



ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

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# MISSION STATEMENT

**ACCIR's vision is for a world where Christian principles of justice and equality are actualised. Where individuals, families and communities are empowered to influence decisions affecting their own lives, advocate for their own rights as human beings with equal voice and equal value under the premise that all life has intrinsic value before God who created life.**

## OUR MISSION

### 'HOLISTIC TRANSFORMATION OF COMMUNITIES; RELIEF OF POVERTY'

Our Mission is to transform communities and nations, One Life at a Time, by developing holistic sustainable solutions to combat injustice, poverty and reinstate the value of life. We aim to promote equal access to the rights and services that protect life and human dignity.

**ACC International Relief carries out aid & development activities only.**

**Evangelistic programs and activities are administered and funded separately through the organisation ACC International Missions.**

## IMPLEMENTATION (Achieving our Mission)

ACCIR uses a multifaceted approach to achieving our mission, which includes development projects that incorporate sustainability, rights, advocacy and public awareness campaigns.

ACCIR forms strategic partnerships to achieve our mission. The role of our strategic partners is to engage with and empower communities to be active participants in their own development.

ACCIR encourages our strategic partners to partner with other like-minded organisations and Governments in order to implement initiatives in accordance with international guidelines and national frame works.

ACCIR promotes the cause of justice and equality within our networks and provides opportunities for churches, donors and volunteers to engage with our mission.

As we work towards achieving this mission we will act professionally, think strategically, and be accountable to our stakeholders, primarily the communities we serve.

## OUR BELIEFS

The Australian Christian Churches Statement of Faith summarises the biblical foundation of what we believe.

Without compromising this clear biblical foundation, we have articulated additional beliefs that are specific to the development work that our organisation, staff and field workers are involved in.

We believe in the sanctity of life and the inherent dignity of every human regardless of race, gender, social status, or any other human condition.

We believe that the intrinsic value of human life is the underlying principle of justice upon which human rights are founded. We believe in challenging all social and cultural structures that perceive life as a commodity that can be bought and sold.

We believe that the church has a crucial role to play in reconciling the social divides which lead to human rights violations, and in doing so defend the rights of the marginalised members of a given community. To this purpose we believe in partnering with and building the capacity of local churches, both in Australia and in the nations where we work, to engage in equality and justice.

We believe that the root cause of poverty is injustice and social exclusion. In order to break poverty, unequal power relationships and systemic obstacles to opportunity need to be identified and challenged so that all people can access opportunity and improve their own lives.

We believe that those living in poverty are rights holders, and not objects of charity. They have legitimate claims to rights and to lead a dignified life.

We believe that the process of development should be empowering. Programs and initiatives should strive to amplify the voice of the marginalised, who when empowered can identify their own vision, goals and needs. The end goal of our partnership with individuals and communities is not the delivery of services, but people empowered to have an equal voice and increased capacity.

*"The human person is the central subject of development and should be an active participant and beneficiary of the right to development."*  
(Article 2 Declaration on the Right to Development).

We believe that the measure of our effectiveness are the individuals, families and communities who have been empowered to make choices and act on their choices, and the progressive reconciliation of oppressive power relationships.

### The core activities of ACC International Relief are:

- **Community Development Projects** - We believe in addressing the issues of poverty and injustice, and offer projects that bring change to entire communities.
- **Child-centred community development** - Providing support to vulnerable children through provision of healthcare, education and family support services
- **Disaster Relief** - We provide immediate support in the wake of natural disasters, both in Australia and abroad. This encompasses the provision of basic support to people in emergency situations resulting from disasters such as earthquakes, famines or floods.

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We are very excited to report on the significant progress that we have seen over the past 12 months. Our impact continues to grow and we hope to inspire and encourage you by reporting on some of these achievements.

## JUSTICE FOR THE POOR

Moving forward, we will be continuing to focus greater efforts on our clear Biblical responsibility to seek justice for those living in poverty.

Isaiah 1:17 states:

**“LEARN TO DO RIGHT! SEEK JUSTICE, RELIEVE THE OPPRESSED, AND CORRECT THE OPPRESSOR. DEFEND THE FATHERLESS, PLEAD FOR THE WIDOW.”**

Through our community development, child focused development and disaster responses we are working with local communities and individuals to identify and address structural injustice and inequality that causes poverty and results in oppression. We also have a specific focus on advocating for the rights of vulnerable children and women. In 2014, our Kinnected and child focused development projects continued to protect children's right to grow up in a family and assist and strengthen families at risk of separation.

We also recognised the need to mobilise people in Australia to stand up for the rights of those living in poverty in both word and deed. Therefore we have launched an advocacy program to help our donors and stakeholders in Australia to understand their role in unjust structural systems and the actions they can take to combat injustice. For more information see 'Projects Report'.

Thank you for your faithful support that is enabling us to advocate and see justice restored in communities around the world.

We are continuing to see significant results and expect to have an even greater impact in 2015.

Alun Davies



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

In 2014 we continued to focus on building the capacity of our project partners, giving them more tools to work with which resulted in increasing their impact and effectiveness. We have continued to develop our key program initiatives, such as Kinnected, through the assistance of collaborative partnerships and resource sharing.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Through the generosity of our supporters and by bringing on new partners, donations rose by 6.7% on the previous year. While overall the One Day Campaign donations increased slightly on the previous year, the proportion of tax-deductible donations processed through ACC International Relief for the year did decrease.

