

☰ ANNUAL REPORT 2018

# Change that lasts



**Acci**  
RELIEF



**“I know that the Lord secures  
justice for the poor and upholds  
the cause of the needy.”**

PSALM 140:12 (NIV)

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# We're working to see justice and equality realised



IMAGE: SERVE CAMBODIA

## WHO WE ARE

ACCI Relief is the aid and development arm of the Australian Christian Churches movement.

## OUR VISION






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

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to transform communities and nations, by developing holistic and sustainable solutions to injustice and poverty, and reinstating the value of life. We do this by implementing development projects through our strategic partners and promoting the cause of justice and equality through advocacy campaigns.

 For more information visit: [accirelief.org.au/about](http://accirelief.org.au/about)

## WE BELIEVE

-  All people regardless of race, gender or social status have intrinsic value and inherent dignity.
-  The church has a crucial role to play in defending the rights of the marginalised.
-  The root cause of poverty is injustice and social exclusion.
-  Those living in poverty are rights holders not objects of charity.
-  The process of development should be empowering and should amplify the voice of the marginalised.



## “Our goal is not just to improve people’s lives today but to empower them to continue making changes that will benefit their families and communities into the future.”

### DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Looking back on another year at ACCIR – my tenth year as director – I find myself reflecting on the word ‘change’ and what it really means for the people and communities we serve.

Change, by definition, is about ‘making or becoming different’ or ‘the process through which something becomes different’. At ACCIR, we equip people to make positive changes in their families and communities that last. Our goal is not just to improve people’s lives today but to empower them to continue making changes that will benefit their families and communities into the future.

When I look at the impact of our work in 2018 – 85,613 children’s lives changed and 117,847 adults, across 18 countries – I think about the practical differences that are making life better for families today, and the impact this will have on the generations to come.

I think of the classrooms built to train the leaders of tomorrow; the clean water points allowing children to grow up healthy and reach their potential; the improved health services saving the lives of mothers and babies; the small businesses creating new opportunities for families and the many other initiatives transforming lives in some of the world’s poorest places.

I’m also proud of the lead ACCI Relief continues to take in changing practices relating to the over-use and reliance on residential care facilities. Our reunification work is giving children the chance to grow up in families, while our campaign initiatives are helping governments, charities and churches make positive changes to help bring an end to orphanage tourism and to join us in advocating for ethical alternatives.

I’m pleased with what we’ve achieved this past year and grateful for the generous churches and individuals who continue to make it possible.



**ALUN DAVIES**

Director



## OUR VISION AND MISSION

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ACCI Relief total revenue for 2018 was \$7.4 million, which included \$3.8 million in relation to our project partner Transform Cambodia and \$1.25 million for Kinnected program partners. We were able to grow our overseas grant income to \$224,979, up from \$95,955 the previous year, and are on track to see this grow again in 2019. Grant income is continuing to play an important part in the growth of our Kinnected program.

For the past eight years, ACCI Relief has provided program oversight and compliance for one of our key education project partners, Transform Cambodia (TC). During this time, TC has grown its programs from less than \$1 million to over \$3.8 million. In December 2018, TC was approved for its own public benevolent institution deductible recipient (PBI DGR) fund and so, as of 1 January 2019, will be completely separate. We appreciate the partnership that we have enjoyed and wish their team all the best for this new season.

ACCI Relief has also continued to maximise the proportion of funds that reach the field, with 91.8% of total expenditure directed to international programs during the year. Our program support costs remained steady at 2.6% of total expenditure and we remain committed to providing a high level of support to our field partners.

Accountability and administration costs remain quite low at 3.8% of total expenditure, with fundraising costs at less than 1% and community education at 0.7%. You can read our Summary Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2018 on pages 30-34. Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)



