

ASIAN AID 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

# GIVING HOPE TRANSFORMING LIVES



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Give Hope TODAY

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“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” *Micah 6:8*



# MESSAGE

## FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN AND CEO

When the United Nations Millennium Summit in 2000 determined the achievement of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, the decision was met with excitement, but also with a degree of apprehension.

The MDGs were ambitious: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve universal primary education; promote gender equality and empower women; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensure environmental sustainability; and achieve global partnership for development.

But the global community has made much progress in achieving these goals and in breaking the cycle of poverty for many of the world's poorest people.

Thank you for helping Asian Aid make a positive difference in some of the key areas highlighted as important in the global agenda for development, such as: education, health, advocacy for vulnerable people and empowerment of disadvantaged communities.

This year's annual report provides a snapshot of the impact the generosity of our supporters has on addressing such issues. As we contemplate the work of Asian Aid from this perspective, we are humbled by the way God has partnered with us, and through you, in achieving the following and more:

- **Full membership to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).** This is a significant step for our agency as it represents our commitment to: sustainable, fair and equitable solutions that address the root causes of poverty and disadvantage; to operating with accountability, transparency, integrity and honesty; to forging creative and trusting relationships with the communities for which we work; and to engaging in active learning, innovating and continuously improving our aid and development work.
- **An agency-wide strategic plan that will direct our activities until 2017 and beyond.** The strategic plan provides a clear framework for the program, sponsorship and support services with the view of increasing our accountability in delivering relevant and beneficial programs for the people and communities we seek to assist, and in meeting our supporters' expectations.
- **An increased and intentional emphasis on being a child-focused organisation.** We have always believed that our sponsor children and young people should grow, learn and play in a safe and nurturing environment, and they should receive adequate care and protection from any form of exploitation, neglect or abuse. But being a child-focused organisation is a journey that continues to inspire us towards a holistic approach to sponsorship and other child and/or young person-related activities. Renewed commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) has led us to adopt four key outcome areas that safeguard the rights of the children and young people in our program:

### Survival

The right to nutritious food and clean water, appropriate clothing, access to adequate shelter, security, sanitation and health care is essential for a child's holistic development. We provide for the basic rights of children so that they grow into contributing members of families and communities.

### Development

We provide access to education pathways and involvement in a range of cultural and recreational activities so children and young people can reach their God-given potential by acknowledging children's unique personalities, talents and abilities.

### Participation

We collaborate with partners and communities to consider children's thoughts, opinions and needs when planning our program(s) and activities so that we engage in shared learning with the children and young people we support.

### Protection

We resource our partners to safeguard children's rights through training and education activities, and we empower children and young people to safeguard their own rights, and the rights of others, through awareness activities.

This renewed child-focused approach to our overall program is exciting. It is about education that empowers and advocates.

- **The implementation of several projects across Bangladesh, Thailand, Indonesia, Nepal and India that have positively impacted the lives of some of the most vulnerable people and communities.**

In **Bangladesh** this year, we successfully supported the completion of the Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School Development Project and the Maisie Fook Memorial School Renovation Project. The Maisie Fook Memorial School Renovation Project has helped improve school infrastructure to provide additional teaching capacity, and to offer relevant services to families in the surrounding communities. The Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School Development Project has helped progress the school towards a more self-reliant model of operation, while providing clean and consistent water supply for the school and surrounding community.

In **Thailand** this year, the Phuket Mission Hospital, our partner, has focused on recognising and meeting the needs of underprivileged communities in Phuket. As a result of the Community Health in Phuket Project, over 1800 impoverished community



members – including sea gypsy communities, children with disabilities, Burmese refugees, and disadvantaged youth – have received free quality health and medical care.

In **Indonesia** this year, the HELP Project included a wider range of community activities with a focus on health and education. Key activities such as, the English Literacy program, Health Education program, Baduy Tribal Development program, and the Rubbish Dump project, have empowered and restored the dignity of disadvantaged individuals and communities.

In **Nepal** this year, the Women's Health Project received a boost in funding following the Christmas-time campaign that raised awareness about uterine prolapse. Hundreds of people responded to this campaign by gifting – \$89,900 – health to Nepali women who have suffered pain, shame and isolation. Gift options included providing food for a woman after corrective surgery, paying the daily wage of a doctor in rural Nepal, providing a free medical screening clinic for a rural community and funding the annual wage of a village health representative. The boost in funding saw the Women's Health Project focus on education to prevent Nepali women from developing uterine prolapse, with the view of empowering women to effectively share their stories.

In **India** this year, our partners have assisted people and communities that come from diverse backgrounds and include orphans and vulnerable children living in rural and urban environments, impoverished slum dwellers and girls, women and children at risk of being trafficked and/or exploited. We rescued 113 women and children from forced labour in Karnataka and surrounding states, and ensured the subsequent trial of the traffickers. We helped 100 disadvantaged young people and their families in Bangalore gain employment in Communication and Information Technology services. And we facilitated, among other activities, health-focused training and awareness initiatives, which have resulted in significant improvements in the

health, hygiene, and sanitation practices of impoverished people and families across four urban slum communities.

- **Improved structures and processes for the Direct Child Sponsorship (DCS) Program.** This year the Sponsorship team has conducted an in-depth review of Asian Aid's Program, focusing on school and child selection criteria, reporting procedures, correspondence requirements, the tertiary program, and improvements in structure and processes. As part of this review, we carefully considered the unique needs of our partners to further strengthen relationships and improve communication with them, while maintaining high levels of accountability. The updated DCS Program manual now reflects these improved structures and processes.
- **More intentional activities to advocate, raise awareness and fundraise for the key issues Asian Aid addresses.** We provided opportunities for our ambassadors and for high school students to experience first hand the challenges and opportunities that our partners face in delivering hope to people in need. A group of ambassadors visited eight Asian Aid schools and projects in India and Nepal. They returned equipped with stories, photographs and first-hand experiences to educate others in their own churches and communities about Asian Aid's work. Year 12 students from the Blue Hills College and Kempsey Adventist School spent time serving Asian Aid sponsored children in Nepal through a variety of activities and experienced the value that sponsor children place on their own education.

We also invited partner staff to visit Australia and raise awareness about human trafficking, another key issue we help to address in India and Nepal. Anita Kanaiya, former director of Oasis India, our partner, raised awareness about the issue of human trafficking and helped promote the Fighting Human Trafficking Project and Youth Empowerment Slums Project during her visit in late 2013. Anita was able to share about the tragedy of human trafficking through interviews at

five radio stations including, Radio Rhema, ABC Radio and SBS Hindi and Gujarati language programs; speaking at twelve events; writing in five different printed publications and advocating through social media. Anita's visit resulted in raised awareness about this issue, in increased funding for the two projects, and in the engagement of 47 new donors with Asian Aid.

In line with our commitment to advocate for vulnerable people and to empower disadvantaged communities, we encouraged supporters through the Red Ribbon Appeal – our 2012 to 2013 end of financial year campaign – to 'adopt' a project or issue and support it in a sustainable way through regular donations. The Red Ribbon Appeal helped supporters gain a better understanding of the fundamental issues that our projects address, raised \$903,000 in support of these projects, resulted in a 10 per cent increase in the number of regular project donors and highlighted human trafficking as an issue that resonates with many Asian Aid supporters. The Fighting Human Trafficking Project was the recipient of the most donations during this Appeal.

- **The launch of the new Asian Aid website, including the 'My Asian Aid' portal.** The website is a key avenue we now use to bring hope to communities and bring awareness of the issues we address in Asia. During the financial year under review, we redeveloped the website to increase engagement with supporters and to improve the quality and quantity of communication between the field, Asian Aid and our supporters. Some key elements of the new website include: News, Project and Sponsorship sections; the 'My Asian Aid' portal, where registered supporters can manage their Asian Aid transactions, download end-of-year tax statements, update their contact details and choose how to communicate with their sponsored child/children; and policies and other agency-related information.
- **The implementation of new accounting software** to provide better reporting functionality, to ensure better support and management of financial decisions by the Board, and to facilitate a higher level of internal control.

