 Angels Nepal's Children's Homes, works as a sponsorship manager for 3AN while his 'children' are at school, and takes all of his responsibilities seriously. Paul was also an Asian Aid sponsor child, and shares about his experiences since then.

"As a child I could have been lost somewhere as the Maoist crisis was also at its peak, and my single mother was struggling to manage our family's daily livelihood. It was Pastor Rajendra who connected me to Asian Aid's support. Receiving an education was beyond our reach. And through Asian Aid's help, I received education, renewed hope, and now live a beautiful life."

After finishing high school in India in 2010, Paul returned to Nepal and was offered a job serving at 3 Angels International Mission School as a teacher. "I was happy to come back and serve in Nepal, and wanted to spend time with children."

Paul connects well with the children under his care in the Children's Home, and enjoys listening to the children open up and share their stories with him.

As a house parent and 3AN staff, life is busy for Paul, but he always makes time to give his children the attention and care they need. And he teaches responsibility to the older children by helping them make and maintain their after-school schedules for chores and homework.

"It is a challenge to balance everything, but we have house parent meetings where we share our problems and learn from others. Others more experienced than me can give us support for issues and challenges. We share ideas and highlights in the meeting."

Paul is pleased to have seen positive changes in the sponsorship program and experiences of the children. When Paul was sponsored, he attended school in India, and would only return to Nepal once a year. "It was difficult for Asian Aid sponsored children for pay for travel, and we didn't always know where our support

would come from. Now I'm so happy we have sponsorship in Nepal and that I can now be of help to the children who also need help."

Paul's favourite aspect of working with 3AN is being able to impact the children. "It's about the children. Some kids call me father! I feel odd but they treat me like a father which is amazing. Children are the best source of happiness."

"Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this sponsorship story. You continue to change lives and give hope to the helpless."

HOPE IN COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW

In India and Nepal, communities of disadvantaged and orphaned children and youth are among the most invisible and vulnerable. Believing that all children and young people have the same rights to a full life, Asian Aid seeks to empower children and youth with the skills they need to be resilient and contribute to the development of productive and peaceful societies.

Within this program, Asian Aid is providing safe home-like environments for disadvantaged and orphaned children in India and Nepal, and help young people build a stronger foundation for pursuing education and improving their employability.

REMOVING BARRIERS IN COMMUNITIES

Children's Homes, India and Nepal

All children should have a place they call 'home'. For over 500 children in India and Nepal, the 18 Asian Aid-supported Children's Homes provide that special place.

Providing a safe, secure and supportive environment to live and learn can make a huge difference in the life of an orphan or disadvantaged child. Because of this, Asian Aid has been working with partners

in India and Nepal to support and resource the Children's Homes to be leaders in the field of out-of-home care. Home carers encourage children to express themselves freely and help them safeguard their rights through education and awareness activities.

Community Resilience Project, India

Illiteracy, poverty and poor health can keep thousands of people from reaching their potential. Through youth-friendly programs and community hubs, this project focuses on building the resilience and opportunities of youth living in urban slums in Bangalore and Chennai in India. This year the programs have expanded to address issues such as awareness and access to health-care services, violence and abuse directed at female slum residents, unemployment, lack of access to higher education and government schemes and generational debt.

ADVOCACY



SAMITA'S STORY

Samita* is a tailor by trade, and enjoys using her passion and talents to make clothing. Recently, Samita's career path changed, leading her to an entirely new, yet exciting, role of teaching tailoring to girls and young women who have been trafficked, or are at high-risk of being trafficked.

Like many people, Samita wanted a job where she could get a sense of fulfillment, and be able to help give back to society. "When 3 Angels Nepal asked me to train the girls as part of the Anti-Human Trafficking Program, I felt happy I could contribute and help my society."

Initially, the new classroom environment was a little daunting to Samita, as she was used to working independently from home as a tailor. It didn't take long before Samita was comfortable instilling skills and confidence in her willing students. "I soon got attached to the girls and I love being able to teach them something that can help them in the future."

Samita knows that each young woman has a unique and often sad story, but treats each woman with dignity and professionalism. "Some girls open up about their stories, but regardless, I am just happy to teach as I know what the skills will do for their future."

Samita sees her role as helping the girls remove barriers that stand in their way of reaching their potential. "Sometimes the girls who I start teaching get discouraged, but I always encourage them to continue trying. My aim is to make them the best they can be."