**CHAD IRONS**  
General Manager

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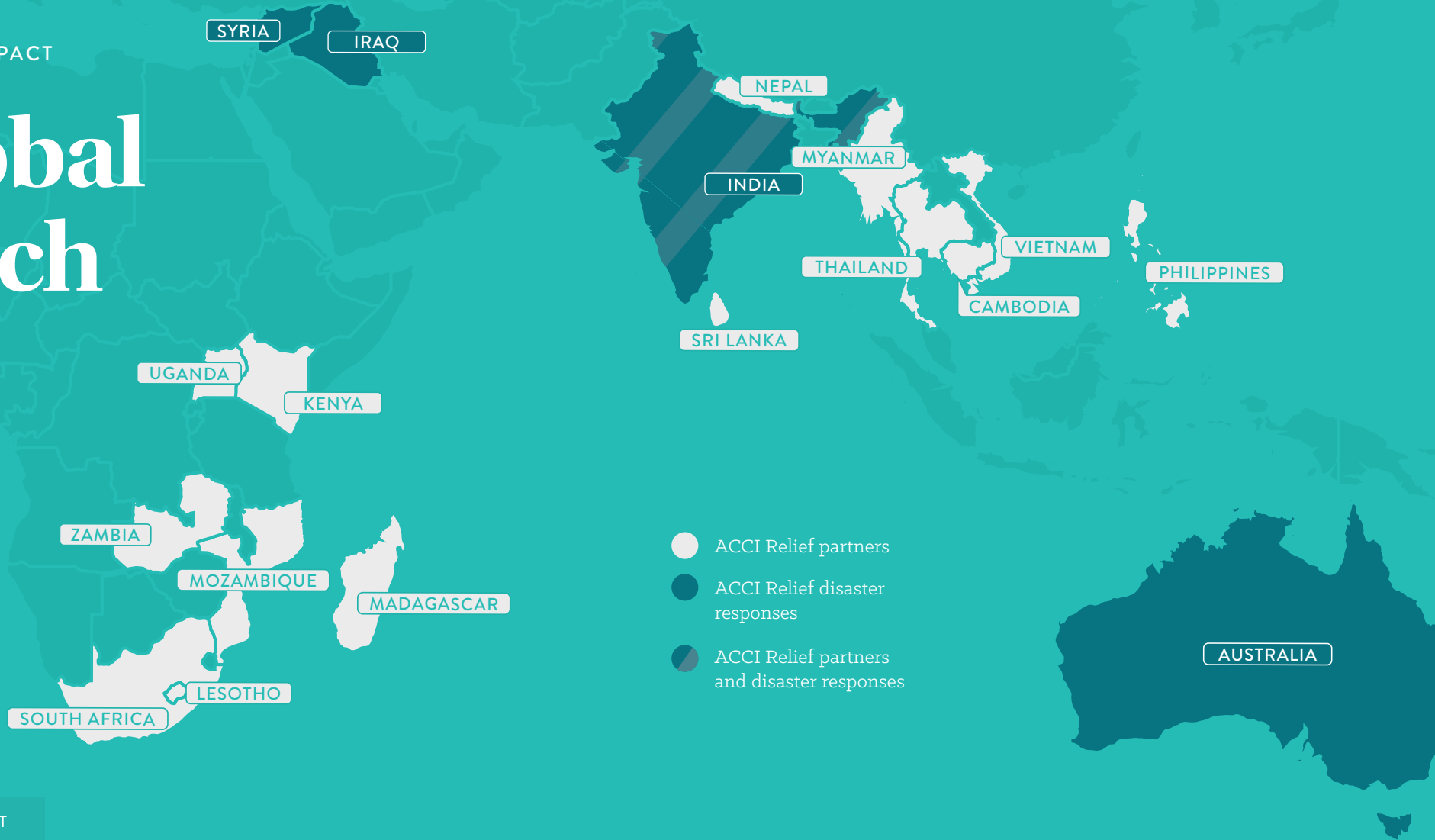


A copy of the full General Purpose Financial Report is available for download on our website at [www.accirelief.org.au](http://www.accirelief.org.au). If you would like a further explanation of the accounts, please contact ACCI Relief.



# Our impact

# Global reach



2018 SNAPSHOT

\$7.4m

IN TOTAL REVENUE

38

PARTNERS

18

COUNTRIES

85,613

CHILDREN IMPACTED

117,847

ADULTS IMPACTED



# Three core areas

Community  
development

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Child rights  
& child-centred  
development

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Disasters &  
humanitarian crises





 OUR IMPACT

# Community development

 2018 SNAPSHOT

232

people received  
**SMALL BUSINESS  
TRAINING** or  
**MENTORING**

210

communities benefited  
from **VILLAGE  
LIFE** projects

6,821

women received **PRE-  
or POST-NATAL  
CARE**

37

survivors of trafficking were  
supported towards their  
**REPATRIATION** or  
**REHABILITATION**

68

families of **CHILDREN  
WITH DISABILITIES**  
received support

IMAGE: AOC WORLD RELIEF VIETNAM

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# “Our community development partners ... [are] empowering local people to be active agents of change in their own lives.”

At ACCI Relief, we believe in empowering communities to influence the decisions affecting them and to advocate for their own rights.

Our community development partners work with communities to address broad issues – such as limited access to water, educational opportunities and healthcare – while empowering local people to be active agents of change in their own lives.

## EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR WORLD

AOG World Relief Vietnam’s goal is to connect and partner with whole communities to see them empowered to determine, lead and sustain their own development.

AOG WR begins by meeting with the members of any new community and asking them to identify what’s important to them and the needs they want to address. Community members then prioritise the areas they want to focus on, identify

community assets that could help in addressing their needs and then together with AOG WR, develop a plan to meet these development goals.