The percentage of expenses that went to either international or domestic programs was 89%, up from 87% the previous year. While it is great that this is a very high percentage, it is always more important to ensure that we are maintaining a high level of quality and effectiveness within our aid and development programs. We continue to see ways to build the capacity of our field workers and partners and to see them continually lifting the quality of the development work that they are so committed to.

Accountability and administration costs were reduced to 5% of expenses, down from 7% the previous year. This was the result of a combination of targeted overhead reduction and growth in our international programs. Program support costs remained at 3%, but increased in real terms reflecting growth in the qualifications and experience of our development staff.

You can read our Summary Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2014 on page 20 and a copy of the full General Purpose Financial Report is available on request.

## 2015 AND BEYOND

In 2015, we are taking a much stronger role in advocating for those living in poverty and facing marginalisation. We will be using our voice as part of the ACC movement to promote "The Cause - Justice For The Poor".

Thank you for your support of our field workers and project partners throughout 2014. Together we continue working towards seeing sustainable transformation in the lives of the poor and marginalised around the world.

Chad Irons



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at 31st December 2014

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# Projects Report

## SOCIAL JUSTICE- A RIGHTS BASED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING GLOBAL POVERTY

**At its core poverty is a justice issue and is fundamentally caused by humanity's failure to recognise each other's equality of worth. Poverty is therefore not only expressed as an economic deficit, but also as broken social relationships, broken structural relationships and distorted sense of self worth. We have learnt overtime that poverty cannot be addressed solely through programs designed to achieve economic upward mobility. Rather our approach must look at the structural causes of poverty and address the injustices and inequality at the heart of the issue.**

In response, ACCIR has developed our Justice for the Poor framework. Through this framework ACCIR is working towards reinstating social justice through our advocacy efforts, awareness raising, action in Australia and overseas projects. We seek to challenge unjust structures and systems that violate the rights and dignity of less powerful populations and cause poverty and oppression. We seek to establish adequate social safety nets for vulnerable communities to ensure that even in adversity there are adequate mechanisms in place to protect people's basic rights and worth. We seek to awaken people in Australia to our social responsibility to 'Love our neighbor as ourselves'. The parable of the Good Samaritan demonstrates that this love for our neighbor requires us to look beyond ourselves, beyond socially constructed categories of 'us' and 'them' to meet the needs of 'others' wherever and in whomever we find them, even if it comes at a cost to us. Romans 13:10, 'Love does no harm to a neighbor', further defines our social responsibility towards others as going beyond meeting needs to proactively avoiding any actions or decisions that can cause our neighbors harm. Therefore social responsibility is outworked through the twin actions of giving of our selves; our resources, our time, our efforts and energy for the sake of others, and the tempering of our self interests; our lifestyles, our decisions and our actions where they intentionally or inadvertently cause others harm.

In order to work towards the above goals ACCIR is committed to assisting each of our projects and partners to look beyond the symptoms of poverty to ensure that their programs are working towards addressing the root causes at a structural level. This includes looking at local level structures as well as global structural injustices.



# SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

## AFRICA

Country	No. Projects	Project Partners	Development Assistance
Mozambique	1	• Elevate Life Mozambique	\$40,150
Uganda	4	• COME Uganda • ISAA Uganda • Operation Uganda • Victory Micro Enterprise	\$322,142
South Africa	1	• Our Community Projects	\$258,458
Madagascar	1	• Project Madagascar	\$33,152
Democratic Republic of Congo	1	• CELPA	\$28,184
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>\$682,087</b>

## SOUTH ASIA

Country	No. Projects	Project Partners	Development Assistance
India	4	• Free To Be Kolkata • Lifehouse Railway Kids • Two Hands International • Vision Rescue Mumbai	\$378,847
Sri Lanka	1	• Help Kids Sri Lanka	\$70,617
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>\$449,463</b>

## SOUTH-EAST ASIA & PACIFIC

Country	No. Projects	Project Partners	Development Assistance
Cambodia	9	• Cambodia Rural Empowerment • Chab Dai • Children In Families • Community Transformation Siem Reap • Kampong Thom English & Skills Training • Mother's Heart • Serve Cambodia • The Living Water Project • Transform Cambodia	\$2,284,620
Indonesia	1	• Bali Life	\$25,000
Laos	1	• Terra Clear	\$100,410
Myanmar	1	• Kinected Myanmar	\$34,820
Philippines	2	• Frontline • Joyland	\$37,570
Vietnam	1	• AOG World Relief Vietnam	\$250,968
Thailand	4	• Compasio • For Better Life Foundation • The River Centre • A21 Thailand	\$160,467
Solomon Islands	1	• Bethesda	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>\$2,893,853</b>

Project Development Assistance Total	\$4,025,403
Overseas Disaster Relief	\$162,231
Welfare/Non-tax deductible funds	\$25,304
<b>Total Funds to International Programs</b>	<b>\$4,212,938</b>

Further information can be found in our Summary Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2014 on page 20

# village life

In 2014, ACCIR's Village Life program continued to seek to empower local communities to take control over the course and nature of their own development. Village Life focuses on the process of development, rather than the tangible outcomes it achieves. In this way, sustainable, locally driven and effective change takes place through a process of empowerment.

ACCIR field workers partner alongside local people to build consensus on their vision and hopes for their future. Based on this, we then facilitate community planning where local people map out solutions and develop strategies. We assist the community to meet any gaps in the resources, skills or the networks they need to outwork their plans. As they implement, we provide encouragement and assistance along the way. And as they progress and accomplish their goals, we applaud and celebrate what the community has achieved- for these are their accomplishments, not ours.

