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'Holistic transformation of communities; Relief of poverty'

OUR CORE ACTIVITIES

The core activities of ACCI Relief are:

Community Development Projects: We believe in addressing the issues of poverty and injustice, and partner with organisations that bring change to entire communities.

Child Rights and Child-Centred Development Projects: Providing support to vulnerable children through the provision of healthcare, education and family support services.

Disaster Relief: We provide support to individuals and communities in the wake of disasters and humanitarian crises, both in Australia and abroad. This encompasses the provision of emergency and recovery assistance to whole communities as well as services designed to protect children in post disaster settings.

IMPLEMENTATION

(Achieving our Mission)

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

ACCI Relief carries out aid & development activities only. Evangelistic programs and activities are administered and funded separately through the organisation ACCI Missions.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO OF OPERATIONS

Thank You Australian Christian Churches

We would like to thank the Australian Christian Churches movement for their continued generous support of those experiencing poverty and disasters around the world. 2015 was a big year for international disaster response and ACCI Relief launched three humanitarian relief appeals during the year to assist those impacted by these disasters. Our churches and supporters rallied behind these appeals contributing \$588,858, which has allowed us, in conjunction with our partners on the ground, to implement a disaster response plan which focused on humanitarian relief, medical care, child protection and anti-trafficking.

Financial Report

Donations rose by 32% on the previous year, reflecting the unbudgeted disaster appeal donations as well as the growth of donations to our existing project partners. Overall, our One Day Campaign donations increased slightly on the previous year, including the proportion of tax-deductible donations processed through ACCI Relief.

The percentage of expenses that went to international programs during the year was 87%, with another 3% held in reserve for disaster response activities that are being completed in the first half of 2016. We continue to work towards ensuring that we are maintaining a high level of quality and effectiveness within our aid and development programs, while maximising the proportion of funds allocated to our programs.

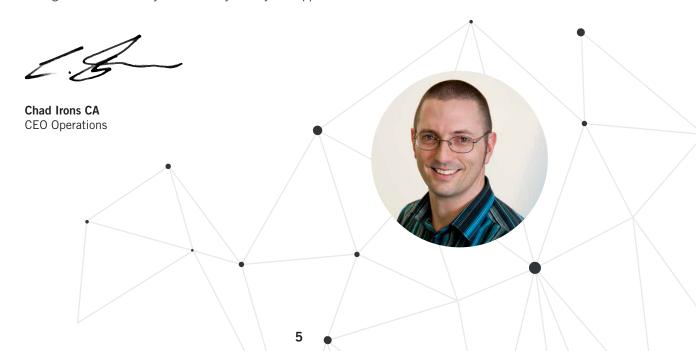
Accountability and administration costs increased in real terms but continued to hold at around 5% of expenses. Program support costs increased slightly in real terms but fell to 2.4% of expenses as a result of the growth in funds disbursed to international programs. You can read our Summary Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2015 on page 23 and a copy of the full General Purpose Financial Report is available on request.

Board Gender Balance Achieved

3 years ago ACCI Relief made a commitment to achieve gender balance at a board level. This commitment was fulfilled on the 24th March 2016 with four female board members out of a total of seven. Through an intentional recruitment of new board members, we not only achieved gender balance, but have also expanded the range of skills, experience and qualifications present on our board with the addition of human resources, aid and development and risk management skills.

I would also like to officially welcome Rebecca Nhep into the new positon of CEO International Programs. This position reflects the outstanding work that she has been driving over many years in improving all levels of our international programs.

We look forward to further strengthening the governance, financial and programs position of ACCI Relief throughout 2016 and beyond. Thank you for your support.



GOVERNANCE OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at 17th of May, 2016

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Alun Davies

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Deputy Director

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ACCOUNTABILITY

ACCREDITATION

ACFID

ACCI Relief is an ACFID member, and complies with the ACFID Code of Conduct which defines minimum standards of governance, management and accountability for non-governmental development organisations.

Adherence to the Code is monitored by an independent Code of Conduct Committee elected from the NGO community. Our adherence to the Code of Conduct demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability.

Copies of the Code of Conduct are available from ACFID by visiting, www.acfid.asn.au.

Humanitarian Relief

We are also signatories to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Code of Conduct for Disaster Relief. ACCI Relief aims to meet the standards for Disaster Response as set out by the Sphere Humanitarian Charter.

COMPLAINTS/FEEDBACK

If you would like to lodge a complaint regarding the conduct of ACCI Relief or provide us with any feedback, please contact the CEO of Operations at complaints@acci.org.au or the Director at info@accir.org.au.

If you have a complaint regarding a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct, please contact the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee at code@acfid.asn.au or on 02 6285 1816.

OUR IMPACT

MESSAGE FROM OUR **CEO OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

2015 has been a significant year for ACCI Relief and we are thrilled to report on some of the key outcomes of our development programs, disaster and humanitarian responses and advocacy initiatives.