**“We believe in helping communities start a process of radical transformation in their respective area. We do not pretend to have all the answers but we believe that by empowering people with the needed training, skills, mindset and resources, whole villages can change their circumstances and thereby, their futures.” – AOG WR Vietnam**

In 2018, AOG WR Vietnam supported communities to create change in a range of vital areas, including economic development, health and safety, education and life skills. Highlights include:

- ✔ conducting sexual abuse awareness training for 452 male and 448 female school prefects, across 11 communities, as well as train the trainer courses for 56 male and 42 female staff at the Vietnam Women’s Union and Department of Children’s Welfare;

- ✔ supporting a community of 6,108 people to improve environmental sanitation and prevent illness through better rubbish collection;
- ✔ providing goats, and basic training in animal care, to six families to assist with income generation;
- ✔ assisting a school (comprising of 285 students and 21 staff) and kindergarten (of 210 students and 25 staff) to create school gardens to provide fresh vegetables for school lunches and improve students’ nutrition;
- ✔ installing a water filtration system at a school, benefitting 487 people, and establishing a running water supply at a health centre which services a village of 9,350 people;
- ✔ renovating and/or providing equipment – in partnership with four communities – to four health centres, which collectively service a total of 30,484 people; and
- ✔ installing a new playground at a kindergarten, to the delight of 222 children who previously only had a concrete slab to play on.



IMAGE: VILLAGE ENTERPRISE



“... our community has now been able to help other communities by sharing what we have learned.”

IMAGE: AOG WORLD RELIEF VIETNAM

 CASE STUDY

### A COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED

“[At our first meeting with AOG WR, our community] decided that we wanted to focus on income generation so families could increase their income and improve their children’s health.

“We started with 21 families ... with 18 deciding to participate in the first program. Each family developed a business plan and the community discussed the plans; then together with AOG WR Vietnam we were able to identify what resources we already had in the community and what resources we lacked.

“Each family was able to save money towards their business and AOG WR Vietnam helped us start a revolving loan fund to bridge the gap. Those families began to generate income through growing bananas; raising cows, pigs, and chickens.

“We also looked at other needs in the community and as a result of working together with AOGWR Vietnam, we have been able to [address many other areas too].

“It has been six years now since AOG WR Vietnam first started to help our community and we have seen much development right down to the family level. Even more exciting is the fact that our community has now been able to help other communities by sharing what we have learned, and we have seen other villages replicate what we have done.” – Mrs Le, whose community partnered with AOG WR

## SUPPORT FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

In Odisha state, India, ACCI project partner EFICOR is helping create a better future for mothers and babies through its 'Unnati' child and maternal health project.

The project is based in one of Odisha's poorest districts, Balangir, where almost one in ten babies will not make it to their first birthday. The Unnati project aims to drastically reduce this rate by building the capacity of local health personnel and services; supporting health prevention strategies; and working with women and their communities to increase their awareness of the health services available to them. By working to support and strengthen existing services and health campaigns, the project aims to see long-term change in maternal and child health outcomes.

The Unnati project began at the start of 2018. Highlights of its first year include:

- ✔ visiting 2,602 pregnant women and 3,071 lactating mothers to provide advice around pregnancy, birth, feeding, newborn care and the importance of regular health checks;
- ✔ supporting 164 government health centres to provide better quality service – including immunisations – to children and pregnant and lactating women in monthly health sessions;
- ✔ coordinating support group meetings – for 492 pregnant women, 535 lactating mothers and 450 mothers-in-law – to provide information about care and diet during pregnancy and the importance of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a baby's life;
- ✔ organising handwashing and nutrition demonstrations in 46 villages and in five schools to help keep communities healthy; and
- ✔ working with the government health department to increase its ability to respond to the needs of pregnant women, lactating mothers and children in Balangir.



Joyanti, pictured right, credits the safe arrival of her twins to a visit from EFICOR staff who told her about the warning signs of pregnancy. Joyanti lost a baby during a previous pregnancy because she didn't know when and where to seek help. This time, when she noticed bleeding during her eighth month of pregnancy, she knew to go straight to hospital and was able to deliver her twins safely, with the aid of trained medical staff.

# Child rights & child-centred development

 2018 SNAPSHOT

1,449

children were supported  
to access **EARLY  
EDUCATION**

4,707

children were supported to  
attend **SCHOOL**

98

teachers were **TRAINED**  
in effective teaching  
methods

13,481

children were assisted  
by our **KINNECTED**  
programs

# Child rights and education



IMAGE: HELPKIDS SRI LANKA

As we know, children are one of the most vulnerable groups in society. ACCI Relief programs not only seek to provide greater access to services for children – such as education and healthcare – but also to programs that advocate for and protect their rights.

Our goal is to support the holistic transformation of children and families through community development that is child focused but also considers the wider context of a child's experience of poverty. This means also focusing on siblings, parents, extended family and community members; realising that they form the key support networks that can actually bring about sustainable change.

*Alison and Narel Atkinson with the 2018 graduates of their early education program. These children will now move into grade one at a local primary school, while continuing to receive after-school tuition and support from HelpKids.*

## HELPING KIDS THRIVE IN THEIR EDUCATION

The HelpKids Education Centre in Sri Lanka provides early education and after-school tuition classes to children from low-income families. The HelpKids program helps prepare young children for school, with many otherwise likely to miss out on early education. It also helps ensure that once they're in school, they have the extra support they need to be able to keep up with their classes.