In 2014, Village Life projects were run in numerous communities in Cambodia, Vietnam, South Africa, Thailand and the Philippines through seven ACCIR partner organisations.

## VIETNAM

Vietnam AOGWR runs Community Development Workshops as part of their Village Life work throughout central Vietnam. Deb Hilton, Country Co-ordinator, shares:

*"Through these workshops, we are seeing communities gain a renewed belief in what is possible to achieve by discovering with fresh eyes, that much of the resource available to them is within their own community. Building strong communities builds strong families which gives hope for a better future.*

*These consultations are not merely a way of facilitating dialogue between AOG World Relief Vietnam and the community, but they are a vital and long-term strategic part of our work here. Community members feel empowered with the skills, tools and training they have received and in turn become not only participants in, but ultimately very active partners in, a community-wide process of development."*

## CAMBODIA

In Cambodia, the availability of water and food security are often at the top of the list of community needs and pressures. For subsistence farmers, survival depends on natural resources and predictable growing conditions.

Through consultations and community-led development, many of the villages we work with have identified the need to address food security. Their chosen method has been to build resilient and sustainable livelihoods through permaculture.

Permaculture farms allow a steady, constant supply of fresh vegetables to vulnerable families. The positive outcomes are manifold; household nutrition is boosted, harmful pesticide consumption is avoided, financial pressures reduce, as both vegetable and protein sources can be grown at home rather than purchased, and income streams are diversified as excess produce can be sold at markets. This also reduces their vulnerability to exploitative and unpredictable working environments as families become self-sustainable, rather than dependent on income from factories or seasonal labour.

This approach to community development empowers people to take more control over their lives and their futures. As communities become more self-reliant, sustainable, and resilient, they are positioned to overcome future challenges together, without falling back into poverty or otherwise damaging and exploitative situations.





**ACCIR believes that the family is the best place for the holistic development and care of a child and we are committed to protecting each child's right to be nurtured and raised in a loving family. In 2014 Kinected continued to work with programs operating in eight countries with a total of nine partner organisations. Support is provided to these partner organisations to help them transition from institutional models of child protection and child welfare to models that focus on family preservation and family-based alternative care.**

Our Kinected projects are experiencing some significant and exciting results. Since the program began 3 years ago, twenty-six residential care centres have undergone deinstitutionalisation and upwards of 900 children have been reintegrated back into community life, either with biological or kinship families. These children continue to be monitored and supported through community based services.

#### 2014 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- A further six residential care centers are in the process of deinstitutionalising and are actively outworking their family reunification programs.
- Four foster care programs are operational with over 100 children currently in foster care. Two further pilot foster care programs are being developed and are expected to commence in 2015.
- Kinected has been able to prevent numerous new institutions from opening and diverted resources towards family preservation services in several countries.
- Kinected has been partnering with several governments in the areas of deinstitutionalisation, reintegration and foster care and is providing training for government child protection and social workers.
- ACCIR was involved in the Better Care Better Volunteering project with Save the Children and Better Care Network. We have now been asked to join the steering committee to develop global strategies to combat orphanage tourism.
- ACCIR has been asked to join the deinstitutionalisation referral task force established by Faith to Action.



*Photo by Rebecca Nhep*

## CHILDREN IN FAMILIES, CAMBODIA



In 2014, Children In Families (CIF) continued to provide essential services to vulnerable children and families. This is an area where government resources are overstretched in trying to meet the many varied needs of different communities. CIF works to equip and strengthen families and communities to provide a nurturing environment for children, through family-based care, community development and educational support.

They achieve this through the following program areas:

- Rapid Response Emergency Care: Immediate, safe and temporary care within a family lasting from one day to ninety days.
- Kinship Care: Empowering biological parents and/or extended families to provide long term care for a related child.
- Foster Care: Empowering ordinary local Cambodian families in local communities to provide long term care for one or two non-related children who have been abandoned, orphaned, trafficked, abused or institutionalised.
- Disability Support Program: Empowering families to provide for the optimal health and wellbeing of children with disabilities, maximising each child's potential and promoting full inclusion and participation in the community now and in the future.
- Education Program: Strengthening and preserving families through removing barriers and improving access to education for children in their local community.
- Community Projects: Strengthening families and their communities by providing hygienic toilets, wells, water filters, and various training.
- Recognising the primary responsibility of the State to provide social services for their citizens, CIF partners closely with the Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth, sharing information and resources in their field of expertise.



Photos supplied by CIF

# RAISE

BECAUSE IT TAKES  
A WHOLE COMMUNITY  
TO RAISE A CHILD

Childhood poverty is of enormous global concern with one out of every two children living in poverty. Many times when we hear these statistics, we picture the child as vulnerable, suffering, and facing the numerous effects of poverty alone.

In this mental image, the child has been isolated from his or her context - it is easy to forget that the child we picture has siblings, parents who are trying to provide for him or her, extended family and community members who support their development. In reality it is not just the child experiencing poverty, but his or her family and community who are suffering too. Forgetting this context often leads us to attempt to address childhood poverty in isolation of broader societal poverty and its causes.

ACCIR's RAISE projects seek to alleviate the effects of poverty on children by strengthening the capacity and resilience of their whole community. Depending on local contexts, this may include securing clean water sources, promoting health and hygiene, or facilitating school attendance.