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## Asian Aid's mission continues to secure justice for the poor and to uphold the cause of the needy.

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It has been an exciting and humbling experience to see Asian Aid's intentional commitment to help address the ambitious goals of a global development agenda, to see the profound impact that such service has on thousands of vulnerable people and communities, and to witness the inspirational generosity of thousands of other people who make it all possible.

And so, we end a financial year and start another remembering the reason for Asian Aid's mission. "I know that the LORD secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy." (Psalm 140:12)

Thank you for partnering with us in giving hope.



**Stephen Baxter**  
Chairman, Asian Aid Organisation Ltd



**Richard Greenwell**  
CEO, Asian Aid Organisation Ltd

# ASIAN AID MISSION & VALUES

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

ASIAN AID is dedicated to empowering disadvantaged communities through quality EDUCATION, ADVOCACY and HEALTH CARE.



Our focus on transforming the lives of disadvantaged children and young adults, Nepali women suffering from uterine prolapse, slum communities, trafficked girls and women, and the sick happens in collaboration with donors, implementing partners, governments and churches.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

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.
- Believe in people: helping all who need it regardless of their religion, ethnicity, culture or gender and empowering the poor.
- Believe in the rights of the most vulnerable, such as children and women.
- Believe in good stewardship: being transparent, accountable, honest and cost-effective in all our dealings.
- Believe in 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.
- Believe in service: opposing poverty and social injustice, condemning all that impoverishes children and denies their potential, and committing to sharing resources with the poor.
- Believe in 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 a member to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. It is also a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

# LEGACY GIVERS

**Legacy is a meaningful word.** Your engagement with Asian Aid over the past 48 years has left a lasting legacy of hope in Asia. As you have shared what you have learned with the disadvantaged people and communities Asian Aid serves, and what you have learned about the plight of the poor with your friends and family, you have made meaningful and lasting contributions to the issue of poverty.

This is an important and inspirational legacy in support of change.

Legacy Givers are people who make a difference in the lives of others.

Legacy Givers are people whose lives positively impact their neighbourhood, their communities and the society at large.

In this report, we pay tribute to just a few of our many Legacy Givers; people who have contributed to Asian Aid's mission in a significant way over the years.

We wish we had the 'space' to tell the stories of everyone who has partnered with us in service to 'the least of these'. But we hope the few stories included in this report will help inspire you to continue leaving a legacy of positive change.



## GENERATIONAL GIVING

**EMILDA LANKA, former sponsor child and current supporter**

Emilda Lanka, a nurse in Sydney Australia, was first sponsored by Asian Aid in 1990 and knows first hand the power of education to break the cycle of poverty. *"Education plays a big role in helping people escape poverty. I share my story with my colleagues and patients where I work and encourage them to come forward for sponsorship,"* she says.

Emilda sponsors a child herself now whom she has had the opportunity to meet. *"I have such happiness and peace in my heart that God has used me in turn to make a difference in someone's life and future,"* says Emilda. *"I also enjoy reading the letters that I receive from my 'child'."*

Emilda says she shares her own Asian Aid story with anyone who will listen. *"It is a real blessing to have been a sponsored child and then to be a sponsor,"* says Emilda who met her sponsor for the first time in 2008 at Asian Aid's 40th anniversary celebration.

*"Thank you so much for the work you all are doing, and a big thank you to Aunty Helen Eager, whose influence I will never forget."*



## BECAUSE GOD SAYS SO

**JUNE LONG, Asian Aid family member, sponsor and project supporter**

June Long has been a Legacy Giver for a long time. Her support for Asian Aid began naturally, when her sister Maisie Fook first established the agency in 1966. *"My parents were always helping people – so we've just inherited it. And I'm so grateful for all of God's blessings,"* says June, whose late husband, Norman, served Asian Aid for almost 40 years as Board Chairman.

June, who has a weekly fundraising goal of \$70, continues to encourage her local church community to support various Asian Aid projects. *"Someone made me a Perspex tower, to put 50 cent coins in, but sometimes it gets filled with other coins and notes too."*

Whether it be to advocate on behalf of disadvantaged people groups, or to fundraise in support of education, health or anti-human trafficking projects, June's motivation is the same: *"God says we have to help the poor and the needy."* And that is just what June does.

Thank you June for inspiring us by your untiring dedication to helping those in need.

# BIG ISSUE #1




  
**> 1,000** / YR
   
 Visit Medical Camps

**AT ASIAN AID, WE BELIEVE IN PEOPLE.**

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

## BIG ISSUE #1

# Health

Access to quality health care and education in many of the countries where Asian Aid serves is a pressing issue. Asian Aid helps prevent and cure the incidence of uterine prolapse among poor and rural Nepali women, provides free health care to vulnerable communities, raises awareness about health, hygiene and nutrition among school children and funds classes in health and life skills. With improved access to health care services for better quality of life, people are able to become positive contributors to their families and communities.

### HEALTH IN NEPAL

**PROJECT:** Women’s Health in Nepal  
**PARTNERS:** Community Service Academy of Nepal (COSAN), and Centre for Agro-Ecology and Development (CAED)  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$219,676  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** Over 1,000 people per year

### Issue Overview

Women’s reproductive health is highly neglected in Nepal, with some studies showing that some 600,000 women suffer from uterine prolapse (UP). In a country where the subordination of women, rigid gender roles and persistent risky practices are deeply engrained, the occurrence of UP amongst women is high. Women suffering from uterine prolapse find life a challenge, with the condition causing various forms of physical, social and psychological problems.

Without access to health facilities and emotional support, women silently endure pain for years, for fear of abandonment, embarrassment and social stigma.

### Asian Aid addresses health problems in Nepal

Alongside our partners COSAN and CAED, we understand that UP is a preventable and treatable condition, and are committed to alleviating this problem so Nepali women can enjoy longer lifespans and better quality of life. Our partners

continue to implement activities that help raise awareness, prevent and cure the incidences of uterine prolapse among the rural, poor women of Central and Western districts of Nepal.

#### This year our partners have:

- Provided corrective surgery to women with UP,
- Provided food for women after surgery,
- Run free medical screening camps for rural communities,
- Run educational and awareness programs for the prevention of UP in schools and villages for women and girls, and
- Distributed pessary rings to women.



This 64-years-old Nepali woman says: “Since being able to manage my condition with a pessary ring, I am happier and healthier, and I don’t have to worry about this problem as I did before.”

## HEALTH IN THAILAND

**PROJECT:** Community Health in Phuket  
**PARTNERS:** Phuket Mission Hospital/  
 Christian Adventist Foundation  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$7,634.51  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** 1,800 people

### Issue Overview

Without Thai ID Cards or citizenship, members of sea gypsy communities have minimal or no access to government health care services, and are vulnerable to the impact of bad weather due to the close proximity of their homes to the sea. Such communities suffer from a variety of health and hygiene-related problems.

### Asian Aid addresses health problems in Thailand

In partnership with the Adventist Christian Foundation and Phuket Mission Hospital, we have helped provide access to health education and services to over 1,800 people in underprivileged communities. With the provision of latrines and improved medical care and facilities, community members can minimise their risk of developing health and hygiene problems, and learn how to prevent certain diseases and lifestyle problems.

## HEALTH IN INDONESIA

**PROJECT:** Health and Education Lifestyle Project (HELP)  
**PARTNER:** Advent Indonesia Initiatives [AII]  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$39,222  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** 675 students and families

### Issue Overview

Indonesia is a vast archipelago of tropical climate, sufficient rainfall, and increasing economic progress. Despite all this, the lack of access to health care, clean water, and knowledge about healthy living has left many Indonesians in poverty and in poor health. In many parts of Indonesia, water supplies are contaminated so typhoid is common, the practice of drinking very

little water can result in kidney and liver disease, and lack of sanitation and hygiene practices often causes the spread of diseases. Smoking is also said to be an ingrained part of the culture with 78 per cent of an estimated 57 million Indonesian smokers starting to smoke before the age of 19.

### Asian Aid addresses health problems in Indonesia

The HELP Project provides opportunities for children and young people to have a better life through health, education and community-based programs. Environmental health is also an important part of the project, and the project continues to promote environmental cleanliness by teaching communities and schools about positive health choices.