The team also helps parents understand the importance of education, as well as how to navigate the school system. For example, in August 2018, HelpKids organised for a local principal to speak to parents of the kindergarten class to help them understand how to choose a school that would best support their children. The HelpKids team also supports the children's families in various other practical ways, to build their capacity and help them overcome the challenges of poverty.

In 2018, HelpKids supported children in Colombo, Sri Lanka by:

- ✔ providing early childhood education to 60 children;
- ✔ supporting 120 school children with extracurricular programs and tutoring; and
- ✔ training seven teachers to ensure they can deliver the best education to students.

Furthermore, HelpKids supported families through:

- ✔ setting up 20 families with chicken farms;
- ✔ providing water filters to five preschools to improve children's access to clean drinking water;
- ✔ offering counselling to families during difficult times; and
- ✔ providing lights for 60 bikes to improve people's safety at night.



IMAGE: OPERATION UGANDA

### OPENING THE DOORS TO BETTER EDUCATION

Like any developing country, quality education is one of the keys to helping Uganda’s children realise their potential and break free from poverty. In response, ACCIR partner Operation Uganda (OU) works with local primary and secondary schools to build their capacity and help ensure schools and teachers can deliver quality education for many years to come.

OU also supports the renovation of school buildings, provides much-needed school supplies like desks and text books, and supports families with the costs of sending children to school. In addition, the team runs self-esteem programs for boys and girls and provides sanitary items to help high school girls stay in school year-round.

In 2018, OU continued to work alongside a community-run school in rural northern Uganda; supporting the local committee to more effectively run the school, as well as funding the addition of an early childhood centre to the premises to provide early education for vulnerable children. This is

making a big difference for local families who now have more opportunities to earn an income, while their children are cared for in a safe and stimulating environment.

Highlights for 2018 include:

- ✔ supporting 1,142 children to attend school, helping with tuition costs and school uniforms; and
- ✔ training 50 teachers to ensure they could continue providing quality education.

In addition, the team worked with local communities to help improve life at home for children and their families by:

- ✔ providing health or sanitation training to 150 people;
- ✔ supporting 60 women with pre- or post-natal support; and
- ✔ providing small business training or mentoring to 10 people.

*George William has much to celebrate having just landed a job with one of Uganda’s major banks. George received a full scholarship from Operation Uganda to complete primary and secondary school, as well as support to live at home with his grandmother; which kept him from having to grow up in institutional care. He performed so well at school that he gained a partial bursary to study a double degree in mathematics and computer science at university and once graduated, quickly gained a full-time job with a major bank. Well done George!*



IMAGE: OPERATION UGANDA





# Kinected

## KEEPING CHILDREN IN FAMILIES

Now in its eighth year, Kinected continues to champion the right of children to grow up in families.

In 2018, ACCIR's Kinected program worked with a total of 20 residential care institutions, across seven countries, in their process of deinstitutionalisation. This resulted in 80 children and young people being reintegrated into their families and communities. The program has also seen 256 children supported to stay with their families through preservation efforts and 1,088 families benefit from family strengthening efforts.

IN 2018, KINNECTED PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS WORKED TO:



### PREVENT FAMILY BREAKDOWN AND CHILD ABANDONMENT

by providing intensive support to families at risk of breakdown.



### STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

to enable them to care for their own children.



### PROVIDE AND ESTABLISH FAMILY-BASED CARE

such as kinship or foster care, for children who genuinely require alternative care.



### ASSIST RESIDENTIAL CARE CENTRES TO UNDERGO TRANSITION

and safely reintegrate children into families.

## UNPACKING THE ISSUE

Despite the known risks of residential care and the right of every child to be raised by their family, long-term residential care continues to be used prolifically through low and middle-income countries. It is estimated that of the eight million children living in institutions, 80% have living parents.<sup>1</sup> The overwhelming majority of children in institutional care are there for reasons of poverty or social exclusion, rather than due to the absence of appropriate caregivers.

A robust body of global research, which has been conducted over a 60+ year period, demonstrates that long-term institutional care can have detrimental effects on children's development and exposes them to a high risk of abuse, as well as lifelong physical and psychological harm. The effects of institutionalisation extend well into adulthood, with care leavers often ill prepared for reintegration into society. They are also often at a distinct social disadvantage, and extremely vulnerable to trafficking and various forms of exploitation.

Due to the risks of harm, there is a global push to scale back the use of residential care and to develop non-institutional child welfare systems, including family preservation and strengthening services for families at risk of separation, and family-based care for children who are in legitimate need of alternative care. This is in line with the principles enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UN Alternative Care Guidelines.



IMAGE: KINNECTED MYANMAR

## KEEPING KIDS IN FAMILIES IN MYANMAR

The over-reliance on institutional approaches to caring for children has been an ongoing issue for many years in Myanmar. It is influenced by a history of civil conflict and the systematic oppression of minority groups, as well as a host of reasons at the family and community level – including poverty and lack of educational opportunities for children.