Advocating for Justice for the Poor

2015 saw the public launch of ACCI Relief's Justice for the Poor advocacy framework at the ACC National Conference. This framework has enabled us to lay the foundation for mobilising the ACC movement, our field workers and our partners to think more holistically and strategically about poverty and move beyond notions of charity in order to fight the structural and social injustices that creates and perpetuate poverty for 1.6 billion

The framework has also been an important tool for articulating the key theories of change employed within ACCI Relief development programs and the rationale behind the increased emphasis on actualising human rights, empowering local people to be the primary agents in their own development stories, and promoting equitable sharing of our world's resources so that all can flourish.

Kinnected: Protecting a Child's Right to be Raised in a Family

Our Kinnected program, which focuses on children's right to be raised in a family, continues to be our key growth area in both programming and global advocacy. In 2015, we have had the opportunity to support an increasing number of ACC churches and organisations outside of ACC, move away from institutional responses to vulnerable children and pursue family-based solutions. We have also been involved in numerous global collaborations throughout the year all aimed at promoting the global care reform agenda and the importance of families for children's development.

Disaster and Humanitarian Responses

2015 was certainly a challenging year with regards to the number and scale of natural disasters and protracted humanitarian emergencies around the world. The earthquake in Nepal, the Syrian war and the cyclone in Vanuatu all had catastrophic consequences for local people, in particular poor and marginalised communities and children. With the generous support of ACC churches and donors, ACCI Relief was able to launch disaster responses for Nepal, Vanuatu and Syria.

We were part of coordinated efforts, with a particular focus on protecting children in emergency settings, that provided direct assistance to over 133,830 people, and a further 253,114 people were reached through trafficking awareness raising radio programs in Nepal.

As a part of our commitment to ongoing learning and capacity building, we released our new Disaster Management and Response Guidelines. These guidelines provide our responding partners with greater clarity regarding ACCIR's obligations to uphold international humanitarian codes and principles in our disaster responses and a greater focus on resilience building and disaster risk reduction in response efforts.

Development Programs

Through our international development projects we have continued to focus on six core programming areas:

- Village Life: Facilitating community-led development
- Kinnected: Keeping Kids in Families
- Increasing Access to Quality Education
- Improving Health for Men, Women and Children
- Supporting the Fight Against Trafficking
- Providing Micro Finance and Vocational Skills Training

We partner with a diverse group of grass roots organisations, churches, ACCI field workers and local NGO's to deliver 35 programs across these thematic areas, which have collectively assisted approximately 138,000 people in the past 12 months.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support of ACCI Relief, which enables us to continue to partner with

individuals, families and whole communities to see God's justice restored and lives transformed in a truly sustainable way.

Thank you,

Rebecca Nhep CEO International Programs



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015 the Village Life program continued to see whole local communities transformed through this holistic, sustainable and effective empowerment process. Highlights include:

- In Vietnam, **6 communes (representing 41 villages)** have undergone community-led development workshops and are working towards achieving their self-determined goals. Significant progress has been made to journey community leaders from a welfare mentality to one that sees the necessary tools for development as the resources and skills already within the community.
- In rural Cambodia, **7 villages** are now part of agricultural projects which seek to address food security: a key issue identified by local communities. Permaculture and fish farming projects have enabled families to become self-sustainable and adequately care for their children all year long.
- In Cambodia, **20 villages** determined their need to improve health amongst their community and accessed training, water filters and mosquito nets to see this actualised. A desire to see health become a priority has gained momentum as people who have received the training have gone on to educate their families.
- In South Africa, community centres have truly become hubs for community engagement, a diverse range of activities, education, life-skills training, and a space that gives community members access to safe online job opportunities. So much so that the community has been empowered to start new initiatives themselves.
- In the Philippines, the microfinance project membership in the Badjao community rose from 103 to 141, as more community members started micro-enterprises to ensure financial security and family stability. 56 of these community members have paid off their loans in full. With the profits, the community has made repairs and purchased new resources that all can benefit from.

CASE STUDY EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES IN RURAL CAMBODIA

The Community Transformation Project works alongside 20 villages around Siem Reap, Cambodia. These communities have identified health as one of the key issues they would like to address in their communities. Community workers come alongside families and provide extensive training to equip them with knowledge and skills so that they can improve the health outcomes of their households. With support from the project, families construct their own toilets, purchase water filters and receive mosquito nets.

In 2015, 7,685 people attended health training sessions, and were equipped and empowered to teach their families and communities using the skills and knowledge acquired. Communities have reported that they are healthier and happier since they have implemented the lessons they have learnt. Many families have been able to save money because they are no longer missing work due to sickness and are spending less on medications.

Communities have also identified the care of orphaned and vulnerable children as an important issue. The Community Transformation Project has worked alongside communities to prevent family breakdown and the unnecessary institutionalisation of children by strengthening families and communities to care for vulnerable children in their own communities. In 2015, the project helped support 16 kinship families by supplementing the costs of education and food.