#### This year our partner has:

- Developed and successfully run 'Quit Smoking' programs in the Praya Health Department in Lombok, with some 87.5% of the participants quitting the habit, and requests for more programs to be run in other areas, and
- Produced and distributed a health book for young people in Bahasa to educate them about the dangers of smoking and alcohol, diseases and lifestyle problems.



This Indonesian girl's community and classmates are learning valuable health principles and practices as part of the HELP Project.

## HEALTH IN INDIA

**PROJECT:** Community Health Outreach  
**PARTNER:** Seventh-day Adventist Medical Centre  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$2,950  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** 1,500 patients

## Issue Overview

In Bangalore – the IT capital of India – increased migration to the city has led to significant health and housing issues. With over 16 per cent of people in Bangalore living in some of the 600 slums around the city, many people lack access to affordable health care services, and are vulnerable to health and hygiene-related problems. Due to families living in close proximity to each other, preventable diseases often spread fast. Each day, thousands of children in urban slums, die due to preventable diseases.

### Asian Aid addresses health problems in India

The Community Health Outreach Project, based in Bangalore, provides improved and affordable health care and prevention-focused education services to the poor in three urban slum communities and disadvantaged children in four schools. Raising awareness about hygiene standards and proper nutrition is helping improve the overall health and life expectancy for people living in these slum communities.

#### This year our partner has:

- Provided the sick with medical screening, occupational therapy assistance, and referral to heavily-subsidised specialist services,
- Run workshops on maternal and child health,
- Run free monthly dental and eye clinics, and
- Run yearly health camps at schools.



A medical consultant from the Community Health Outreach Project in India helps provide much needed medical services to the participants of a free health clinic in Bangalore.



## HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION

AVERIL AND PHIL GROOM, sponsors

Averil and Phil Groom, from Nerang, Queensland, began sponsoring Asian Aid children some 30 years ago when they lived in New Zealand. "We first heard about Asian Aid when Helen Eager spoke at a camp meeting in Auckland," says Averil. "It was here that we, and 15 other families, became Asian Aid sponsors." Collecting stamps, donating goods, writing to their sponsored children, and helping promote Asian Aid at Brentwood Adventist church are just some of the ways in which the Grooms have supported Asian Aid.

"Since coming to Australia, Asian Aid has remained a much talked-about topic in our home and with our friends," says Averil. "We have also enjoyed being able to correspond with the children, see their photos year by year, and pray for them."

When their sponsored Indian daughter graduated from high school recently, the Grooms did not hesitate to support her through Nursing School. "We will continue the sponsorship at the tertiary rate to enable her to train as a nurse," says Averil, who is a registered nurse herself. "It is wonderful that my much-loved work will live on in this way!"

# BIG ISSUE #2



**72 million**  
Children (Mostly Girls)  
Don't Attend School

**AT ASIAN AID, WE BELIEVE IN THE POTENTIAL OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST EDUCATION SYSTEM.**

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

## BIG ISSUE #2

# Education

Asian Aid believes that all children – regardless of age, gender, ethnicity and religion – have a right to education. We also believe that education offers children the chance to break out of poverty, to develop holistic life skills, and to influence the decisions that affect their lives.

### EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH, INDIA, NEPAL AND SRI LANKA

**PROJECT:** Sponsorship Program

**PARTNERS:** Bangladesh Children’s Sponsorship Services (BCSS), Helping Hand Welfare Society (HHWS), Community Service Academy of Nepal (COSAN), 3 Angels Nepal (3AN), Lakpahana (Sri Lanka)

**FUNDS RAISED:** \$2,664,780

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** 9,100 children

We\*\* support five partners in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka who help disadvantaged children reach their potential through the provision of quality education. Our partners run a sponsorship program that caters for different educational needs of children who come from a variety of backgrounds, family situations and financial hardships.

Asian Aid\*\* supports over 9,100 children – 1,354 children in Bangladesh, 7,154 children in India, 563 children in Nepal and 88 children in Sri Lanka – in 223 schools, and seven Children’s Homes throughout Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

### Issue Overview

An estimated \*72 million children in developing countries – mostly girls – do not attend school. In some rural areas of the developing world, nearly a third of children of primary school age do not attend school\*. This is often due to: family financial difficulties; mothers’ lack of formal education\*; gender inequalities; early or forced marriages of girls; and children being sold into slavery. And children who miss out on an education or go to school late can face increased learning difficulties, have no or fewer opportunities to advance to a higher level of education and experience increased difficulties in securing employment in the future.

That’s why, at Asian Aid, we are passionate about providing disadvantaged children with the opportunity to attend school: it is their right to access quality education.

\*<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/mdg2007.pdf>

\*\*The statistics include the total number of children supported by both Asian Aid Australia and Asian Aid USA. Asian Aid Australia currently supports 6,621 children, while Asian Aid USA supports 2,538 children.



Sponsor children in Nepal enjoy access to quality education because it is their right to learn.

### EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH

**PROJECT:** Maisie Fook Memorial School Renovation Project

**PARTNER:** Bangladesh Children’s Sponsorship Services (BCSS)

**FUNDS RAISED:** \$11,550

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** 55 children and their families

## Issue Overview

Empowering rural Bangladeshi communities through education is critical in helping to reduce illiteracy, and in releasing marginalised children from the chains of tradition, prejudice, and poverty.

According to the World Bank, nearly 1.5 million primary school-aged Bangladeshi children are currently not in school. Many children have missed out schooling at the 'right age', or have been forced to drop out due to needing to work to contribute to family income, or parents not being able to pay for school uniforms, books, or transport, if there is no school nearby. Without education, the chances of finding self-sustaining jobs that could lift them and their families out of poverty are drastically reduced.

### Asian Aid addresses education issues in Bangladesh

The Maisie Fook Memorial School Renovation Project has played an important role in providing improved education facilities to meet the needs of a growing rural school. The Maisie Fook Memorial School is a legacy to Asian Aid's founder and provides education for children in the surrounding community. Without the school, children would have to walk long distances to gain an education, and their parents would not have the opportunity to learn basic English and literacy skills alongside their children.

The project facilitated the building of a new classroom, the raising of the playground to prevent flooding during the monsoon season and painting of the school, thus improving the overall environment for the teachers and students. Enrolments have also increased from 48 to 55 students, and the school continues to be an effective 'change agent' in the surrounding community.



## BLESSINGS IN RETURN

**JEFF AND JOY GUY, sponsors and project supporters**

Jeff and Joy Guy's Asian Aid story began after hearing an Asian Aid representative speak at their local church. While they had heard of Asian Aid before, on this occasion, their hearts were particularly moved.

*"Believing that education is vital to the further development of one's social, financial and career opportunities, the decision to engage in child sponsorship was only natural,"* says Joy.

Now, some ten years later, the Guys sponsor five children because they have experienced the life-changing power of education.

*"Our eldest 'child' is studying a Bachelor of Commerce degree at College,"* says Joy. *"We feel proud to have been a part of his journey, and have helped provide him with opportunities for success in his future."*

The Guys also support Asian Aid projects that assist in providing basic needs and services to disadvantaged people. Their hope is to inspire others to give too. *"Sharing the blessings we have been given has led to so many blessings in return,"* they say.

## PARTNER STORIES

### 3 Angels Nepal | Suman and Shurmila

Suman, a secondary teacher at the 3 Angels International Mission School, and Shurmila, who works in accounting, have been involved with 3 Angels Nepal (3AN) for nearly four years. Suman and Shurmila found they had a lot in common, including a passion for helping disadvantaged Nepali children, and decided to marry. Little did they know that within four years their family would grow to include a vibrant home full of orphaned and single-parent children. They feel fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as house parents in such a tangible and on-going way. *"We are happy to have these children in our lives. We have learnt that fulfilling basic needs is not enough, so we enjoy focusing on the holistic development of the child."*



### Oasis India | Becky Swamickan

Becky's involvement in the humanitarian sector began when she assisted in the emergency response of the 2004 Christmas tsunami. Since then, Becky has been hooked on helping people. For the past nine years, Becky has worked for Oasis India and has had many memorable experiences. *"One of my greatest moments was running a survey for 1,200 street children about what their real needs were,"* said Becky. *"What I do at Oasis India gives me the most motivation and satisfaction I've had."* Becky finds it rewarding working with and helping disadvantaged communities where there is no governmental interaction or assistance, low parental literacy rates, and high unemployment.