Together, Samita and 3 Angels Nepal have identified the needs of trafficked girls and women, and have played a significant part in the bigger story of emotional and financial stability for survivors and those at risk from trafficking.

Addressing and advocating against issues of human trafficking is a demanding job for our partner staff. But thanks to supporters like you, we're continuing our anti-trafficking efforts in Nepal and India through our Advocacy Program.

*Name changed to protect her privacy.

ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

Millions of women, men and children in India and Nepal are trapped in modern-day slavery. To live a life of dignity, without fear of violence and harm, is a right many people never experience. Advocating against human trafficking is critical in protecting rights of at-risk individuals and restoring lives so people can experience an abundance of real love and care.

It is unacceptable that people anywhere are subject to violations and deprived of their rights and self-worth. At Asian Aid, we believe in the impact a collective voice has in bringing about change.

Through Asian Aid's Advocacy Program, women, girls and at-risk individuals are supported to heal, rebuild their confidence and acquire new skills. To be effective in the fight against human trafficking, Asian Aid focuses not only on preventative measures, but also on advocating for trafficked survivors and empowering them to become advocates themselves.

REMOVING BARRIERS THROUGH ADVOCACY

Anti-human Trafficking Project, Nepal

One of the many tragedies surrounding the trafficking industry in Nepal is that once a woman or girl has been abused, she is often rejected by her family, and her dreams of the life she hopes to live are shattered. Asian Aid's Advocacy partner in Nepal

currently acts as a support facility and provides accommodation for young girls and women affected by trafficking. Through women's empowerment initiatives, community awareness and education programs, and an effective field-interception, rescue and rehabilitation program, 3 Angels Nepal aims to help stop human trafficking and allow more young girls and women the opportunity at a second life.

73
WOMEN AND GIRLS
supported at the Women's Safe Haven to heal, rebuild their confidence and acquire new skills



Fighting Human Trafficking Project, India

This year, our Advocacy partners in India have strengthened their networks with Government staffs and the Child Welfare Committee. Because of their willingness and dedication to serve in difficult circumstances, partners have received tougher trafficking cases, made progress in the rehabilitation and reintegration of trafficked girls, and have found joy in seeing the lives of the affected girls and their families changed from brokenness to fullness again.

170+
RESCUED WOMEN AND CHILDREN



HEALTH



KAUSILA'S STORY

Kausila* is a young mother who cares deeply about her family, and about helping create a hopeful future for her two young daughters. Kausila's story of hope – through adversity – began when she got married at 14 years of age, and moved into her husband's family home. A year later – to the disappointment of her husband and in-laws – Kausila gave birth to a daughter. Because she hadn't given birth to a son, the family treated her badly. The harsh treatment from her in-laws led her to work long hours doing household and farming jobs – often carrying heavy loads for long distances. The situation worsened when she gave birth to her second daughter at 16 years old. Kausila was not only blamed for not producing a son, but began feeling an unusual pain in her lower abdomen. Soon after, she heard about a women's health screening camp and attended the camp for a checkup. Here she was diagnosed with second-degree uterine prolapse. Thankfully, she was given a pessary ring and taught pelvic floor exercises which she continued at home.

At 21 years old, Kausila had taken control of her life, and was able to improve her situation and care for her children. Kausila also began attending a women's health support group and eventually offered to lead the advocacy group in her village, saying, "I want to fight against social discrimination, and help those women who are experiencing harmful practices which lead to reproductive health issues."

The Asian Aid chapter in Kausila's story was simple yet significant, and empowered Kausila and other women in her community access quality health care. For Kausila and other women in Nepal, receiving hope has ensured the women are healthy enough to continue caring for their family and children.

*Name changed to protect her privacy.

HEALTH OVERVIEW

Asian Aid believes that people become positive contributors to society when barriers to improved health are removed. Unfortunately, physical access to health care services, financial affordability, and poverty are barriers that prevent many of the world's most promising people from experiencing the right to health.

Asian Aid's Health Program empowers Nepalese, Thais, Indians and Indonesians determine their own futures by removing health barriers people face in reaching their potential. With improved health and better health awareness, we have seen people become agents of change in their own communities – influencing change for many others.

REMOVING BARRIERS THROUGH HEALTH

Community Health in Phuket, Thailand

In Thailand, the Health Program is improving the health of vulnerable, migrant and refugee communities who would otherwise not have access to health care and services.