In 2014, ACCIR assisted hundreds of children and their communities through RAISE projects operating in Mozambique, Madagascar, Uganda, Sri Lanka, India and Vietnam.

## PROJECT MADAGASCAR

Madagascar is currently gripped by severe poverty, with an average of 70% of its population living well below the United Nations defined poverty line. Currently 1.8 million children in Madagascar have little access to education, as private schools are too expensive and public schooling is severely underdeveloped. High absentee rates, due to the need for children to help their families, cause many students to fall behind and drop out of school at early ages. The average level of education in agricultural and remote areas of Madagascar is **Grade 3 or less**.

ACCIR partner Project Madagascar run two education centres to provide education to over 200 children from some of the poorest suburbs of the capital city, Antananarivo. Project Madagascar has a unique, culturally sensitive, self-paced curriculum, taught in three languages, which has been very successful. The students have been consistently outperforming all expectations.

With a good quality education these children now have the opportunity to break the poverty cycle and build better futures.



Photos by Rebecca Nhep



Photos by Project Madagascar

# Education

## STRENGTHENING EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Education is a fundamental human right and vital to reducing poverty, creating a healthy society and empowering people to have control over their lives. Whilst governments have the primary responsibility to provide basic education, in low and middle-income countries, governments may require support to fulfil this responsibility due to lack of resources and capacity. ACCIR has been placing an increasing emphasis on working with our partners to improve the availability and quality of education in local communities by strengthening government and community schools.

In 2014, ACCIR field workers assisted two local village schools in Uganda to empower them to be able to provide quality education to the children in their own community. ACCIR also continued to work with three partner organisations in Cambodia to provide education programs to assist children to attend local schools, receive extra after school tutoring and support for their families.



Photos supplied by Serve Cambodia

## BRIDGING EDUCATION

Millions of children around the world live and work on the street or in poor slum areas where they often have to work begging, scavenging or doing other menial jobs to help their families survive. Left far behind in their studies these children find it almost impossible to ever rejoin formal education.

In 2014, ACCIR continued to work with partners in India and Bali to provide flexible informal education programs to hundreds of children living in slum areas or on the streets. These programs provide basic education with the main end goal of assisting children to transition into formal education.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early childhood education is critical for the development of a child as education early in life promote a child's development and has an important role in enhancing learning, achievement and health throughout the remainder of their lives.

In 2014, ACCIR field workers continued to run early education programs for children in Sri Lanka, Mozambique and Cambodia.

## HELP KIDS, SRI LANKA

**ACCIR field workers oversee and run the operation of The HelpKids Centre, based near a large slum in Colombo. The HelpKids Centre provides early childhood education to children who are living on the streets with their parents or who are from the surrounding slums.**

The aim of the project is to focus on the whole child by providing a secure, nurturing, and educational environment for children - a place for children to grow into responsible, considerate and contributing members of society. This project aims to uphold the rights of vulnerable children in Sri Lanka by keeping children in families and providing them access to education. Rather than operating in isolation to government services who share this same vision, HelpKids works in partnership.

Local government departments responsible for child welfare are often resource-stricken, and struggle to adequately deal with the issues facing these communities. Many seek the partnership of NGOs to assist in delivering essential services. By working together with the government, Helpkids have been able to strengthen the support available to families and children rather than duplicating available options.

In 2014, HelpKids has had many opportunities to work closely with the local Divisional Secretariat and their officials from the Social Service Ministry of the Western Province in Colombo. They have worked together to run programs that support children with disabilities and the elderly in their community.

HelpKids is highly recognised and respected in their community for the work they do in strengthening families. They recently received an award as recognition of this social service - an incredible achievement after many years of hard work and persistence. Their child development centres are also held up by local government as a model, in terms of the standard of care provided to children.

The work of HelpKids not only has direct impact on hundreds of children and families' lives, but also has significant impact within the local government and social service systems, and will impact many individuals who interact with these services over years to come.



Photo by Bandith Nhep

# WATER, SANITATION & HEALTH

Many living in countries where ACCIR work face poor access to clean drinking water, insufficient sanitation and can find it difficult to access adequate health care, leading to high levels of sicknesses and disease.

In 2014, ACCIR worked in many countries to improve water and sanitation including Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Mozambique and Vietnam. ACCIR projects also supported pre-existing health facilities in Uganda, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cambodia to improve their capacity and the quality of care provided to their communities. A mobile dental clinic in India also provided care to families living in slum areas of Mumbai.

## TERRACLEAR, LAOS

Positioned in the Mekong Region, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) is endowed with a huge supply of river and rain-water, yet only 57% of the population has access to improved drinking water. The rural population in Lao PDR mostly rely on surface water sources such as rivers, streams, rainwater and ponds for household use and drinking water supply. These sources are nearly always contaminated by humans and animals. Unboiled water and insufficiently cooked foods are the main cause of intestinal infections, sickness and parasite-induced weight loss and the high child mortality in the Lao PDR. Understanding the need to boil water prior to human use is also not as widespread as desirable.

In 2014 TerraClear, an ACCIR Partner, continued to produce and sell affordable water filters for household use in Lao PDR, primarily for at-risk rural populations. In addition, TerraClear continues to undertake health promotion activities, including WASH education, to increase understanding on the importance of clean drinking water and proper sanitation.

Access to clean, safe drinking water is laying a strong foundation for development into the future at individual, community and regional levels.