KEEPING KIDS IN FAMILIES

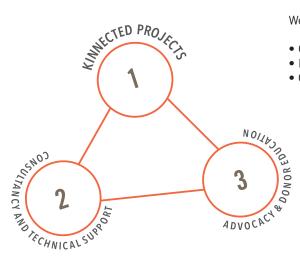
- SOUTH AFRICA MOZAMBIQUE UGANDA
- LESOTHO INDIA SRI LANKA CAMBODIA
- MYANMAR PHILIPPINES THAILAND

There are an estimated 8 million children around the world living in residential care institutions. Approximately 80% of these children have one or both living parents, and are in residential care for reasons of poverty, social exclusion or family crisis. With little resource being directed to help families stay together, parents often have no choice but to put their children in an orphanage in order to ensure that they receive adequate food, clothing and an education.

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ACCI Relief believes that the family is the best place for the holistic development and care of a child and in Psalm 68:6 it says, "God sets the lonely in families" (NIV).

ACCI Relief's Kinnected program seeks to preserve and strengthen families and assist children currently living in residential care to achieve their right to be raised in a family.



We aim to achieve this goal through:

- Our Kinnected projects;
- Providing consultancy and technical support; and
- Conducting advocacy and donor education.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015 our Kinnected program continued to achieve significant results as we worked with an increasing number of partners, churches and global organisations. Three new Kinnected projects came on board and we had many new enquiries which will become Kinnected projects during 2016.

KINNECTED PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015, our Kinnected projects, which fall under the following 4 categories, operated in 10 different countries and achieved the following:

1. Family Preservation & Abandonment Prevention Projects	 Family preservation and abandonment prevention projects in Cambodia and Myanmar have helped over 130 families remain together. The Kinnected program has also been able to prevent numerous new institutions from opening and divert resources towards family preservation services in several countries.
2. Family Based Care Projects	• Six foster care programs in five countries are operational with over 70 children being provided with foster care.
3. Family & Community Strengthening Programs	• Over 600 families have benefited from family strengthening projects run by our Kinnected partners in 10 countries . Programs included the provision of early childhood education in Sri Lanka, livestock training in Uganda, small business support in Myanmar and many more.
4. Reintegration & Reunification Projects	 Over 180 children in 9 countries where reintegrated back into families including children reintegrated from residential care, from living on the streets and children that had been trafficked. A cumulative total of 44 residential care centres have or are in the process of deinstitutionalising and are actively outworking their family reunification programs. A reintegration working group was established in Myanmar which has provided training and support to orphanage directors working towards deinstitutionalising 13 residential care centres. In 2016, this group will expand to new regions of Myanmar to support many more residential care centres transition. Kinnected also continues to partner with several governments in the areas of deinstitutionalisation, reintegration and foster care and provided training for government child protection and social workers.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015 the Kinnected program continued to be part of global collaborations aimed at promoting the global care reform agenda and the importance of families for children's development. This has included the following:

- ACCI Relief continues to sit on the steering committee for the Better Care Better Volunteering initiative, cochaired by Save the Children UK and Better Care Network, to develop global strategies to combat orphanage tourism.
- ACCI Relief also became part of the advisory group for Faith to Action. Faith to Action mobilises churches, faith-based organisations and individuals to engage in care that upholds the vital importance of family in a child's life.

LEARNING AND EVALUATION

Since the start of the Kinnected program in 2011, ACCIR have been completing a longitudinal study to track key learning throughout the different stages of the transition process for faith-based organisations and feed this information back into our program approach. In 2015 this included collating information gathered throughout the study and releasing the first report. This report captured the key lessons learnt and how these lessons informed practice.

CASE STUDY REINTEGRATION

Reintegrating Street Kids into families in Lesotho

In 2015, ACCI Relief began working in Lesotho through our Kinnected partner, Sepheo, to provide support and services to transition and reintegrate children and youth who are living and working on the street of Maseru back into their families. While street feeding and clothing programs can serve to increase the number of children on the streets, Sepheo works differently to ensure children do not stay on the streets and are reintegrated into their families.

Sepheo often acts as the first port of call for children who find themselves on the streets due to social factors, such as lack of supervision, poor relationships with caregivers, family crisis, and boredom. Sepheo works with the Lesotho Government and children in identifying relatives, reintegrating children back into families and monitoring their emotional and physical wellbeing. The program also works with the families in providing ongoing support, and operates a bridging school for children who are unable to attend mainstream primary schools. The Sepheo School not only serves an educational purpose, but is an essential part of the support network that keeps children in families and prevents them from returning to the streets.

Since late 2013 Sepheo has helped over 54 children and youth leave the streets of Maseru. 88% of these children have remained in families or in independent living and have not returned to the streets.



CASE STUDY FAMILY STRENGTHENING

Strengthening families and communities in Mozambique

The Hope Centre in Beira, Mozambique, is part of ACCI Relief's RAISE campaign and seeks to improve the lives of children and strengthen their families. The centre provides quality early childhood education to over 120 children, many of which come from disadvantaged communities. The Hope Centre recognises that in order to holistically care for children, their families and wider communities must also be supported and strengthened. The Hope Centre not only helps prepare children for primary school but also provides supervised care to children during the day. Daycare services for young children are very limited in Mozambique and this prevents many parents, especially mothers, from gaining employment, or results in young children being left unaccompanied and at significant risk of harm, abuse or trafficking. The Hope Centre allows parents to gain employment or participate in other income generating activities, which means they are able to better support their whole family and are at less risk of family separation.