Providing access to medical care for vulnerable communities – such as the sea gypsie communities and Burmese refugees – is challenging, but worthwhile. Such communities suffer from a variety of health and hygiene-related problems, but enjoy an increased quality of life because of the help they receive.

Women's Health, Nepal

Uterine prolapse is a treatable and preventable condition from which some 600,000 Nepalese women suffer. Our Health Program in Nepal raises awareness about, and helps prevent and cure the incidences of uterine prolapse among women in rural districts of Nepal. While serving in a society where deeply engrained cultural practices and beliefs often prevent women from seeking or

receiving help can be difficult, our partners work hard to provide women with corrective surgery, free medical screening, pessary rings, health and hygiene training, and community support.

Health and Education Lifestyle Project, Indonesia

Health education for children and young people in Indonesia is critical in preventing lifestyle related diseases. The Health Program in Indonesia provides opportunities for children, young people, and those struggling with addictions, to have a better life through good health, education and community-based programs. The flow-on affect of these program activities means that families collectively learn and benefit.

Community Health Outreach Project, India

The Health Program in India raises awareness on hygiene standards and proper nutrition in order to improve the overall health and life expectancy rate of the focus slum communities. With an emphasis on health education, prevention and training of children, as well as adults, in understanding good hygiene, proper nutrition and the dangers of alcohol, this program is not only impacting the current generation of slum dwellers and school children, but also their communities in the future.



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It's an experience of a lifetime and I would

love to do it again one day." Cassie Eggleton

CREATING A FAIRER FUTURE

Asian Aid believes in helping people break down barriers that prevent them from reaching their God-given potential.

VOLUNTEER STORIES

PART OF A BIGGER Story

Cassie Eggleton, Alex Groves and Shaina Walsh – year 12 graduates from Kempsey Adventist School in NSW – recently spent time volunteering at one of Asian Aid’s rural schools and Children’s Homes in Nepal. Throughout their time in Nepal, the team had many unforgettable experiences as they played an important part of a bigger story of hope.

CASSIE SHARES ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE

“Some of my highlights were seeing the joy and happiness in the children we served, and being invited into and welcomed by the community. It was beautiful.

The children and staff we met were incredible. They always had smiles on their faces, and the children were so full of life! The respect for adults shown by the children, and their willingness to learn was amazing. It’s something I don’t often see in Australia. As well as having an amazing time serving the children, we also had some memorable experiences seeing the beautiful wildlife, landscapes and culture of Nepal.

I would encourage anyone to volunteer. It’s an experience of a lifetime and I would love to do it again one day.’





ALEX SHARES ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE

“I was privileged to be able to offer help to the school by teaching the students. Not only did teaching them open my eyes to the struggles they face, but I was also able to build relationships with students such as Pritam. Pritam inspired me by sharing with me his hopes and dreams. It is moving to see how children have so little yet have big aspirations. The education they receive through the school is a stepping stone in helping them achieve their dreams.

I was impressed by the students' desire to learn. They had the drive to give what I was teaching them a go, eager to learn. The friendliness and acceptance of us by the staff was quite a humbling experience. If you have the opportunity to volunteer with Asian Aid, take it! It will truly change your perception of things for the better.”



SHAINA SHARES ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE

“I really enjoyed my time at the school we volunteered at. Teaching the children and just simply playing with them brought so much joy into their lives – and mine. It made me so happy to see that even the small things make a difference.

The staff and children we met were all so resilient. Despite the difficulties many face, they get up and keep on going. The generosity shown to us made us feel as though we were a part of their family even though we were only there for a short time.

This trip has taught me so much about God, myself and the people of Nepal. Volunteering with Asian Aid is definitely worthwhile.”