## SERVE CAMBODIA

In 2014, Serve Cambodia partnered with a government clinic to improve public health care services in two communities. They are supporting pre-existing services to become stronger and more sustainable through:

- increasing the size of a local medical clinic,
- improving the infrastructure,
- ensuring a hygienic environment, and
- improving the quality of medical equipment available.

In this way, local community members have easy access to effective primary healthcare. Serve Cambodia will also engage in health promotion in local communities by hiring a nurse as a health educator, providing various forms of health training, and assisting families to access care at local clinics and hospitals.



# AT RISK POPULATIONS

There are many groups in society that for various reasons have been left vulnerable and at risk of significant harm, including women facing unplanned pregnancies, those who are victims of trafficking or are HIV positive. People facing these situations often experience discrimination, stigmatisation, trauma and rejection by their families or communities. ACCIR are working with partners in Cambodia, Uganda and Thailand to help these at risk groups.

## MOTHER'S HEART

ACCIR partner Mother's Heart continues to provide crisis pregnancy counselling, empowering women with choices and offering unconditional support throughout unwanted or unplanned pregnancies.

Many women who experience crisis pregnancies are poor and have already faced multiple instances of exploitation, including trafficking, sexual assault, gender-based violence and labor exploitation. Mother's Heart has developed a comprehensive support service that empowers women with choices.

Mother's Heart:

- Ensures women can access pre and post-natal healthcare.
- Provides pathways for upskilling and engaging in secure paid work.
- Gives agency and voice to all women involved to determine their own path of development.
- Offers childcare to reduce obstacles (such as an unequal distribution of unpaid care and housework) that prevent women pursuing education and employment.
- Reconciles family breakdowns and works with immediate and extended family members to reconcile feelings of shame and acts of rejection. This fosters acceptance once again of the young woman.
- Works with village chiefs and male community leaders to create a more accepting community for women in crisis, which supports more successful reintegration.



Photo courtesy of Mothers Heart

## CHAB DAI: ADDRESSING TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION IN SE ASIA

Cambodia is a nation facing overwhelming problems of sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking. It serves as an origin, transit and destination country for victims of trafficking in persons, commonly for the purpose of commercial sex work.

In 2014, ACCIR continued to partner with Chab Dai to address trafficking, abuse and exploitation through NGO collaboration and informed practice. Chab Dai currently has 57 faith-based member organisations who all work towards addressing this issue, and who are supported by Chab Dai to build their capacity and work towards best practice. By investing into these organisations Chab Dai is assisting to raise the level of care provided to survivors and those at risk of being trafficked or exploited.

In addition to, Chab Dai also runs a community-based program to protect vulnerable members of the Vietnamese community residing in Cambodia, especially women and girls. Ethnic Vietnamese communities face discrimination, statelessness, low literacy levels and a complete lack of formal child protection or legal intervention structures. Research suggests that 30-40% of these ethnic-Vietnamese families do sell a child for sex; and that more families consider this as an option than actually follow-through with the sale.

The Vietnamese Prevention Project support leaders of ethnic Vietnamese communities to protect children who are at risk of sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking. Chab Dai has seen these community leaders go on to train thousands of villagers on trafficking issues. Furthermore, they have confronted traffickers, followed up cases with the assistance of Chab Dai and other human rights organisations, and spoken out in their villages about the problem.

It is so encouraging to see these participants advocate on both moral and justice issues within their own communities, and to bring about greater protection for vulnerable women and girls by placing equal value on the worth and dignity of all people.



Photos courtesy of Chab Dai



# VOCATIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

**Unemployment, poor job opportunities and low levels of education and training not only leads to poverty but can also lead to labor exploitation, an increased risk of trafficking and other vulnerabilities.**

In 2014, ACCIR continued to provide vocational skills and training in four countries including:

- Micro finance and tailoring training in Uganda
- English, hairdressing and sewing training in Cambodia
- Hospitality training in Thailand
- Training for people with disabilities in the Solomon Islands

## KAMPONG THOM VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT, CAMBODIA

High unemployment rates in rural Cambodia, especially among women, can lead this vulnerable segment of the population to migrate to Phnom Penh in search of work. Here, they are at high risk of labour exploitation, either through factory work, the sex industry or other forms of dangerous labour that offer little pay or a realistic chance to escape poverty.

The Kampong Thom Vocational Training Project seeks to address this vulnerability, finding ways for women to live in their communities while also earning a viable income. The aim of the project is to provide hair dressing and beautician training so participants can earn a liveable wage for themselves and their families into the future. With the training provided, women will be more likely to obtain an enjoyable and better paying job than the exploitative labour conditions that are so prevalent in city work and factory labour.



## VICTORY MICRO ENTERPRISE (VIME), UGANDA

**Widespread poverty, gender inequalities, high fertility rates and low literacy levels are just some of the challenges faced in the Kabale community in Uganda. The average annual per capita income in Kabale District is estimated at US\$150, with 86% of the population relying on subsistence farming. Without reliable income, men, women and children are much more vulnerable to become engaged in exploitative labour situations.**

ACCIR's on-field partner Victory Micro Enterprise (VIME) aim to increase the standard of living and alleviate poverty in the Kabale District of Uganda through maximising and encouraging personal and community development. The project provides training in business loan management, entrepreneurial skills, and stewardship. These projects aim to develop business skills and self confidence to operate successful small enterprises. Once trained, participants are then supported with access to credit to start profitable micro-businesses within the community. Training and micro finance loans empower members of the community to actively participate in the socio-economic development of the district, leading to long term change.