Staff at the Hope Centre also work with families in crisis situations, supporting them as needed to overcome their crisis and prevent family breakdown. The centre also provides nutrition and dental health programs for children and parents, which teach children to look after their health from an early age and the staff encourage parents to do the same. These combined efforts see positive change in the lives of children as they receive quality education and their families are strengthened.



ACCI Relief recognises governments as the primary duty bearers to provide basic education. However governments may require support to fulfil this responsibility due to the lack of resources and capacity. In such cases, ACCI Relief:

- Strengthens rather than replicates existing education systems by supporting government and community schools to improve the quality and accessibility of education;
- Operates informal bridging education programs, which aim to help children out of school transition into formal education: and
- · Provides early childhood education, a critical component in promoting a child's development.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015 our project partners continued to facilitate access for all children to receive an education. Highlights include:

- Two local village schools in Uganda were strengthened through capacity and skills training to be able to provide quality education to the children in their own community.
- Over 3,000 children in Cambodia and in 83 children in Sri Lanka were provided with extra tutoring support to supplement the education they received in local schools. Assistance was also provided to students and their families who needed extra support to ensure their children remained in school.
- Early education programs were run for over **180 children in Sri Lanka and Mozambique** to develop and prepare their learning abilities and promote their development, as well as create pathways for these children to excel in primary education. Support, assistance and family strengthening initiatives were also provided to their families.
- Informal education for children who were previously living on the streets or who live in slum communities was provided in India, Indonesia and Lesotho, with the aim of reintegrating children into formal education. In Lesotho, **20 vulnerable children** were enrolled in a bridging school designed to offer a stronger social support to children previously living on the street. All 20 children in the school remain off the streets and are on their way to achieving their academic goals of passing year 7 schooling.
- In Madagascar, over **200** children received quality education utilising a unique self-paced curriculum. Children's parents were also encouraged to join a parents association through which they have raised funds and improved school facilities.

CASE STUDY SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN UGANDA

For 12 years Operation Uganda has provided wrap-around services to families in Uganda, with a specific focus on single parent families, families in extreme poverty and families at risk of separation. One of the key focus areas is that of education, giving children increased opportunities to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. They provide assistance to children from disadvantaged families, so that they can access quality education in their community thus reducing the need for parents to resort to placing children in orphanages for educational purposes. Operation Uganda also builds the capacity of local schools to ensure that all children receive a quality education by updating resources, renovating facilities and training local teachers.

In 2015, Operation Uganda's Keep a Girl in School Program held teaching workshops on personal hygiene and sexual health, and distributed sanitary items to over 1000 female high school students. Teenage girls can miss up to 35 percent of the school year due to the lack of access to sanitary items. This has practically empowered the teenage girls to remain in school, receive an education and continue doing the things they love, when previously they would have remained at home and missed school. It also increases their opportunities for succeeding in school, attending university and reaching their career goals.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015 our project partners continued to work in communities to improve health outcomes. Highlights include:

- In Laos, our partner experienced the biggest uptake in water filters to date, with over **15,105 families (around 89,119 individuals)** receiving access to clean drinking water, which will significantly reduce the risk of sickness, water borne diseases and child mortality.
- In Cambodia, **108 women** faced with a crisis pregnancy were able to access crisis pregnancy and support services including pre- and post-natal medical care and infant wellbeing checks. A new women's assisted housing home was opened where **8 women** are now living and thriving, who would have otherwise have been at risk.
- In Cambodia, over **7,865 people** across **20 villages** have received training on sickness prevention, health, hygiene and the importance of clean water. **9 wells, 40 water tanks and one community dam** were also constructed providing clean water to whole villages.
- Young mothers in Uganda have received pre- and post-natal support, counselling services, and health and hygiene education. While over **1,000 teenage girls** received education in personal hygiene and sexual health.
- In India, a mobile dental clinic provided medical care to over 1,900 people living in the slum areas of Mumbai.

CASE STUDY PROVIDING LIFE SAVING WATER FILTERS IN LAOS

ACCI Relief's partner TerraClear is working to prevent diseases, sicknesses and child mortality caused by unclean water in Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR). In 2015, TerraClear produced and sold affordable water filters to 6,718 families, giving them access to clean drinking water. Over the past year they have made progress towards expanding their reach into more rural communities in Northern Laos and hope to see this actualised during 2016.

Communities continue to be empowered through the benefits associated with the water filters, including improved health, understanding of health and hygiene, cost and time savings associated with collecting fuel for boiling water and the provision of interest free micro-finance loans that enables families to purchase the water filters themselves. Since the project commenced in 2012, over 207,726 people's lives have been changed for the better with access to clean drinking water. Over 498 community groups have run WASH education programs, educating whole communities on the importance of clean drinking water, sanitation and health. The project continues to grow and reach remote communities through their sales model, which have launched 2 new full-time and 3 part-time sales teams in 2015 alone.

photo: Chab Dai



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

programs, rehabilitation, and research

and advocacy.