It is also common in Myanmar for local Christian pastors to open an orphanage, Bible school and church at the same time; resulting in a large number of faith-based organisations running orphanages.

Kinnected Myanmar was launched in 2015 and since that time has engaged 35 institutions in transition, reintegrating over 200 children into families. This work has been complex and challenging but we have seen exciting progress made as organisations and communities have begun to shift their mindsets and models, and children have been reunited with their families.

Highlights of Kinnected Myanmar's work in 2018 include:

- ✔ working with nine residential care institutions, helping 68 children towards their reintegration into families, as well as monitoring 31 children who have been recently settled with families;
- ✔ meeting with three new residential care institutions – which collectively care for 40 children – to introduce them to the Kinnected program and encourage them to start changing their practices around caring for children;
- ✔ conducting awareness raising seminars with local community members in 15 villages, as well as providing ongoing support for families which chose to take their children out of institutions (and care for them at home) following the seminars; and
- ✔ launching the Kinnected Myanmar website and Facebook page to encourage orphanage donors and volunteers to support organisations which are keeping children in families.

1. [bettercarenetwork.org/sites/default/files/1.Global%20Numbers\\_2\\_0.pdf](http://bettercarenetwork.org/sites/default/files/1.Global%20Numbers_2_0.pdf)

## SUPPORTING CHANGE OF PRACTICE IN NEPAL

While trafficking of children into institutional care is a common phenomenon in Nepal – and is under scrutiny by the Nepalese Government – few faith-based organisations are aware of the risks of institutionalisation, nor that church networks are commonly used by traffickers. Modelled off the successful Kinnected Myanmar program, Kinnected Nepal seeks to bridge this gap; working with faith-based actors to assist them in scaling back the use of institutional care, reintegrating children currently in care back into families and preventing further institutionalisation through advocacy and awareness raising.

Kinnected Nepal began at the start of 2018. Highlights of its first year include:

- ✔ organising introductory workshops to teach local organisations about child rights, orphanage trafficking and care reform;
- ✔ establishing a steering committee to facilitate advocacy and training amongst faith-based networks;
- ✔ appointing a social worker to work with orphanage directors to begin the reintegration and transition process; and
- ✔ developing resources to support local faith-based organisations and actors to advocate and support care reform in Nepal.



### CASE STUDY

#### A BABY GIRL IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW UP IN HER FAMILY

In December 2017, our Kinnected Myanmar team found out about a newborn baby who had been sent to a local orphanage. They learnt that the family of the baby's 17-year-old mother had taken her to a backstreet clinic to give birth and had handed the baby over to an orphanage immediately after. Her family – who had also hidden the girl's pregnancy from their village – felt the birth would bring shame on them.

Due to the sensitivity of the issue – but wanting to speak to the family as soon as possible – our team began by first engaging a respected member of the birth mother's community to help set up a meeting.

Over a few visits, the team then built a relationship with the family and explained to them – including the birth mother – the

importance of children being raised in a family and talked about how they were hoping to help the baby reintegrate into their family. During one visit, they showed the family pictures of the baby. This was the moment the family decided to take the baby back as an 'adopted' daughter, which would ensure they could still care for her, while preventing shame from their extended family and community.

After lengthy discussions with the orphanage director – and advocacy from the orphanage's key donor – the baby was released to the family. Despite being away from her mother for seven months, our team has reported she is settling in well and enjoying time with her family; all who have welcomed her into the fold. Recently the family also gave her a new name; a significant moment for them calling her their own.

IMAGE: KINNECTED MYANMAR  
NB: Images represent the study and do not depict actual family in this case study.

 OUR IMPACT

# Disasters & humanitarian crises

 2018 SNAPSHOT

6,622

people received  
**EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE**

17,843

people were assisted through  
our **RECOVERY** efforts



IMAGE: PREEMPTIVE LOVE COALITION

# Responding to disasters and humanitarian crises

When disaster strikes, we work quickly to raise funds and mobilise our partners to respond.

While every disaster and humanitarian crisis is different – and our level of response differs with each event – we respond in line with a two-phase conceptual framework.

Firstly, we provide emergency assistance and recovery. This happens in the early days and weeks after a disaster and is critical to saving lives and preventing further suffering. This phase often includes providing clean water, life-saving food and emergency shelter. In the second phase we work with our partners to help people rebuild lost livelihoods, homes and businesses so they can stand on their own again.

Across the days, months and even years of our responses, we seek to uphold our commitments to the Sphere Code and the ICRC Code of Conduct, with our highest priority around safeguarding children.

## SOWING SEEDS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

In 2018, ACCI Relief's Middle East Crisis Appeal sought to respond to the millions of people displaced and in need of humanitarian assistance across Syria and Iraq, due to years of conflict. Through our partner, Preemptive Love Coalition, we worked to bring relief to those fleeing violence and restoration to those trying to rebuild their lives and communities, in the wake of destruction.