### Community Service Academy of Nepal | Angela Basnet

Angela has been attending rural health camps to provide care to remote villages in Nepal for the past 10 years and since she started her studies in medicine. Since working for Community Service Academy of Nepal for the past three years as their doctoral medical consultant for rural initiatives, Angela has had many rewarding experiences, and attributes the success of their rural health program to the willingness to learn from the local communities. *"One of the key lessons I have learnt in providing hope for communities is that the Nepali women are not weak and fragile as they are often portrayed,"* says Angela. *"It is amazing to watch how these women support and strengthen each other."*



# BIG ISSUE #3



200  
Rescued by  
Oasis India 

**AT ASIAN AID, WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHTS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE, SUCH AS CHILDREN AND WOMEN.**

“He uncovers the deeps out of darkness and brings deep darkness to light.” Job 12:22

## BIG ISSUE #3

# Advocacy

Advocating against deeply engrained societal errors – such as human trafficking – is critical in protecting the rights of women, girls and vulnerable individuals. To be effective in the fight against human trafficking, it is important to not only stay focused on preventative measures, but also to advocate for trafficked survivors and to empower them to become advocates themselves.

While human trafficking in South East Asia is certainly a daunting problem, it is not insurmountable. The commitment of governments and organisations such as Asian Aid’s partners, 3 Angels Nepal and Oasis India, is making a difference for the better.

### ADVOCACY IN NEPAL

**PROJECT:** Women’s Safe Haven Nepal  
**PARTNER:** 3 Angels Nepal  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$221,269.13  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** Over 40 girls and women

#### Issue Overview

It is estimated that up to 15,000 Nepali girls are smuggled over the boarder into Indian brothels every year. The social implications of this tragedy are far reaching. Often time, once a girl has been trafficked or abused, her family is likely to reject her because of shame. Although what happened to her is not her fault, the girl or young woman will usually be blamed. Asian Aid’s partner 3 Angels Nepal (3AN) is one of many agencies in Nepal who advocate against the injustice of trafficking because they understand the impact a collective voice has in bringing about change.

#### Asian Aid addresses trafficking issues in Nepal

At Asian Aid we strongly oppose human trafficking. The Women’s Safe Haven Project aims to stop human trafficking and sex slavery through empowerment initiatives, community awareness and education activities, and an effective field-interception and Safe Haven rehabilitation program.

Over the past year, 3AN have rescued and

rehabilitated young girls and women who have been trafficked into the sex industry, or are at risk of being trafficked, by targeting the issue on a number of different levels, including:

- The prevention of the issue through community education programs and women’s groups,
- Anti-trafficking interception points located on the India/Nepal border to deter and apprehend traffickers, and
- Rehabilitation through the ‘Women’s Safe Haven’ involving counseling services and education and vocational training programs designed to give the affected young girls and women a more promising future.

### ADVOCACY IN INDIA

**PROJECT:** Fighting Human Trafficking  
**PARTNER:** Oasis India  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$142,915.63  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** Over 1,300 vulnerable women and children

#### Issue Overview

India has increasingly become a source, transit, and destination for human trafficking. While poverty is the main cause of trafficking, negative social practices such as, low regard for girls’ education and women’s rights, patriarchal bias, and increasing demand for trafficked victims and

cheap labour, have also played a large role in the worsening of this problem. The most prevalent sectors employing victims of trafficking are commercial sex work, bonded and child labour, domestic work, begging, and entertainment.

### Asian Aid addresses advocacy problems in India

Oasis India's Fighting Human Trafficking Project works with local authorities in the rescue, prevention and protection of trafficked and exploited women and children who are caught in the binds of slavery, whilst addressing matters relating to the prosecution of the traffickers.

Understanding the struggles victims face in reintegrating into their hometowns once their communities are aware of their exploitation, Oasis India assists trafficked victims by providing after-care counselling services and livelihood training so that exploited people can become positive contributors to society.

Oasis India is looking to expand its involvement in intervention and after-care provision, and to pilot innovative, prevention strategies to educate at-risk communities and school students about how to protect themselves against the risks of trafficking.

### This year our partner has:

- Provided prevention awareness training to 1,060 at-risk community members,
- Facilitated the effective raid and rescue of 113 women and children, and
- Rehabilitated, reintegrated, and repatriated 171 affected women and children into their rightful communities.



After being forced to beg by her stepbrother in Bangalore city, Anitha (name changed) was rescued by Oasis India. Anitha has since enrolled into a supportive school environment, and wants to become a policewoman in Bangalore to help other run-away or begging children. "I now have a roof over my head, a place to study and food to eat," says Anitha.



## SERVICE AT HOME

**DELMAE AND DAVID HEISE, sponsors and Managers of the Asian Aid Op Shop in Cooranbong**

Delmae's desire to serve others began many years ago when she heard stories of missionaries serving overseas. Although Delmae has never served overseas, she has found fulfillment in serving in a more local mission-field. The Asian Aid supported Op Shop has run for more than 20 years and involved many volunteers including the previous manager Meryl Rickett.

Today the Heises – and the dedicated team of volunteers, customers and donors – believe that their time, purchases and donations are making a real difference to disadvantaged children and orphans. The funds raised each Sunday at the Op Shop support children at Sunshine Orphanage in India by providing access to much needed education, health, spiritual and moral support.

Understanding that poverty in India often results in children being undervalued, the Heises enjoy sharing about the children of Sunshine Orphanage to whoever will listen. "God places infinite value on each one of His creations," says David. "And we are continually awed by the blessing God pours out on us to help those in need."

Over the past four years, the Op Shop has raised over \$330,000, and sometimes raises \$10,000 a month. "Each Sunday evening, as we tally the takings, we feel wonderfully warmed by God's blessing," says David.

Thank you David, Delmae, and your wonderful team of Legacy Givers for your constant support.

## MORE PARTNER STORIES

### Sri Lanka / Lakpahana Adventist College and Seminary | Aranka Bajic

Aranka, who is of Hungarian descent, moved with her husband to Sri Lanka after working in the Middle East for many years. Having travelled through over 50 countries, they are content in living and working in Sri Lanka at the Lakpahana Seventh-day Adventist School. "It's a beautiful country with a rich heritage boasting of its people's resilience," says Aranka.

Aranka works as the Asian Aid sponsorship coordinator for Sri Lanka, and enjoys being a 'bridge' between Asian Aid sponsors and the children. Many children come from impoverished or remote communities, and Aranka gets satisfaction from knowing the education the children receive will help them break the cycle of poverty.



### Helping Hand Welfare Society | Vandana Sharma

Vandana's passion for service began when she was 23-years-old and volunteered at a school for children with acute learning disabilities. After studying teaching, her passion to learn more about the holistic aspect of education took her to Nigeria. Since joining the staff at Helping Hand Welfare Society in India, Vandana has taken on the satisfying role of caring for Child Welfare and Development. "Knowing that sponsorship may be the only opportunity for some children to have hope is the greatest motivation to keep doing this work," says Vandana.



### Bangladesh Children's Sponsorship Services | Gilbert Paik

Gilbert is one of the newest employees at Bangladesh Children's Sponsorship Services, and has been working as a field officer since early 2013. Gilbert – an ex-sponsor child – developed his passion for empowering children from being on the 'receiving' end of hope.

Previously working as a boys' dean at a boarding school, Gilbert now enjoys his job as a field officer, where frequent visits to remote tribes often take him to schools in the mountainous areas of Bangladesh. "I love learning the different languages and dialects from the children at the different schools," says Gilbert. "That is my favourite part of the job. They teach me so much!"