In 2015 our project partners continued to equip and educate at-risk populations in order to prevent trafficking and provide direct assistance to survivors of human trafficking. Highlights include:

- Over **1,850** participants took part in the Heart and Hands social work and counselling training in Cambodia in order to provide direct counselling and social support to survivors of sexual abuse.
- In rural Cambodia, **92** community leaders were trained on protecting community members from trafficking and abuse, who in turn trained over **1,512** community members in **25** villages and **2** public schools. While in ethnic communities, **758** community members and **258** children were a part of bilingual training on trafficking, sexual abuse and safe migration.
- In Cambodia, **47** cases of trafficking, domestic violence, rape, child labour and/or forced marriage were reported to a national hotline as a direct result of the training.
- 53 member organisations of ACCI Relief's partner Chab Dai were supported through programs that build organisational capacity and help agencies work collaboratively. The program aims to inform best practice within organisations and enhance standards of care for the vulnerable. This has enabled each member organisation to have the institutional capacity to address the complex and underground issue of trafficking.
- In Thailand, partnerships continued to be made with a variety of government departments, organisations, detention centres and coalitions to combat human trafficking, including a recent signing of a MOU with a youth prison.

CASE STUDY EDUCATING COMMUNITY LEADERS ON TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION

Human trafficking, sexual abuse of children and unsafe migration are significant issues in Cambodia. Responding to and preventing these issues requires collaborative action from all segments of Cambodian society. Chab Dai's Safe Community Training seeks to network local communities, government officials, law enforcement bodies, NGOs and the church in order to combat trafficking. Programs have a particular focus on assisting high risk populations, such as ethnic minority groups and children living on streets or in urban slums.

In 2015, 758 community members, including 285 children, attended training that raised awareness and equipped communities with resources and tools on how to prevent, identify and appropriately report cases of trafficking, sexual abuse and child protection issues. Training included discussing the methods and means offenders employ in trafficking vulnerable people, education on safe migration practices and highlighting the importance of protecting the rights of children. Participants were then mobilised to go into their own communities raise awareness on these topics. This included putting up informational posters and sharing the new skills and knowledge they had learnt with other members of the community. Since the beginning of the project, Chab Dai has seen leaders and community members who have received awareness raising training go on to train thousands of other community members on these issues, confront traffickers and follow up cases of trafficking, abuse and exploitation.

PROVIDING MICROFINANCE AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

- UGANDA SOLOMON ISLANDS
- THAILAND CAMBODIA

A number of ACCI Relief's partners provide microfinance and vocational training programs, which seek to equip individuals with the capital, skills and support necessary to find meaningful employment or generate a sufficient income for their family. These programs aim to address the challenges of unemployment, poor job opportunities and low levels of education and training that contribute to poverty, labour exploitation, trafficking and other vulnerabilities. Equipping individuals, especially those who are often marginalised, such as women and people with disabilities, has a positive impact not only on the individual but also on the family and whole community.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015, our project partners continued to see individuals equipped in various ways and achieve upward economic and social mobility through microfinance and vocational training. Highlights include:

- In Uganda, 84 clients of Victory Micro Enterprise received microfinance loans and training, with 90% of clients repaying their loans in full and becoming self-sufficient in financially supporting their families. Many clients have shared how valuable the program has been and have referred others to enrol in the program. In Uganda and Kenya, Village Enterprise has provided microfinance to approximately 5000 rural East Africans and has assisted the start up of 2,750 small businesses.
- In Cambodia 10 women have completed training in beauty therapy, with one woman already starting up her own beauty salon.



- In Thailand, 25 people have been trained in hospitality and 10 of these have participated in train the trainer workshops, equipping them with the skills to be able to go on and train others.
- In the Solomon Islands, 26 students with disabilities have received vocational and life skills training. After completion of their training these students have returned to their communities equipped with skills they can utilise in their personal lives and to seek employment.

CASE STUDY VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

ACCI Relief's partner Bethesda runs a Disability Training and Support Centre that provides holistic short-term training and education opportunities for people with disabilities, as well as their carers. In the Solomon Islands, the majority of people with a disability do not have access to appropriate medical care, education, employment and support, and must remain close to home. There is a lot of stigma associated with living with a disability and people are often denied fundamental human rights such as dignity, education, and the opportunity to make meaningful choices and shape their own lives. Bethesda is working to remove this stigma, enabling people with disabilities to access education and vocational training, and giving them the chance to determine their own future.

In 2015, Bethesda achieved the following:

- 26 people with disabilities received training.
- New subjects in business and literacy were introduced upon request from the students.
- 80% of graduates joined self-support groups in their local communities after completing training.
- Land adjacent to the centre was purchased for the development of a farm that will increase the self-sufficiency of the centre and can be used to further develop agricultural training for the students.