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Asian Aid Australia Board directors present their report to the company for the year ended 31 March 2015. The directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated. The names of the directors in office at any time, during or since the end of the year, are listed below.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS FOR THE PERIOD 1/4/14 - 31/3/15

During the financial year, eight meetings of directors (including committees of directors) were held. Attendances by each director during the year are as follows:

DIRECTOR	NUMBER ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	NUMBER ATTENDED
Stephen Baxter	8	7
Eugene D'Costa	8	7
Roger Isaacs	8	2
Anne Norman	8	8
Alan Bates	8	6
Peter Williams	3	2
Kaye Zyderveld	8	8
John Hammond	8	8
Stephen Wong	8	8
Lara Kurzawa	5	4



DR JOHN HAMMOND
Chairman/Director
Dated this 23 July, 2015



STEPHEN WONG
Director
Dated this 23 July, 2015

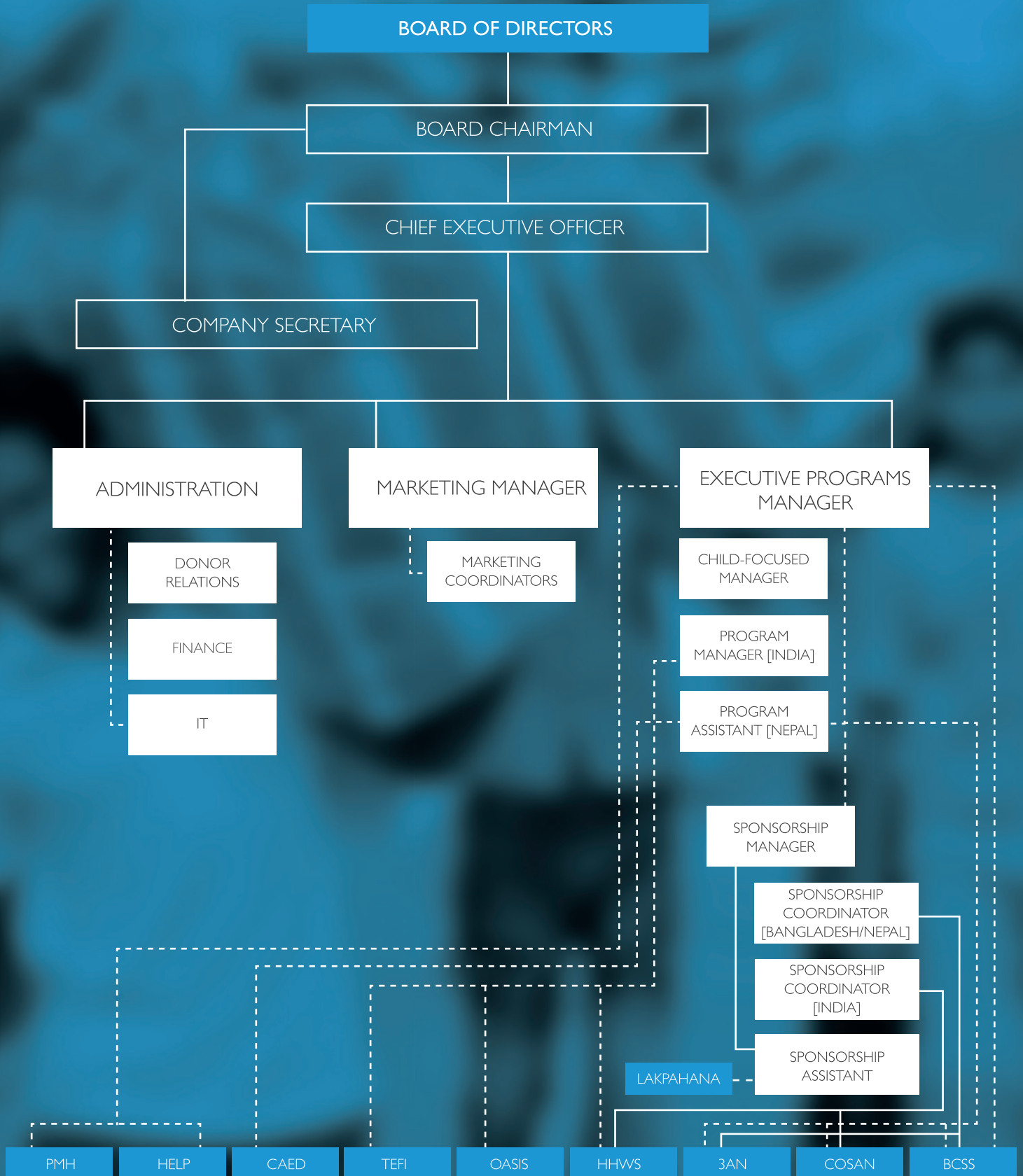
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ASIAN AID ORGANISATIONAL CHART