# BIG ISSUE #4



**\$2 million**  
 People live in poverty  
 in Bangalore

**AT ASIAN AID, WE BELIEVE IN SERVICE.**

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” Galatians 5:14

## BIG ISSUE #4

# Hope in Communities

Asian Aid believes in empowering disadvantaged communities with the skills they need to contribute to the development of productive and peaceful societies. In countries like India and Nepal, communities of orphaned or abandoned children and youth are among the most invisible and vulnerable. With up to 90 per cent of the world’s youth - aged 15 to 24 - living in developing countries, we believe it is important to empower people with a strong sense of community and to tailor programs to their specific needs.

We believe abandoned children have the same rights as any other child.

### HOPE IN ORPHAN COMMUNITIES (INDIA)

**PROJECT:** Children’s Homes in India  
**PARTNER:** Helping Hands Welfare Society (HHWS)  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$240,750  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** Over 270 disadvantaged children and orphans

#### Issue Overview

With an estimated 11 million children abandoned in India – 90 per cent of them being girls – Asian Aid supports children who have no home or access to education. Through the provision of holistic home-based care and support services, Asian Aid’s three Children’s Homes in India – Bethel, Elim and Sunshine – provide quality care and safeguard and nurture orphaned and vulnerable children’s wellbeing.

#### Asian Aid gives hope in orphan communities in India

Children’s Homes provide a safe and loving home-like environment to orphaned and vulnerable children who would otherwise be homeless, or live in unsafe or unfulfilling environments. In partnership with HHWS, we intend to support and resource the Children’s Homes to be leaders in the field of ‘out-of-home’ care for orphan and vulnerable children in India.

#### This year our partners have:

- Facilitated child-focused training to Children’s Home staff and carers to ensure continual improvements in the quality of care provided to all children living at the Homes, and
- Commenced plans to implement the Campuses As Communities Program within all three Children’s Homes in India.

### HOPE IN ORPHAN COMMUNITIES (NEPAL)

**PROJECT:** Children’s Homes in Nepal  
**PARTNERS:** 3 Angels Nepal and Community Service Academy of Nepal (COSAN)  
**FUNDS RAISED:** \$115,975  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** Over 250 disadvantaged children and orphans

#### Issue Overview

The provision of a safe, secure and supportive environment can make a huge difference in the life of an orphaned or disadvantaged child who requires out-of-home care regardless of where they live or from what social background they come.

## Asian Aid gives hope to disadvantaged communities in Nepal

Our partners, 3 Angles Nepal and COSAN, are committed to providing safe and loving homes to orphaned and/or abandoned children, or to children living in prisons, so they can develop academically, socially and spiritually, and so they can develop a real sense of family.

The Children's Homes help break the cycle of poverty by equipping disadvantaged children with an education, valuable life skills, and self-esteem. Children belong to a new family where they find love and acceptance and are encouraged to reach their God-given potential.

### This year our partners have:

- Facilitated child-focused training to Children's Home staff and carers, and
- Ensured all children receive the same support, protection and opportunities regardless of where they live.

## HOPE IN SLUM COMMUNITIES (INDIA)

**PROJECT:** Youth Empowerment Slum [YES]

**PARTNER:** Oasis India

**FUNDS RAISED:** \$22,455

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** Over 100 disadvantaged young people and their families

### Issue Overview

Bangalore is a city booming with information technology 'possibilities', but the two million people who live in poverty there have no access to opportunities or to employment. With limited access to quality education, youth living in urban slums are often unable to earn enough to support themselves and their families. While illiteracy, poverty and poor health can keep thousands of people from reaching their potential, Asian Aid believes in the power of youth-friendly programs to enable communities out of poverty.

### Asian Aid gives hope in Indian slum communities

The YES Project aims to help underprivileged youth aged between 15 and 25 in low-income

communities in Bangalore. Many of these young people attend local government schools or colleges, and/or are school dropouts looking for alternative forms of employment opportunities.

Through a free Drop-In Centre free tailoring program, livelihood training, career guidance and job placements, youth are empowered to become agents of change in their local community. The project also facilitates football training, including the provision of nutritious food during/following practices and the organisation of local and statewide tournaments for community teams.

Although the project is primarily aimed at youth, it also benefits women and their families who are seeking to better their education and practical skill-sets to increase their employment prospects.

### This year our partners have:

- Seen 80 per cent of the participants in the tailoring course, gain employment in the industry after successfully completing the course
- Assisted 50 per cent of the young people in the sports program, and their families, gain employment, and
- Run community health training and awareness initiatives to help address hygiene and sanitation issues.

## HOPE IN COMMUNITIES IN INDIA

**PROJECT:** Blind School and the Speech and Hearing Impaired School

**PARTNER:** Helping Hands Welfare Society

**FUNDS RAISED:** \$74,707

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS PROJECT HELPS:** Over 260 blind and/or speech and hearing impaired children

### Issue Overview

Many Indian children with disabilities encounter different forms of discrimination and exclusion. The reasons behind the causes of speech and hearing impairment and blindness continue to be poorly understood in rural communities throughout India, and as a consequence, deaf and blind children often experience prejudice, discrimination, and fewer opportunities in mainstream society. We believe special-needs children should enjoy the same rights

as other children and that disability should not negatively impact their ability to achieve their dreams.

## Asian Aid gives hope in Indian special-needs communities

Through the provision of quality tailored education (for children with sight, and speech and hearing impairments) and holistic care, Asian Aid ensures that all children enjoy equal rights. Both schools boast strong curriculums, caring and professional teachers, established vocational programs, well-constructed buildings and thriving agricultural programs.

The Speech and Hearing Impaired School, the only special school in the district, caters for over 100 special-needs children many of whom would have to otherwise attend a mainstream public school or not go to school at all.

The School for the Blind currently supports more than 160 children through specialised educational programs. Children are supported to learn braille and utilise learning resources specifically designed for blind students.

### This year our partners have:

- Provided child-focused training on teaching methods and the effective use of alternative learning resources to school staff, and
- Started the implementation of a three-year development project at the School for Speech and Hearing Impaired, to improve current school programs and services.



## MOVED WITH COMPASSION

KAREN McCALL, sponsor

Karen McCall is passionate about issues of injustice and advocating for the poor. "I am particularly concerned about the large-scale mistreatment of children and women in countries such as India," says Karen, who previously volunteered in the Asian Aid office.

Karen and her family sponsor a young boy in India, and another child as part of a church group. "Such a small amount of money each month can make such a big difference for these children," says Karen. "After visiting India in 2012, I realised \$10 is a huge amount of money to people there."



Oasis India's tailoring program helps participants gain employment in the industry. Gayathri - a graduate of the program - and her two sisters are the only members in her family who are able to earn a living. "I am very happy and excited, and looking forward to being in a job, or working from home," Gayathri says.

# MORE PARTNER STORIES

## Phuket Mission Hospital | Pr Somchai Na Nakhorn

Pr Somchai (pictured) is part of the Phuket Mission Hospital staff, and manager for the Community Health in Phuket Project. The project has the invaluable support of the Mission Hospital Phuket CEO Atikom Sriratanaprat, as well as the many hospital staff who are passionate about volunteering their time to serve the health needs of local under-privileged communities.



Pr Somchai believes that giving communities free and trusted access to quality healthcare services helps make people whole. *“When we use our skills and time to serve others in a practical way, we are allowing God to use us as channels for giving hope to these disadvantaged communities,”* says Pr Somchai.

## HELP Foundation (Adventist Indonesian Initiatives) | Bruce Kumaat

Bruce Kumaat has been involved in HELP since 2012 as a local project manager, and is passionate about giving hope to Muslim communities in ways that are culturally sensitive and appropriate. He believes that the initiatives and activities provide practical and relevant opportunities for disadvantaged Indonesians. Seeing children study hard and achieve wonderful grades, young adults working and supporting their families because of the HELP education program, and young minds being educated in building healthy futures, are just some of the joys and highlights experienced by the HELP team.