ASSISTING THOSE IN HUMANITARIAN DISASTERS

NEPAL • SYRIA • VANUATU • EAST AFRICA

IRAQ • PHILIPPINES • AUSTRALIA

OUR APPROACH

ACCI Relief work with partner organisations to assist those affected by disasters and to alleviate human suffering. ACCI Relief disaster and humanitarian responses are designed to provide critical assistance to communities during the various stages of a disaster response. During the emergency stage we seek to meet the immediate needs of people in the aftermath of a disaster. During the recovery stage we invest in the recovery and reconstruction of communities taking into consideration resilience and disaster risk reduction. As children are often disproportionately affected in disasters and exposed to increased risks, ACCI Relief is committed to ensuring that child protection and safeguarding is at the forefront of every response. ACCI Relief's response to the crisis in Nepal and Syria in particular reflected this special focus on child protection.



2015 APPEALS

In 2015 ACCI Relief launch the following three disaster relief appeals to provide support to those affected:

Nepal Earthquake

In the aftermath of the April earthquake, which resulted in the deaths of over 9,000 people, ACCI Relief worked with partner organisations to deliver immediate humanitarian relief in the form of blankets, emergency packs and temporary housing, and were also part of a joint medical response. A community anti-trafficking project was also established to protect children most at risk of exploitation and trafficking (See report on page 19 for more information).

Syrian Refugee Crisis

In 2015 ACCI Relief partnered with numerous organisations working to assist families in making the difficult journey across Europe in search of a life free from war and persecution. Teams worked in transit sites, temporary camps and arrival points in Greece, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia. ACCI Relief was part of a collective effort that saw the following achieved:

- 27,074 people provided with emergency food
- 39,152 water bottles distributed
- 14,458 backpack with vital supplies distributed
- 12 hygiene stations installed in transit camps

With the humanitarian crisis being far from over, ACCI Relief will continue to work with our partners to help families still in need, including providing supplies and food to families transiting through Serbia.

Vanuatu Cyclone

In the aftermath of the destruction caused by Cyclone Pam to homes and schools in Vanuatu, ACCI Relief supported the immediate distribution of 'vital packs' made up of health and hygiene kits, blankets, cooking kits, tarp, collapsible jerry cans and mosquito nets to over 200 affected households.

ACCI Relief also rebuilt a primary school on the island of Tanna where 117 children attend. The cyclone had damaged most of the school's facilities and resources, forcing classes to be conducted under tarps, with children sitting on the ground.

ONGOING RESPONSES

ACCI Relief also continued to help those still recovering and rebuilding after the following previous disasters:

East Africa Ebola Crisis	ACCI Relief supported the work of our partner organisation to establish and manage isolation health facilities to reduce the transmission of Ebola in Eastern Africa. Awareness activities, infection prevention and referrals were established, targeting both infected and non-infected households.
Iraq Conflict	ACCI Relief partnered with a network of local organisations to provide humanitarian assistance to displaced people in the city of Erbil due to the conflict initiated by the Islamic State Extremists. This included life-saving food, water, shelter, medical care and trauma counseling.
Philippines 2013 Cyclone	Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013 caused untold damage to homes, communities and businesses, as well as thousands of deaths. During 2015, ACCIR helped 25 families rebuild their livelihoods through the delivery of pedicabs and helped reconstruct a further 6 houses bringing the total houses rebuilt to 106.
NSW 2013 Bushfires	At the beginning of 2015 ACCI Relief continued to work with those families severely affected by the October 2013 fires in NSW. Support included garden rejuvenation projects, gardening tools, home and electrical appliances, as well as donating fire equipment to the Winmalee RSF.



CASE STUDY SUPPORTING NEPAL

On April 25th, 2015, Nepal was hit by a massive earthquake, which caused widespread damage, resulted in the deaths of over 9,000 people and impacted millions of people.

In Nepal, 14 out of 75 districts were badly affected, with many villages reduced to rubble leaving thousands of families homeless, highly vulnerable and in desperate need of assistance. Aftershocks and landslides in the weeks following the earthquake, followed by a long blockade at the India border, significantly delayed the rebuilding and recovery efforts causing further challenges for affected families.

ACCI Relief launched a humanitarian relief appeal to assist those impacted by this disaster. In conjunction with our partners on the ground we developed a disaster response plan, which focused on humanitarian relief, child protection and anti-trafficking and medical care. In the last 12 months the following has been achieved:

1. HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster through our partners we were able to support projects which:

- Distributed emergency supplies such as food and blankets to approximately 2,000 households;
- Sent 52 relief team members to badly affected districts;
- Provided temporary housing assistance to over 3,500 people;
- Trained community leaders in disaster risk reduction rebuilding strategies that are earthquake resistant; and
- Distributed blankets to 600 families who were still living in makeshift housing as winter approached.

2. CHILD PROTECTION AND ANTI-TRAFFICKING

Due to the chaos caused by humanitarian disasters, children are extremely vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Many feared the Nepal Earthquake would lead to an increase in child trafficking and exploitation. In response, ACCI Relief joined with partners in establishing a community anti-trafficking project. This project included creating 11 child friendly spaces as 'safe havens' for children, and to give assistance to at risk families. This provided 1,400 children with a safe place where they could play, receive psychosocial support and temporary schooling. The project also ran community awareness programs on the importance of family preservation and sensitisation programs educating community members, families and children on human trafficking. This project:

- Searched over 27,000 vehicles for children being trafficked with 77 at-risk children being identified and reunited with their families;
- Reached nearly 46,000 families through trafficking awareness-raising activities; and
- Supported 31 media articles and features about child trafficking and the risks of orphanage voluntourism in post-earthquake Nepal.