The training and credit made available through VIME have an incredible impact on the individual business owner, and also have long term impacts on the health and welfare of the children and family members of the program beneficiary as these case studies demonstrate so well.

# ACCIR DISASTER RELIEF

In 2014, ACCIR has responded to a number of domestic and international disasters. We have supported relief and recovery for local communities in Iraq, West Africa, Nepal, Solomon Islands and Indonesia. Closer to home, we have held appeals for those affected by the Victorian bushfires.

LOCATION	DISASTER	RESPONSE
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>		
<b>Iraq</b>	An untold number of people have been killed and approximately 1.9 million displaced throughout Iraq due to conflict initiated by Islamic State Extremists. Many of these refugees are living in makeshift accommodation where they are struggling to meet their most basic needs.	ACCIR partnered with a network of local organisations to provide humanitarian assistance to displaced people in the city of Erbil. This included life-saving food, water, shelter, medical care and trauma counselling.
<b>West Africa</b>	The World Health Organisation has reported thousands of cases of Ebola virus disease in several West African countries. More than 4,800 deaths have been reported.	ACCIR, in partnership with Samaritan's Purse, has raised funds to reduce the transmission of Ebola through the establishment and management of isolation health facilities.
<b>Nepal</b>	Torrential rain, floods and landslides devastated many districts in Nepal. At least 160 people died, and thousands of people lost everything.	ACCIR provided emergency supplies such as food, water and blankets to families affected.
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	Flash floods destroyed homes and properties in the Solomon Islands including the capital of Honiara and the island of Guadalcana. 22 lives were lost and thousands of families displaced.	ACCIR partnered with AOG Solomon Islands to provide food, drinking water, water tanks, kitchenware and clothing to families affected including those in evacuation centers.
<b>Indonesia</b>	A volcanic eruption in East Java caused widespread damage and the forced evacuation of thousands of people.	ACCIR field workers helped families most affected by the eruption return to their homes by assisting in repairing damage and restoring access to clean water.
<b>DOMESTIC</b>		
<b>Victoria</b>	On the 9th of February 2014, 70 fires across the state of Victoria burnt out over 40,000 hectares of land, killed livestock, damaged properties and destroyed 21 homes.	Food was provided to fire fighters, volunteers and others that were impacted by the fires. Support was also provided to families who had lost their homes or had damage to their properties.

## OUR OBLIGATIONS

It is the responsibility of ACCIR to ensure that all of our disaster response efforts and those of our partners abide by the following.

- Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct
  - Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross (IRC)
- The Sphere Code: Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response

# IRAQ: APPEAL REPORT

**Throughout 2014, the terrorist group ISIL (also known as ISIS) increased attacks and took control of large areas within Iraq and Turkey. Despite international condemnation, the group demanded that people convert to Islam, flee their homes or be killed. This led to large-scale conflict across the country, involving both domestic and international security forces.**

As a result of this conflict, many thousands of civilians have been killed or injured. At the end of 2014 there were around 1.9 million internally displaced people in Iraq due to the ongoing violence. There was also a high level of damage to houses, properties and community infrastructure. Many places that were abandoned were looted and otherwise destroyed, leaving little to return to. There has been a huge impact on the lives of the vast majority of the Iraqi population.