Here are just some of the ways we helped people caught up in this conflict during 2018.

### SYRIA

- ✔ Contributing to an agricultural project which enabled 250 families to return to farming. ACCIR's support helped provide the seeds, tools and machines which farmers needed to plant, harvest and sell their crops again.
- ✔ Contributing to a project which trained 250 families in mushroom farming. This support helped people establish new livelihoods, while also providing another source of protein for families.
- ✔ Providing a generator to power seven homes. This allowed people to keep food refrigerated, turn the lights on at night, and heat and cool their homes during extreme temperatures.
- ✔ Providing 14,213 hot meals to people who had been displaced in Syria. For people with no homes and no support, these meals were a lifeline and made a big difference in their time of need.

### IRAQ

- ✔ Helping six people start small businesses so they could provide for their families (and help kickstart the local economy).
- ✔ Funding the drilling of seven wells in Mosul's poorest neighbourhoods. This allowed people to have access to clean, safe water while they awaited repairs to their permanent infrastructure.



IMAGE: PREEMPTIVE LOVE COALITION

**CASE STUDY**

**LIFE AFTER ISIS**

Shireen's life was torn apart when ISIS overran her town. Her parents and husband were killed and she was left to care for five children alone, without the ability to leave her home. Seeing no other option, she sold the family farm for a tenth of its value and paid smugglers to take her and her children to Iraq.

Shireen and her children all survived the journey across the desert but starting life again, with no support networks, was hard. In response, our partner Preemptive Love helped Shireen to start a sewing business. The organisation provided her with a sewing machine, sewing table and fabric, and also organised for someone to check in on her regularly to see how business – and family life – was going. Through our partnership with Preemptive Love, we help people just like Shireen.

**PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE KERALA FLOODS**

Incessant rains throughout August 2018 led to severe flooding and landslides in the Indian state of Kerala, resulting in one of its worst disasters in a century. More than four million people were affected.

In response, we supported our partner EFICOR to provide food staples, hygiene supplies, children's health supplements, and clothing to 20,000 of the worst affected families. These essential items helped meet the immediate needs of families caught in the midst of the disaster until the government could help them recover and rebuild.



IMAGE: EFICOR

*When the floods destroyed Kanakamma's home, the 78-year-old was left with nothing. Receiving a support pack from EFICOR made a world of difference at a time when she was severely traumatised and unable to afford food or other basic items. She told EFICOR staff that the quality and quantity of items was beyond her expectation and she'd never forget the way they helped her.*



# Campaigns & advocacy®

# 1Day

1Day is a simple idea, with a powerful impact: give one day's salary to change the lives of children, families and communities around the world.

In 2018, our supporters – made up of churches, individuals and businesses – **gave a total of \$118,159** through 1Day for ACCI relief projects.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously in 2018!

## THE DIFFERENCE WE MADE TOGETHER IN 2018

In 2018, 1Day funds were distributed to ACCIR projects across 10 countries, as well as to assist our ongoing response in the Middle East.

Some of the ways these funds helped include:

- ✔ distributing school packs – comprising of a school bag, water bottle, shoes and socks – to children from low-income families in Sri Lanka;
- ✔ purchasing outdoor play equipment and other centre equipment for an early education centre that supports women after crisis pregnancy in Cambodia;
- ✔ supporting the provision of livestock for vulnerable families in Vietnam;
- ✔ researching the experiences of trafficking survivors, including their reintegration into society, to learn how to better support them in Cambodia; and
- ✔ building and fitting out an early childhood learning and wellness centre to support young children in Uganda.



### THE LIFE-SAVING GIFT OF SWIMMING LESSONS

The incidence of child drowning in Vietnam is alarming, with thousands of children drowning throughout the country each year.

For several years, the AOG WR team has partnered with government agencies and schools to provide swimming lessons to help give children the skills and confidence to be safe around water.

In 2018, using 1Day funds, AOG WR partnered with a school for hearing impaired children to provide swimming lessons for 16 children with hearing impairments. Training was delivered right before the summer break – which is the time when most drownings occur – and included teaching children how to tread water and swim 50-100 metres.

Thank you to everyone who gave to help give children in Vietnam the life-saving gift of swimming lessons!





# Kinected advocacy

## FIGHTING THE RISE OF ORPHANAGE TRAFFICKING

In November 2018, the Australian Government passed the Modern Slavery Act (MSA) which included orphanage trafficking as a form slavery and included measures to combat orphanage tourism. This was a huge achievement for all involved, including ACCI and fellow members of Rethink Orphanages.

The passing of this legislation comes after more than two years of hard work advocating for orphanage trafficking to be included in the Act. This included providing multiple submissions, speaking at a Senate inquiry and meeting with different levels of government.

Throughout 2018, ACCI also contributed to and engaged in discussions regarding the impact of this Act on other government departments, laws and policies – including the Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission’s (ACNC) external conduct standards.

Australia is the first country in the world to recognise orphanage trafficking as a form of slavery in legislation. ACCI is excited about the impact this will have, particularly in encouraging other countries to push forward global care reform.