3. MEDICAL CARE

Through our partnerships we were also part of the joint medical response providing care, treatment and physiotherapy for people injured in the earthquake which:

- Provided surgical and medical treatment to 4,213 people affected by the earthquake through a mobile clinic and at Anandaban Hospital; and
- Conduct over 125 major surgeries, 799 physiotherapy sessions and distributed 138 accessories and appliances.
- Assisted in funding the rebuilding of hospital buildings that were damaged during the earthquake.



SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

AFRICA			
COUNTRY	No. PROJECTS	PROJECT PARTNERS	DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
Mozambique	1	Elevate Life Mozambique	\$18,000
Uganda	4	COME Uganda Care4Kids Uganda Operation Uganda Victory Micro Enterprise	\$326,912
South Africa	1	Our Community Projects	\$28,892
Madagascar	1	Project Madagascar	\$25,470
Lesotho	1	Sepheo	-
TOTAL	8		\$399,274

SOUTH ASIA			
COUNTRY	No. PROJECTS	PROJECT PARTNERS	DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
India	4	Free To Be Kolkata Lifehouse Railway Kids Two Hands International Vision Rescue Mumbai	\$837,498
Sri Lanka	1	Help Kids Sri Lanka	\$54,203
TOTAL	5		\$891,701

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	\$3,057,977
Indonesia	1	Bali Life	\$309
Laos	1	Terra Clear	\$27,050
Myanmar	2	Kinnected Myanmar Myanmar Reintegration Group	\$45,116
Philippines	2	Frontline Joyland	\$23,484
Vietnam	1	AOG World Relief Vietnam	\$151,975
Thailand	4	Compasio For Better Life Foundation The River Centre A21 Thailand	\$331,588
Solomon Islands	1	Bethesda	-
TOTAL	21		\$3,637,499
GRAND TOTAL	34		\$4,928,474



In 2015, **\$260,380** was raised through ACCI Relief's RAISE campaign that funded child-centred development programs in 5 countries:

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Uganda	COME Uganda	Early childhood and primary education at HOPE schools, support for vulnerable families, adult financial and literacy programs for parents.
Mozambique	Hope Centre	Holistic early childhood education that enables parents to work while children are cared for safely, nutrition and dental hygiene classes, support for vulnerable families.
Madagascar	Project Madagascar	Kinder, primary and secondary education utilising a unique three-language self-paced curriculum at community learning centres, parental associations to engage parents in the school improvements.
Sri Lanka	HelpKids	Early childhood education, daycare and after-school care, vocational training, mother's clubs, counselling through family case management, a community sewing project, capacity building of government workers.
Vietnam	AOG World Relief	Capacity building of schools, life skills programs and camps for children, training and education opportunities for families, income generation projects, health promotion programs.

ONE DAY

In 2015, \$148,170 was raised through ACCI Relief's One Day Campaign, where individuals committed to giving one day's salary to bridge the gap between rich and poor. These funds were distributed across 8 different projects:

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Sri Lanka	HelpKids	Provision of temporary refuge for children and provision of shelter, education, medical care, nutrition and counselling.
	Kinnected Training	Training of Probation Officers and Social Workers with their Commissioners in three provinces of Sri Lanka (100 delegates) with regards to reintegration of children back into families and communities.
Myanmar	Kinnected Myanmar	Training social workers in the common assessment framework and other relevant topics to reunification and deinstitutionalisation impacting children across 15-20 orphanages.
India	FreeToBe	Reintegrating children back to their families and training of staff of best practice with regards to Family Based Alternative Care.
Cambodia	Cambodian Rural Empowerment	Funding 7 community-managed early learning centres ensuring that children have access to quality early education.
	Mother's Heart	Community reintegration for new mothers, working to repair broken family ties so women can find support from their families.
Mozambique	Elevate Life Project	Purchasing of land for the Hope Farm for the vocational / technical / agricultural department of Hope College.
	RAISE Mozambique	Assisting children and their families with their education, nutritious food and medical care when needed through the Hope Centre.

JUSTICE FOR THE POOR

2015 saw the public launch of ACCI Relief's Justice for the Poor Campaign at the ACC National Conference. This framework has enabled us to lay the foundation for mobilising the ACC movement, our field workers and our partners to think more holistically and strategically about poverty, moving beyond simple charity to fight the deeper structural and social injustices that create and perpetuate poverty for 1.6 billion people. Throughout 2015, the Justice for the Poor Campaign continued to raise awareness and educate ACC and Australian communities via national and state conferences, online publications and printed resources. It covers a broad range of topics that are all highly interlinked, including gender, the structural causes of poverty, tax evasion, social protection, resource equity, over consumption and climate issues.