AS AT 07/2015



DIRECTOR	EXPERIENCE
Stephen Baxter <i>B.Ec, LLM</i>	Stephen is a commercial lawyer who resides in Sydney. He regularly contributes his legal expertise on a voluntary basis and has worked on the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Ethical Standards Committee and assisted with the incorporation of the Greater Sydney Conferences. Date Appointed: 18 July 2004
Eugene D'Costa <i>Dip in Religious Studies</i>	Eugene has worked for the NSW Department of Health for over thirty years in Material Management/Office Manager. He has experience as an area coordinator in emergency/disaster recovery for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and as a home tutor for Mission Australia. He is also a lay preacher, public speaker and has been an enthusiastic Ambassador for Asian Aid for over six years. Date Appointed: 23 August 2009
Roger Isaacs <i>BBA., FIPA</i>	Roger has extensive accounting and auditing experience and strong networks in the Southern Asia area having worked in both Sri Lanka and India. Date Appointed: 27 July 2008 Retired: 13 August 2013 Reappointed 8 February 2014
Anne Norman <i>M.A. (Psych), M.Ed, Grad Dip Mgmt, Grad Dip Investigation Mgmt, Grad Dip Theo, GAICD</i>	Anne is a registered psychologist and has worked for both government and non-government organisations for over thirty years. She has been a member of a number of not-for-profit Boards for more than sixteen years. Date Appointed: 29 June 2003
Alan Bates <i>Dip Volunteer Management</i>	Alan brings with him 12 years of experience within the volunteer based industry. Alan is also a Director for The Centre for Volunteering NSW. Date Appointed: 19 August 2012
Peter Williams <i>B.Ed, MA Ed, MBA</i>	Peter has been involved in Adventist Education for nearly a decade, at both high school and tertiary levels. He has degrees in business and education as well as a Master of Education and a Master of Business Administration. Date Appointed: 21 August 2011 Retired: 24 August 2014
Kaye Zyderveld <i>BCom</i>	Kaye has been a supporter of Asian Aid for over 40 years. She has been a member of a number of Adventist and Education Boards, Senior Business Analyst For TAFESA and is the Chief Financial Officer for SDA Schools and Churches in South Australia. Date Appointed: 21 August 2011
John Hammond (Chairman) <i>Dip. Teaching, BA (Hons), PhD</i>	Dr John Hammond has worked for many years as a teacher, principal and educational administrator in the Adventist Education system. He is a passionate story-teller and is in demand as a public speaker. John and his wife Sue have been supporters of Asian Aid for many years. Date Appointed: 27 October 2011
Stephen Wong <i>BCompSc B.Bus (Marketing)</i>	This is the second year for Stephen on the Board of Asian Aid. Stephen brings 29 years of experience to the Board including a computer science degree. Date Appointed: 18 August 2013
Lara Kurzawa <i>BA (Govern. and Internat. Relations), MA (Deve. Studies)</i>	This is Lara's first year on the Board of Asian Aid. She has worked as an event manager and program manager for Inlab International Pty Ltd, as well as a Research Intern for Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education. She brings a high level of administrative skills and experience in international project coordination coupled with an understanding of the challenges facing development work. Date Appointed: 29 July 2014

ASIAN AID FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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Balance Sheet – ACFID format
For the year ended 31 March 2015

ASSETS	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS	\$	\$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,370,124	1,757,167
GST Receivable	7,675	5,219
Other Assets	3,441,805	4,966,466
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	4,819,604	6,728,852
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant and Equipment	583,100	566,499
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	583,100	566,499
TOTAL ASSETS	5,402,704	7,295,351
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and Other Payables	54,553	33,474
Borrowings	6,162	3,553
Employee Entitlements	64,220	63,370
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	124,935	100,397
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee Entitlements - LSL	25,341	22,115
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	25,341	22,115
TOTAL LIABILITIES	150,276	122,512
NET ASSETS	5,252,428	7,172,839
EQUITY		
Special Projects Reserve	1,678,113	3,499,500
Retained Earnings/General Reserve	3,574,315	3,673,339
TOTAL EQUITY	5,252,428	7,172,839