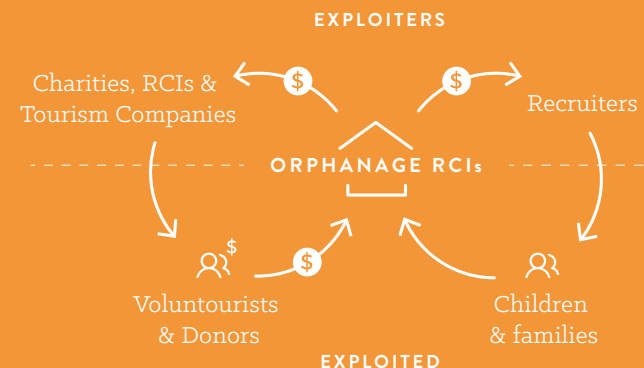
### THE WAY FORWARD

Now that it has passed, the Modern Slavery Act will establish a supply chain reporting mechanism requiring large entities that meet the threshold to release annual Modern Slavery Statements and take steps to eradicate slavery in their supply chains. This includes vetting supply chains for orphanage trafficking and exploitation in institutions, such as orphanage tourism, where that is a risk.

The Modern Slavery Act Inquiry final report also made recommendations that the ACNC put in place new standards to better regulate Australian charities’ support of overseas orphanages. The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure charities’ overseas activities or funding is not unwittingly driving the demand for orphanage trafficking, child exploitation or unnecessary institutionalisation.

The Australian Government has also taken steps to combat orphanage trafficking through discouraging Australians’ involvement in orphanage tourism, through the launch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Smart Volunteering Campaign.

We welcome all of these changes and look forward to seeing the difference it will make in this area.



### WHAT'S THIS ISSUE ABOUT?

As with all types of trafficking, orphanage trafficking is driven by demand, which must be met with a ready supply. The demand is for ‘orphans in orphanages’ who can be marketed to overseas donor communities as ‘alone’, ‘abandoned’ and ‘in need of care’. This then creates a perceived need for funding and volunteers to support the residential care institution (RCI), or orphanage. However, as the number of orphanages (and amount of available funding for them) well exceeds the legitimate demand for residential care in many countries, children who don’t legitimately require care are trafficked into care to meet the deficit in ‘supply’.

The trafficking of children into residential care has therefore emerged as a means for individuals and organisations to profit from the gap between the perceived and actual need for residential care in developing country contexts.

Australia’s decision to combat orphanage trafficking and curtail orphanage tourism represents a pivotal moment for care reform efforts and will set a global precedent for other countries to follow.

# Governance





 GOVERNANCE

# Our Board

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ACCI Missions & Relief Director  
ACC Vice President  
Ordained Pastor

**ALLAN DAVIS  
(CHAIRPERSON)**

BA, BA (Bib, Theo), MA  
Ordained Pastor

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Director  
Ordained Pastor

# Our commitment to best practice

## AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (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.

Our adherence to the Code of Conduct demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability. Adherence to the Code is monitored by an independent Code of Conduct Committee elected from the NGO community. Copies of the Code of Conduct are available from ACFID by visiting [www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct](http://www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct)

ACCI Relief also participates in ACFID's Child Rights Community of Practice that provide a means for ACFID members to collaborate, share learning and work together to promote the rights of children and child rights based approaches to development within the Australian international development sector. ACCI Relief also acts as the convenor for ACFID's Child Rights Community of Practice sub group on Residential Care.

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

ACCI Relief is a signatory 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.

## MONITORING, EVALUATION & LEARNING

All ACCI Relief projects are monitored and evaluated through ACCI Relief led and partner led monitoring processes and reporting frameworks. ACCI Relief has three distinct program frameworks that correlate to the three dominant types of social change processes. This ensures that project strategies and monitoring and evaluation methods are relevant to context and therefore more conducive to achieving, capturing and measuring desired impacts. Our monitoring processes of projects include, at a minimum, bi-annual progress reporting and monitoring visits by ACCI Relief staff every two years. We have incorporated strong feedback loops into our monitoring and evaluation processes, which enables partners to meaningfully incorporate lessons learnt into project design.

Our vision and mission statements identify local people as our primary stakeholders, with their self-determination and the realisation of their rights central to our mission. Consultation with primary stakeholders is therefore considered a core aspect of project design and evaluation and ACCI Relief coaches work with partners to implement participatory approaches to monitoring and evaluation.

ACCI Relief is also conducting an ongoing longitudinal research on our Kinected program, one of the core program areas of our organisation.