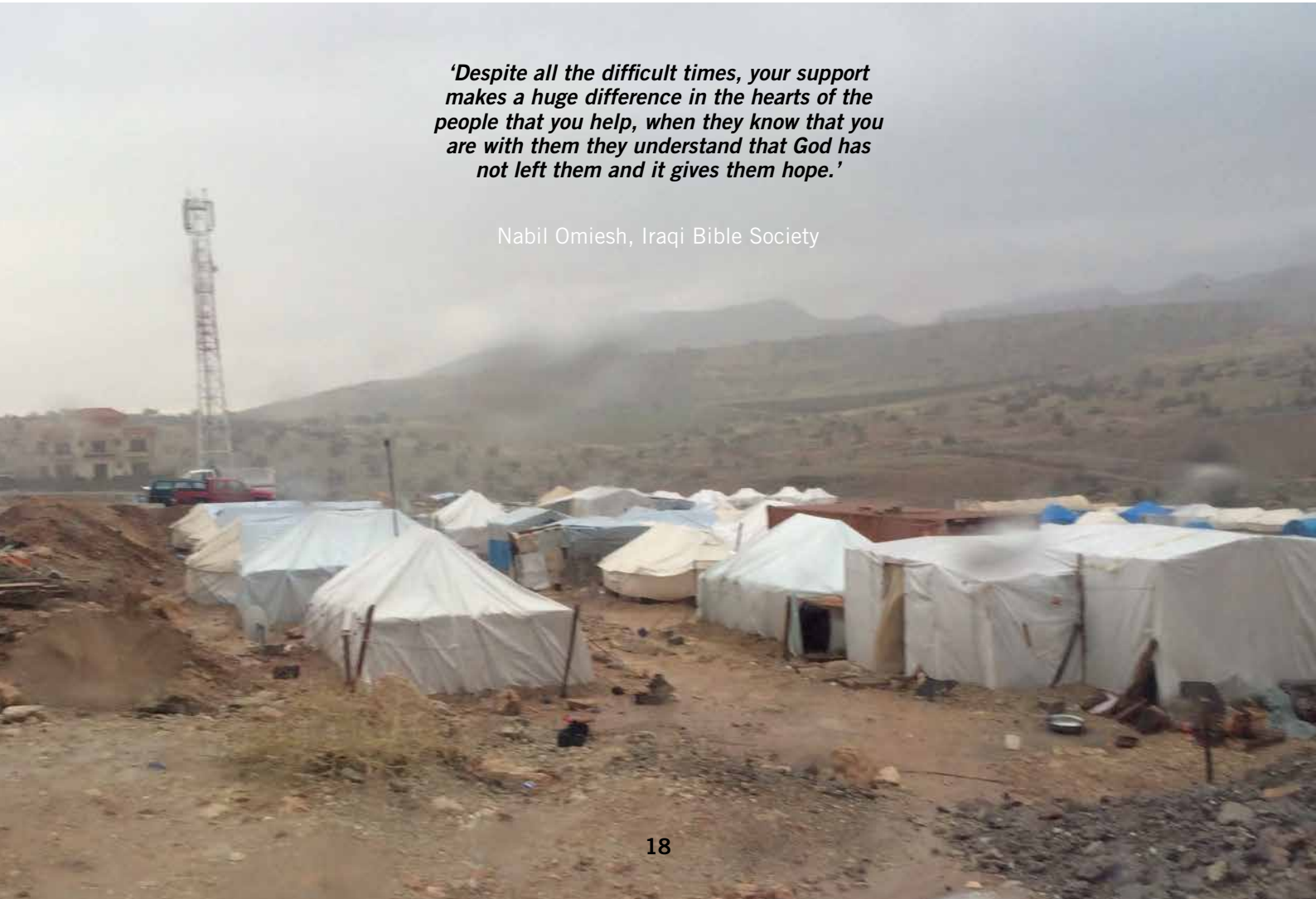
ACCIR launched a humanitarian relief appeal in 2014 in response to this crisis. We have partnered with a number of local organisations that are providing humanitarian assistance in the city of Erbil, which became a destination for many displaced people. The focus of these relief efforts is to provide life-saving food, water, shelter, medical care and trauma counselling to over 1,000 families.

ACCIR has partnered with the Bible Society to provide this practical relief and assistance, and has also formed a partnership with a network of organisations that provide voluntary Medical Teams. This group has about 37 volunteer members and consists of medical doctors, pharmacists, and dentists, who are working to address widespread illnesses due to the poor living conditions experienced by those in temporary refugee camps. Extreme temperatures and poor sanitation have led to outbreaks of disease, as well as many suffering allergies, dehydration and heatstroke. Our partner team has treated more than 1,400 patients; and the number continues to increase as they reach new places and discover more cases.

ACCIR is proud to partner with organisations providing such essential services to those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Iraq. We thank all donors who have supported this work.

***'Despite all the difficult times, your support makes a huge difference in the hearts of the people that you help, when they know that you are with them they understand that God has not left them and it gives them hope.'***

Nabil Omiesh, Iraqi Bible Society





## 2014 FUNDED PROJECTS



Country	Project Name	Project Description
Sri Lanka	HelpKids	Working alongside government bodies to host training seminars on re-unification for children.
Cambodia	Chab Dai Doorsteps	Capacity building of organisations working to combat human trafficking in South East Asia.
Cambodia	Mother's Heart	Community reintegration for new mothers, working to repair broken family ties so women can find support from their families.
Vietnam	AOG World Relief	Adopt-a-village program roll-out in Tam Phu and Hoa Bac, focused on the power of whole-community transformation.
Mozambique	Hope Centre	Vehicle purchased to transport children to and from the early childhood learning centre.
Thailand	River Team	Child and youth development through Shine and Strength programs to develop life skills and leadership.
Sri Lanka	Home of Hope & Help Kids Education Centre	Provision of temporary refuge for children and provision of shelter, education, medical care, nutrition and counselling.
Myanmar	Kinconnected Myanmar	Employment and training of a new social worker to support community reintegration for children.
Uganda	Operation Uganda	Construction of a classroom block and also offices for teachers and administration staff.
Thailand	Compasio	Establishment of a foster care program in Mae Sot, Thailand that reduces reliance on residential care.
Philippines	Joyland	Reintegration work that covers support for biological families and costs related to training and establishing foster carers.

# ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC - SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2014

REVENUE	2014	2013
Donations and gifts	\$	\$
Monetary	4,689,755	4,375,802
Non-monetary	25,500	25,500
Bequests and legacies	-	-
Grants	-	-
AusAID	-	-
Other Australian	-	-
Other overseas	-	-
Investment income	11,780	13,443
Other income	2,037	12,267
Revenue for international political or religious programs	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,729,072</b>	<b>4,427,012</b>

EXPENSES	2014	2013
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
International Programs		
Funds to international programs	4,212,938	3,546,806
Program support costs	140,557	114,422
Community education	-	-
Fundraising costs		
Public	122,652	129,975
Government, multilateral and private	-	-
Accountability and administration	252,968	329,723
Non-monetary expenditure	25,500	25,500
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>4,754,615</b>	<b>4,146,426</b>
International political or religious adherence promotion programs	-	-
Domestic programs expenditure	114,157	343,687
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4,868,772</b>	<b>4,490,113</b>
<b>Excess / (Shortfall) of Revenue Over Expenditure</b>	<b>(139,700)</b>	<b>(63,101)</b>