# Directors’ Report

The Asian Aid Australia board directors present their report to the company for the year ended 31 March 2014. 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 1/4/13 – 31/3/14

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	Maximum Possible	Attended
Stephen Baxter	8	8
Eugene D’Costa	8	7
Nathan Hawkins	3	1
Roger Isaacs	4	2
Anne Norman	8	7
Alan Bates	8	8
Peter Williams	8	8
Kaye Zyderveld	8	8
John Hammond	8	7
Richelle Geelan	2	2
Stephen Wong	5	5

**STEPHEN BAXTER**  
Chairman/Director  
Dated this 29 July, 2014

**ROGER ISAACS**  
Director  
Dated this 29 July, 2014

To request a copy of the full audited financial report for the year ending 31 March 2014, please write to the Company Secretary: PO Box 333, Wauchope, NSW 2446, Australia, or email [contact@asianaid.org.au](mailto:contact@asianaid.org.au).

Asian Aid Australia values supporter feedback, and has a formal process for addressing feedback and complaints. The ‘Contact Us’ page on [www.asianaid.org.au](http://www.asianaid.org.au) website provides an easy way for the public and friends of Asian Aid to provide comments and/or suggestions, or to lodge a complaint. Supporters can also provide feedback over the phone – call +61 2 6586 4250 – or by writing to us – PO Box 333, Wauchope, NSW 2446, Australia. In each case, feedback is directed to the relevant staff or concerned departments for resolution.

To lodge a complaint against Asian Aid Australia, or to request a copy of Asian Aid’s Complaint Policy, please contact Kerryn Patrick (Customer Relations Officer) at [kerryn.patrick@asianaid.org.au](mailto:kerryn.patrick@asianaid.org.au), or on +61 2 6586 4250.

# Financial Overview

## Asian Aid Organisation Ltd

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Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income  
For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

Director	Experience
<b>Stephen Baxter</b> <i>B.Ec, LL.M</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 Conference. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 18 July 2004</a>
<b>Eugene D'Costa</b> <i>Dip in Religious Studies (Spicer College - India)</i>	Eugene has worked for the NSW Department of Health for over thirty years in Material Management and as an 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, a public speaker and has been an enthusiastic ambassador for Asian Aid for over six years. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 23 August 2009</a>
<b>Nathan Hawkins</b> <i>BA (Psych) (Hons)</i>	Nathan is Director of Health and ADRA Services for the North NSW Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has been a long-term supporter of Asian Aid, through both sponsorship and fundraising. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 27 June 2009</a>   <a href="#">Date Retired: 13 August 2013</a>
<b>Roger Isaacs</b> <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. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 27 July 2008</a>   <a href="#">Date Retired: 8 February 2014</a>
<b>Anne Norman</b> <i>M.A. (Psych), M.Ed, Grad Dip Mgmt, Grad Dip Investigation M'nt, Grad Dip Theology, GAICD</i>	Anne is a registered psychologist and has worked for both government and non-government organisations over the past thirty years. She has been a member of a number of not-for profit Boards for more than sixteen years. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 29 June 2003</a>
<b>Alan Bates</b> <i>Dip Volunteer Management</i>	Alan, a director for the Centre for Volunteering NSW, brings with him 21 years of experience within the volunteer-based industry. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 19 August 2012</a>
<b>Peter Williams</b> <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 and has completed a Master of Education and a Master of Business Administration. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 21 August 2011</a>
<b>Kaye Zyderveld</b> <i>BCom</i>	Kaye has been a supporter of Asian Aid for almost 40 years. Kaye has a Bachelor of Commerce with an accounting major. She has been a member of a number of Adventist and Education Boards and is currently the Business Manager of Adventist Schools in South Australia. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 21 August 2011</a>
<b>John Hammond</b> <i>Dip. Teaching, BA (Hons), PhD</i>	Dr John Hammond has worked for many years as a teacher, a principal and an administrator in the Adventist Education system. John and his wife Sue have been supporters of Asian Aid for many years. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 27 October 2011</a>
<b>Richelle Geelan</b> <i>B.Bus, MBA</i>	This is the first year for Richelle on the Board of Asian Aid. Richelle has a Bachelor of Business and a Masters in Business Administration, and brings to the Board 24 years of experience. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 18 August 2013</a>   <a href="#">Date Retired: 30 November 2013</a>
<b>Stephen Wong</b> <i>BCompSC, B.Bus (Marketing)</i>	This is the first year for Stephen on the Board of Asian Aid. Stephen brings 29 years of experience from a variety of industries, and is currently working for IBM Australia. <a href="#">Date Appointed: 18 August 2013</a>

REVENUE	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Donations and Gifts		
Monetary	<b>4,048,684</b>	4,001,744
Non - Monetary	-	-
Bequests and Legacies	-	48,402
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-
Other Australian	-	-
Other Overseas	-	-
Investment Income	<b>241,903</b>	362,804
Other Income	<b>2,873</b>	1,438
Exchange Rate Variance	<b>54,755</b>	16,070
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,348,215</b>	<b>4,430,456</b>
EXPENDITURE	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	\$	\$
<i>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</i>		
<b>International Programs</b>		
Funds to International Programs	<b>3,332,074</b>	3,666,078
Program Support Costs	<b>612,318</b>	520,282
Community Education	-	-
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>		
Public	<b>157,329</b>	149,877
Government, Multilateral and Private	-	-
Accountability and Administration	<b>444,959</b>	438,647
Non-Monetary Expenditure	-	-
Total International Aid and Development Program Expenditure	<b>4,546,680</b>	4,774,881
International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	-	-
Domestic Programs Expenditure	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,546,680</b>	<b>4,774,881</b>
<b>EXCESS /(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(198,465)</b>	<b>(344,425)</b>

## Asian Aid Organisation Ltd

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Statement of Financial Position  
For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

ASSETS	2014	2013
<b>Current Assets</b>	\$	\$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,757,167	5,303,563
Trade and Other Receivables	5,219	7,323
Other Financial Assets	4,966,466	1,648,762
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>6,728,852</b>	<b>6,959,648</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	566,499	502,803
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>566,499</b>	<b>502,803</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,295,351</b>	<b>7,462,451</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and Other Payables	33,474	11,344
Borrowings	3,553	3,673
Short-Term Provisions	63,370	51,634
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>100,397</b>	<b>66,651</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Long-Term Provisions	22,115	24,496
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>22,115</b>	<b>24,496</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>122,512</b>	<b>91,147</b>
<b>NEW ASSETS</b>	<b>7,172,839</b>	<b>7,371,304</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Special Projects Reserve	3,499,500	3,775,938
Reserves	3,100,000	3,100,000
Retained Earnings	573,339	495,366
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>7,172,839</b>	<b>7,371,304</b>

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Statement of Changes in Equity  
For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

2014	Retained Earnings	General Reserves	Special Projects Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2013	495,366	3,100,000	3,775,938	7,371,304
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	(198,465)	-	-	(198,465)
Other amounts transferred (to) from other reserves	276,438	-	(276,438)	-
<b>BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2014</b>	<b>573,339</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>	<b>3,499,500</b>	<b>7,172,839</b>

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Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes  
For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

2014	Cash Available at Beginning of Year	Cash Raised During Year	Cash Disbursed During the Year	Cash Available at the End of Year
	\$	\$	\$	\$
India Projects	4,997,382	2,476,331	1,942,083	5,531,630
Nepal Projects	368,052	689,958	865,609	192,401
Total for Other Purposes	1,510,504	1,197,624	1,832,659	875,469
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,875,938</b>	<b>4,363,913</b>	<b>4,640,351</b>	<b>6,599,500</b>

## Asian Aid Organisation Ltd

Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes  
For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

	Cash available at Beginning of the year (Including Reserve)	Cash Reserve Available for Projects	Cash raised During the year	Cash Disbursed During the year	Cash available at Year end (including Reserve)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Designated purpose	31-Mar-14				31-Mar-15
Bangladesh	527,016	420,748	342,270	516,040	353,246
India - HHWS	4,997,382	2,393,512	2,476,331	1,942,083	5,531,630
India - SUD	43,449	23,843	8,383	-	51,832
Nepal	368,052	167,809	689,958	865,609	192,401
Sri Lanka	1,764	-	15,562	18,182	856
Thailand	-	-	7,635	-	-
Special Projects	766,073	87,004	117,496	526,703	356,866
ACT - Group of Projects	79,421	-	171,327	63,731	187,017
YES - Youth Empowerment Slum Project	17,470	-	77,187	28,402	66,255
Development Project	4,148	-	-	-	4,148
Expense/Foundation	74,058	7,084	418,442	606,543	114,043
HELP Indonesia	-	2,895	39,332	65,433	28,996
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,875,938</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>	<b>4,363,923</b>	<b>4,632,726</b>	<b>6,599,500</b>