OUR FINANCES



ACC International Relief Inc

ABN: 26 077 365 434 Association No: A00 086 72W

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ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2015 2014

REVENUE		
DONATIONS AND GIFTS		
MONETARY	6,198,956	4,689,755
NON-MONETARY	25,500	25,500
BEQUESTS & LEGACIES	-	-
GRANTS		
AUSAID	-	-
OTHER AUSTRALIAN	-	-
OTHER OVERSEAS	-	-
INVESTMENT INCOME	8,779	11,780
OTHER INCOME	2,248	2,037
REVENUE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	6,235,483	4,729,072

EXPENSES		
INTERNATIONAL AID & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE		
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS		
FUNDS TO INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	5,437,279	4,212,938
PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS	143,615	140,557
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	-	-
FUNDRAISING COSTS	129,969	122,652
GOVERNMENT, MULTILATERAL & PRIVATE	-	-
ACCOUNTABILITY & ADMINISTRATION	295,148	252,968
NON-MONETARY EXPENDITURE	25,500	25,500
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL AID & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE	6,031,511	4,754,615
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS ADHERENCE PROMOTION PROGRAMS	-	-
DOMESTIC PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE	11,307	114,157
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,042,818	4,868,772
EXCESS / SHORTFALL OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	192,665	(139,700)

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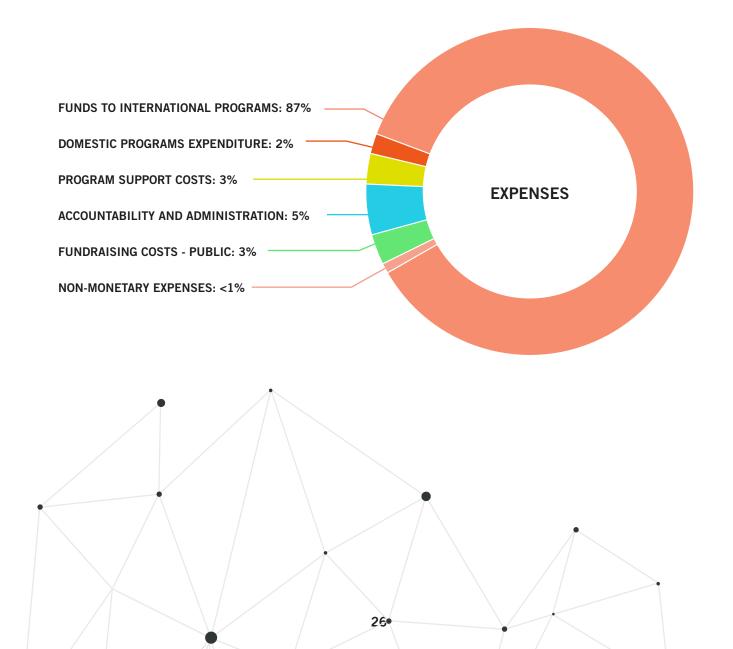
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ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

2015 2014 \$

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	501,652	493,394
TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	13,517	21,441
FINANCIAL ASSETS	204,188	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	719,357	514,835
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	3,120	1,851
INTANGIBLES	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3,120	1,851
TOTAL ASSETS	722,477	516,686
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	17,455	21,084
PROVISIONS	24,550	17,768
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	42,005	38,852
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
PROVISIONS	17,109	7,136
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	17,109	7,136
TOTAL LIABILITIES	59,114	45,988
NET ASSETS	663,363	470,698
EQUITY		40-0-
RESERVES	675,631	495,277
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USE	(12,268)	(24,579)
TOTAL EQUITY	663,363	470,698

Expenses	2015	%	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 maintain financial support for our projects and partners.
Non-Monetary Expenses	25,500	<1%	Notional rental costs for use of our operations centre building.
Total Expenses	4,868,772	100%	



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ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES	TOTAL
BALANCE AS AT 1 JANUARY 2015	(24,579)	495,277	470,698
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	192,665	-	192,665
OTHER AMOUNT TRANSFERRED (TO) FROM RESERVES	(180,354)	180,354	-
BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2015	(12,268)	675,631	663,363

	CASH AVAILABLE AT Beginning of Year	CASH RAISED DURING Year	CASH DISBURSED During Year	CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF YEAR
TRANSFORM CAMBODIA	79,800	2,668,528	2,746,690	1,638
TOTAL FOR OTHER NON-DESIGNATED PURPOSES	413,594	3,560,374	3,473,954	500,014
TOTAL	493,394	6,228,902	6,220,644	501,652

ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC BOARD DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The Board of ACC International Relief declares that:

- i) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 1 to 3, 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 Reduced Disclosure Regime; and
- Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2015 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.

Position: DIRETOR

Name: GRATEME KIRKWOOD

Position: PREASURER

Place: 5/2 Sarton Road, Clayton, Victoria

Dated:

23 MARCH 2016



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 2015, 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 2015. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 23 March 2016.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission 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 2015 are consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report.

Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants

Partner: Tim Flowers

Date: 23.3.16

Place: Blackburn, Victoria

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For further information regarding the work of ACC International Relief, please see our website at www.accir.org.au or contact our office:



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