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:	2014	2013
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met	-	-
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	-	-
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income For The Year</b>	<b>(139,700)</b>	<b>(63,101)</b>

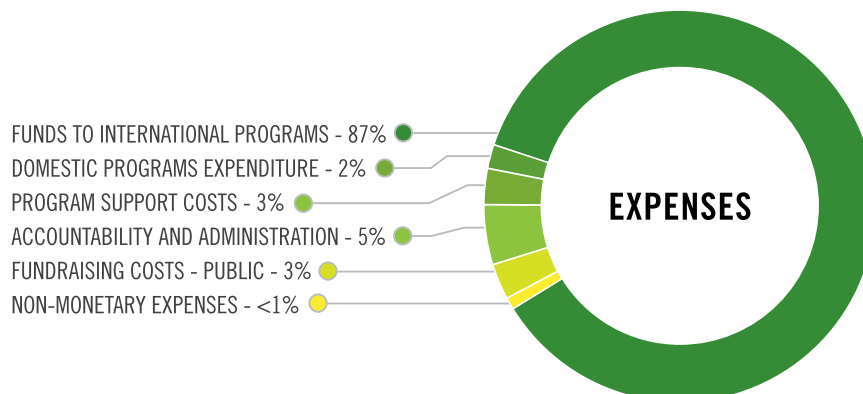
These Summary Financial Reports comply with the standards set out by the ACFID Code of Conduct, for more information go to [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).  
A copy of the full General Purpose Financial Report is available on request.

# ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC - SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

ASSETS	2014	2013
Current assets	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	493,394	601,920
Trade and other receivables	21,441	45,211
Total current assets	514,835	647,131
Non current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	1,851	2,972
Intangibles	-	5,083
Total non-current assets	1,851	8,055
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>516,686</b>	<b>655,186</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	21,084	25,246
Provisions	17,768	19,542
Total current liabilities	38,852	44,788
Non current liabilities		
Provisions	7,136	-
Total non-current liabilities	7,136	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>45,988</b>	<b>44,788</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>470,698</b>	<b>610,398</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	495,277	627,954
Funds available for future use	(24,579)	(17,556)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>470,698</b>	<b>610,398</b>

EXPENSES	2014	%	Description
Funds to International Programs	4,212,938	87%	These are funds invested into aid and development programs implemented by our field workers and strategic partners.
Domestic Programs Expenditure	114,157	2%	This is disbursing funding for Australian disaster relief that has been raised through a specific domestic disaster appeal.
Program Support Costs	140,557	3%	Expenses incurred in overseeing the continued effectiveness of our aid and development programs, including monitoring and evaluation and capacity building.
Accountability and Administration	252,968	5%	This covers the general organisational overheads such as bank fees, office costs, administration staff and governance.
Fundraising Costs - Public	122,652	3%	These are the expenses related to growing and maintaining financial support for our projects and partners.
Non-Monetary Expenses	25,500	<1%	Notional rental costs for use of our operations centre building.
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,868,772</b>	<b>100%</b>	



## ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC - SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2014	(17,556)	627,954	610,398
Excess/(deficit) of revenue over expenses	(139,700)	-	(139,700)
Other amount transferred (to) from reserves	132,677	(132,677)	-
<b>Balances at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>(24,579)</b>	<b>495,277</b>	<b>470,698</b>

### CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

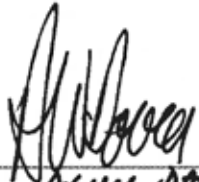
	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at end of year
Transform Cambodia	1,543	1,962,936	1,884,679	79,800
Total for other non-designated purposes	600,377	2,764,406	2,951,189	413,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>601,920</b>	<b>4,727,342</b>	<b>4,835,868</b>	<b>493,394</b>


### ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC BOARD DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

The Board of ACC International Relief declares that:

- i) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 20 to 22, are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
- Comply with relevant Australian Accounting Standards as applicable; and
  - Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2014 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the association;
- ii) In the Board's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

  
 Name: ALAN DAVIES  
 Position: President

  
 Name: U. KRUTSHOFF  
 Position: SECRETARY

Place: 5/2 Sarton Road, Clayton, Victoria  
 Dated: 11th of March, 2015

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS  
OF ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC  
ABN: 26 077 365 434**

### Scope

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and table of cash movement for designated purposes for the year then ended and the statement by members of the council, are derived from the audited financial report of ACC International Relief Inc for the year ended 31 December 2014. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 11 March 2015.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of ACC International Relief Inc.

### Council's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The council of the association is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted with Auditing Standards ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of ACC International Relief Inc for the year ended 31 December 2014 are consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report.

### Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants



Partner: Tim Flowers

Date: 11-3-15

Place: Blackburn, Victoria



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

ACC International Relief is the Aid and Development arm of the Australian Christian Churches Movement.

Our core activities are:

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We believe in addressing the issues of poverty and injustice, and offer projects that bring change to entire communities.

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## CHILD FOCUSED DEVELOPMENT

Supporting vulnerable children by strengthening the communities in which they live.

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## DISASTER RELIEF

We provide immediate support in the wake of natural disasters, both in Australia and abroad in developing countries.

If you would like to get involved or find out further information on any of our initiatives, we would love to hear from you!

Please call us or email [info@acci.org.au](mailto:info@acci.org.au)



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AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?  
TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY  
AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

**MICAH 6:8**