### Note 1:

The summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the 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](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

### Note 2

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

Reconciling to Cash	6,599,500
Reserves	- 3,100,000
Cash Held in Term Deposits	1,742,333
Cash, Cash Equivalents	<b>1,757,167</b>

Note 2

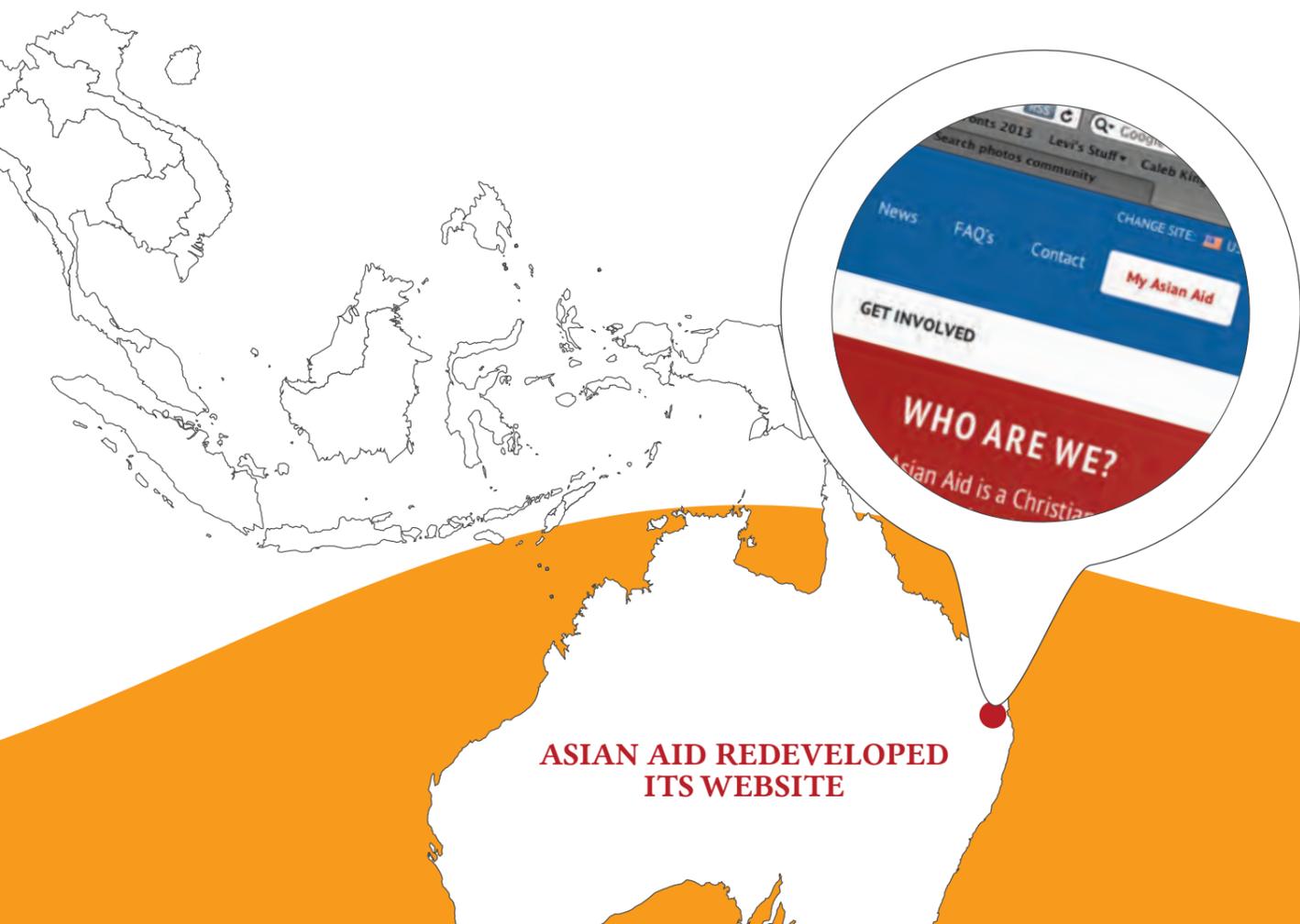
# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## HIGHLIGHTS AND OVERVIEW

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

### HOPE IN COMMUNITIES

The Asian Aid website is a key avenue we now use to bring hope to communities and bring awareness about the issues we address in Asia. During the year under review, we redeveloped our website to increase engagement with supporters and to improve the quality and quantity of communication between Asian Aid, the field and supporters. Some key features of the new website are: 'My Asian Aid' portal, where registered supporters can manage their Asian Aid transactions, download end-of-year tax statements, update their contact details and choose how to communicate with their sponsored children, News and Project pages, and other related information.



**ASIAN AID REDEVELOPED ITS WEBSITE**

### HEALTH

#### Uterine Prolapse Appeal | Gift of Health

The campaign came about because of the need to help boost funds and awareness for the pressing issue of uterine prolapse in Nepal, through the Women's Health Project there. Hundreds of people responded to the campaign by gifting – \$89,900 – health to Nepali women who have suffered pain, shame and isolation due to uterine prolapse. Gift options included providing food for a woman after corrective surgery for \$35, paying the daily wage of a doctor in rural Nepal, to providing a free medical screening clinic for a rural community, and providing the annual wage of village health representative.



**BOOST AWARENESS AND FUNDS**

### ADVOCACY

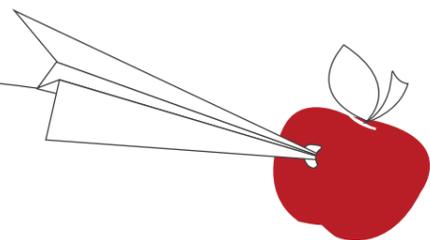
#### Red Ribbon Appeal

The 2012-2013 End of Financial Year appeal was a key way of raising awareness and support for the many projects that needed funds. The number of regular project donors increased by 10 per cent during the campaign, with the most popular project to support being the Fighting Human Trafficking Project.

Anita Kanaiya, former director of Oasis India, our partner, raised awareness about the issue of human trafficking and helped promote the Fighting Human Trafficking Project and Youth Empowerment Slums Project during her visit in late 2013. Anita shared about the tragedy of human trafficking through interviews at five radio stations including, Radio Rhema, ABC Radio and SBS Hindi and Gujarati language programs, speaking at twelve events, writing in five different printed publications and advocating through social media. Anita's visit resulted in raised awareness about this issue, in increased funding for the two projects, and in the engagement of 47 new donors with Asian Aid.



**RAISING AWARENESS FOR PROJECTS**



## EDUCATION

A group of ambassadors visited eight Asian Aid schools and projects in India and Nepal. They returned equipped with stories, photographs and first-hand experiences to educate others in their own churches and communities about Asian Aid's work. Year 12 students from the Blue Hills College and the Kempsey Seventh-day Adventist School went to Nepal to serve there through a variety of activities and to experience the value that sponsor children place on their own education.

## SPONSORSHIP & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### BANGLADESH HIGHLIGHTS

In Bangladesh this year, we successfully supported the completion of the Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School Development Project and the Maisie Fook Memorial School Renovation Project. The Maisie Fook Memorial School Renovation Project has helped improve school infrastructure to provide additional teaching capacity, and to offer relevant services to families in the surrounding communities. The Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School Development Project has helped progress the school towards a more self-reliant model of operation, while providing clean and consistent water supply for the school and surrounding community.

### THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

In Thailand this year, the Phuket Mission Hospital, our partner, has focused on recognising and meeting the needs of underprivileged communities in Phuket. As a result of the Community Health in Phuket Project, over 1800 impoverished community members – including sea gypsy communities, children with disabilities, Burmese refugees, and disadvantaged youth – have received free quality health and medical care.