Profit or Loss Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2015

REVENUE	2015	2014
DONATIONS AND GIFTS	\$	\$
Donations and Gifts Monetary	4,499,392	4,048,684
Other Income	692	2,873
Investment Income	190,353	241,903
Exchange Rate Variance	13,187	54,755
TOTAL REVENUE	4,703,624	4,348,215
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS		
Funds to International Programs	5,198,673	3,332,074
Program Support Costs	583,353	612,318
FUNDRAISING COSTS		
Public	263,828	157,329
Government, Multilateral and Private	-	-
Accountability and Administration	568,181	444,959
Non-Monetary Expenditure	-	-
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL AID AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE	6,624,035	4,546,680
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Other Income	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME	(1,920,411)	(198,465)

Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 31 March 2015

2015	Retained Earnings/ General Reserves	Special Projects	Total
	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 APRIL 2014	3,673,339	3,499,500	7,172,839
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	(1,920,411)	-	(1,920,411)
Movement from Retained Earnings to Special Projects Reserve	1,821,387	(1,821,387)	
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2015	3,574,315	1,678,113	5,252,428

ACFID Cash Movement

	Cash Avail. 1 April 2014	Cash Raised	Cash Disbursed During Yr.	Cash Avail. 31 March 2015
2015	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bangladesh	353,246	523,926	(723,593)	153,579
India HHWS	5,531,630	2,338,914	(2,983,631)	4,886,913
India SUD	51,831	200	-	52,031
Nepal	192,401	1,169,789	(1,085,874)	276,316
Sri Lanka	(802)	26,888	(57,590)	(31,504)
Thailand	7,635	5,731	-	13,366
Special Projects	356,866	153,476	(742,637)	(232,295)
ACT Group Projects	187,017	238,509	261,567)	163,869
YES youth empowerment	-	90	-	90
Development Projects	4,148	-	(4,148)	-
Expenses/Foundation	(55,467)	143,039	(593,896)	(506,320)
Help Indonesia	(29,005)	40,839	(71,200)	(59,366)
Health	-	5,506	-	5,506
Education	-	46,446	-	46,446
Hope in Communities	-	3,422	-	3,422
Advocacy	-	6,849	(785)	6,064
TOTAL	6,599,500	4,703,624	(6,525,011)	4,778,113

(a) Funding Movement

(i) ACFID Movement Reconciliation

2015	\$	\$
Cash available 31st March 2015	4,778,113	6,599,50
Term deposits greater than 3 months Note 4	(3,407,989)	(4,842,3330)
TOTAL FROM CASH AND EQUIVALENTS NOTE 2	1,370,124	1,757,167

Note 1: The summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at www.acfid.asn.au

Note 2: The Income and Expense Statement contains income and expenses types which have zero balances. This is due to these items having no receipts or expenditures in the financial year or its comparatives.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



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Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Asian Aid Organisation Limited

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Asian Aid Organisation Limited (the "Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2015, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the Responsible Persons' declaration of the company .

Responsible Persons' responsibility for the financial report

The Responsible Persons of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Responsible Persons' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Responsible Persons 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 based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require us to 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.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Basis for qualified auditor's opinion

Cash from donations and other fundraising activities are a significant source of revenue for Asian Aid Organisation Limited. Although the Responsible Persons of Asian Aid Organisation Limited have implemented systems of controls to ensure the monies received at its offices are properly recorded in the accounting records, it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of revenue from these sources prior to receipt at its offices.

Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash from donations and other fund raising activities had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether cash from donations and other fund raising activities obtained by Asian Aid Organisation Limited are complete.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed:

- a the financial report of Asian Aid Organisation Limited is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including
 - i giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 March 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b complying with Australian Accounting Standards- Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

- c the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- d the financial report also complies with the ACFID Code of Conduct Summary Financial Report;
- e the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations; and
- f monies received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations.

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Chartered Accountants



A G Rigele
Partner - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 23 July 2015

inspire CHANGE WITH US

ENGAGE

More and more people are engaging with us as we address issues of social justice in Asia. Stay informed and involved by sharing your views and stories of hope on our website and social media platforms.

VOLUNTEER

With an active presence in six Asian countries, we are always interested in hearing from passionate volunteers to help us increase our impact. Check out our website for any volunteer positions available or send us a message at hello@asianaid.org.au if you would like to know more about how you can make a difference.

DONATE

Your donation will allow us to gift lasting hope to thousands of people in Asia, and to equip our partners with the support and resources they need. We are committed to building a fairer world and a better reality for those who need it most.

With your help, we can.

LEAVE A LEGACY

A bequest to Asian Aid is your opportunity to leave a continued legacy of hope to people and communities that need our help.

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