### INDONESIA HIGHLIGHTS

In Indonesia this year, the HELP Project included a wider range of community activities with a focus on good health and education. Key activities such as, the English Literacy program, Health Education program, Baduy Tribal Development program, and the Rubbish Dump project, have empowered and restored the dignity of disadvantaged individuals and communities there.

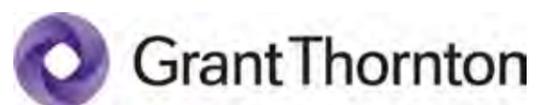
## SPONSORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

This year the Sponsorship team has conducted an in-depth review of Asian Aid's Child Sponsorship Program, focusing on school and child selection criteria, reporting procedures, correspondence requirements, the tertiary program, and improvements in structure and processes. As part of this review, we carefully considered the unique needs of our partners to further strengthen relationships and improve communication with them, while maintaining high levels of accountability. The updated Child Sponsorship Program manual now reflects these improved structures and processes.

## INDIA HIGHLIGHTS

In India this year, our partners have assisted people and communities that come from diverse backgrounds and include orphans and vulnerable children living in both rural and urban environments, impoverished slum dwellers and girls, women and children at risk of being trafficked and/or exploited. We rescued 113 women and children from forced labour in Karnataka and surrounding states, and ensured the subsequent trial of the traffickers. We helped 100 disadvantaged young people and their families in Bangalore gain employment in Communication and Information Technology services. And we facilitated, among other activities, health-focused training and awareness initiatives, which have resulted in significant improvements in the health, hygiene, and sanitation practices of impoverished people and families across four urban slum communities.



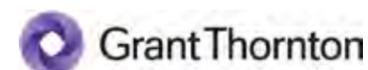


# Independent Auditors' Report

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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 Company'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 Company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

## Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

## 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 Directors 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 Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - i giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 March 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001
- b the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;

## 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 2014, 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 directors' declaration of the company .

## Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The Directors 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 Corporations Act 2001. The Directors' responsibility also includes 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

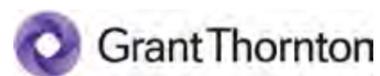
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain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

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

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- c the financial report also complies with the ACFID Code of Conduct Summary Financial Report;
- d the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations; and
- e 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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## Giving from the heart

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We live in a world of need. At every turn, we see the plight and condition of our fellow human beings living in poverty, injustice and abuse. The statistics of famine, homelessness, sexual trafficking and other human social challenges in the developing world – and even in the developed world to some extent – either numb our senses, or shock us into the dire need of others far less fortunate than we are.

One of the ways we can combat these injustices and make a difference in our world is through intentional giving. Asian Aid cherishes the relationship it has with its partners in intentional giving to address and seek to change the circumstances of beautiful people often caught in desperate circumstances not of their own making.

Giving is at the heart of the Christian faith. For God so loved the world that He gave His only son ... (John 3:16). God did not borrow or lend us Jesus. He gave Jesus to the human family to be one with us for eternity. The fact that God gave Jesus within time and history, but also with no time limits, is indeed indescribable. We could never understand the giving of this Gift because it came at such enormous cost. God gave Himself when He gave His Son. The enormity of this Gift calls for a heart humbled in worship and deep wonder at the agape love of God. At His core then, God is a Giver – a Giver of unconditional and self-emptying love.

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A theology of giving comes from the very person of God and is revealed in Jesus. His life and teachings exemplified in simple, and yet profound ways, the nature and scope of giving. Jesus gave and never stopped giving in His daily life. Matthew 14:12-24 records a day in the life of Jesus. His cousin, John the Baptist, had just been beheaded and so Jesus withdrew to a quiet place. Since He was fully human (Heb. 2:17-18), there can be no doubt that Jesus was grieving. While the canonical gospels give no record of this, it is plausible to assume that He and John had grown up together.

And yet people came out to Him at this time of pain and emptiness. Jesus put aside His needs and gave time and energy as He listened to the aching hearts of people living under sin and Roman oppression, as He ministered to the sick and despondent and as He cared for the needs of those brought to Him. He kept on serving, giving and caring for humanity. Matthew highlights the challenges of this day of ministry as he records that Jesus withdrew from the crowds and spent time in prayer – connecting and drawing



strength from His Father (Matt. 14:23). Jesus laid down His life, not just at the Cross, but each and every day of His life on earth.

The teachings of Jesus give further insight into the nature and purpose of giving. Jesus stated: “Give and it will be given to you, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and overflowing – they will give it in your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back” (Luke 6:38).<sup>1</sup> There was an ancient practice where the seller crouched on the ground with the measure between his legs. He would fill the measure three-quarters full and give it a good shake to allow the grains to settle down. Then he would fill the measure to the top and give it another shake. Next he would press the corn together with both of his hands as strongly as possible. Finally he would heap the grain into a cone tapping it carefully and slowly adding additional corn until, literally, there was no more room for even a single grain. This is the full measure that comes from God when we give unselfishly.<sup>2</sup> He blesses us to full capacity.

These blessings are not necessarily material or economic - although they may be – but rather, when we imitate God’s benevolence, we receive even greater benevolence from God. We give because our lives have been transformed by the power of the gospel.<sup>3</sup> The Holy Spirit enlarges our capacity to give as we receive more of God into our lives. He and His blessings overflow from us.

Finally, the experiences in the life of Jesus deepen our understanding of giving. One day a widow gave her offering at the Temple (Mark 12:41-42). The Temple was the centre of the Jewish religious world and it was mandatory for Jews to donate to the food program that operated from the Temple. The wealthy threw in large amounts, but the widow only placed two small copper coins in the Temple treasury. Jesus said: “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on (v. 43).” Jesus shares these words a few days before His death. As Jesus watches the gift of the widow - this woman who gave her all - He cannot but see foreshadowed in her sacrifice, the gift He will give. True giving is rooted in sacrifice.

In Luke 19:13 Jesus said: “Do business till I come.” He likened this present era to a season of time in which His people are to be “doing business.” He likened this to a heavenly investment program by which He distributes His life, love and grace to us so that we can bless others. The Greek word translated “do business” (pragrateuomai) means to be pragmatic. It is right-smack-bang-in-the-middle-of-reality – here and now.<sup>4</sup>

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**This kingdom moment is an opportunity to give,  
to bless others, to help make this world a better place.  
And God will bless us as we do.**

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Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> The lap refers to the bosom of a garment, the hollow formed by the upper forepart of a loose garment (see David E. Garland, Luke, ECNT (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011), 283).

<sup>2</sup> Darrell L. Bock, Luke 1:1-9:50, BECNT (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994), 607-08.

<sup>3</sup> Garland, Luke, 283.

<sup>4</sup> Jack W. Hayford and Sam Middlebrook, Living the Spirit-filled Life (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1992), n.p.



Attempting to reverse the cycle of poverty and vulnerability can seem like a marathon. Discipline, dynamism and determined minds are required to confidently step forward in this fight against poverty.

Engaging in communities across Asia in tackling the ‘Big Issues’ is an enriching, yet sometimes challenging, journey. It’s a journey we feel blessed to be a part of. It’s a journey we share in with you – in being change agents in communities who are deserving of hope.

### THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE WE EMPOWER

We would like to thank the children, trafficked women and girls, women suffering from uterine prolapse, and the many communities we serve in – for being the source of our inspiration, and for accepting our support. Though our work aims to restore your dignity and give you confidence through opportunity, we admire your humility and tradition. You do not allow the ‘Big Issues’ to steal your joy, and show your resilience even in times of strife.

### THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND OVERSEAS SUPPORT

Your efforts are appreciated. You are indeed faithful channels of God’s love and heart for justice, and the hands, feet and voice of our efforts.

### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, SPONSORS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Irrespective of the level of your contribution, your generosity in time and finance allows our work to continue, and grow, and transform more lives every year. Thank you for not only responding to our needs, but for also using your voice to share about our work with others. Your support allows us to plan and execute exciting initiatives, and build on our current programs.

### THANK YOU ALL

Thank you all for allowing Asian Aid to build bridges, give hope to communities, and help turn the cards on the ‘Big Issues’.



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