## FEEDBACK

ACCI Relief recognises that listening to and responding to feedback, concerns and complaints is integral to our commitment to achieving the high standards and ensures accountability to all stakeholders. Anyone wishing to provide feedback or lodge a complaint regarding the conduct of ACCI Relief, please contact the General Manager at [complaints@accir.org.au](mailto:complaints@accir.org.au) or the Director at [info@accir.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:code@acfid.asn.au) or on **02 6285 1816**.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the Kinected program's approach, adapt the strategy in response to learning and evidence of what is and isn't effective and to collect and share vital lessons learnt. The research has included multiple rounds of interviews with relevant field workers, implementing partners, ACCIR staff, board members, and key pastors. Initial findings from this research have been collated and published on our website and have been a useful tool both for ACCI Relief and other organisations.

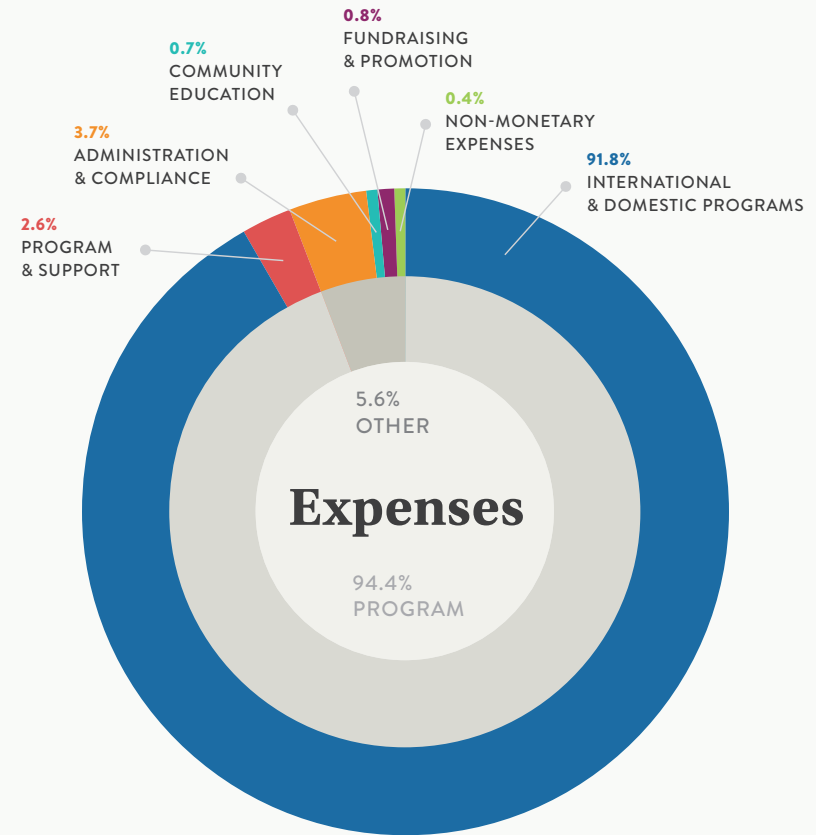
External evaluations have been conducted on several of ACCIR's larger or more technical projects with findings made available in published reports.

# Finances

# Financial report

## WHERE FUNDS WERE SPENT IN 2018

The total revenue for ACCI Relief for 2018 was \$7.4 million. The graph below provides a high-level overview of how funds were spent, while tables on the following pages give a breakdown of our income, expenditure and financial position.



### EXPENSE CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

**Program & support:** Expenses (including for development qualified program staff salaries) incurred through overseeing the aid and development program, engaging in monitoring and evaluation, continually improving program quality and ensuring the effective use of funds.

**Administration & compliance:** Expenses supporting the executive, finance, administration, HR, IT and customer service functions.

**Community education:** Expenses relating to advocacy campaigns, donor education and the production and distribution of educational resources.

**Fundraising & promotion:** Expenses relating to promotional activities and fundraising campaigns.

**Non-monetary expenses:** Estimated market value of office rent that has been recognised as an expense.

**International & domestic programs:** Funds invested into aid and development programs run by our strategic partners in the field.

# Profit & loss

ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC.

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

ABN: 26 077 365 434

For the year ended 31 December 2018.

	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<i>Donations and gifts</i>		
Monetary	7,118,827	6,667,669
Non-monetary	25,500	25,500
<i>Grants</i>		
Other overseas	224,979	95,955
Investment income	19,850	12,508
Other income	7,400	636
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,396,556</b>	<b>6,802,268</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
<i>International programs</i>		
Funds to international programs	(6,515,960)	(5,930,532)
Program support costs	(182,564)	(168,623)
Community education	(49,475)	-
<i>Fundraising costs</i>		
Public	(57,913)	(115,525)
Accountability and administration	(266,512)	(280,358)
Non-monetary expenditure	(25,500)	(25,500)
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>(7,097,924)</b>	<b>(6,520,538)</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(7,097,924)</b>	<b>(6,520,538)</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>298,632</b>	<b>281,730</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>298,632</b>	<b>281,730</b>

# Financial position

ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ABN: 26 077 365 434

As at 31 December 2018.

ASSETS	2018 \$	2017 \$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents	650,604	263,120
Trade and other receivables	5,119	5,148
Financial assets	700,000	700,000
Prepayments	11,222	11,111
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,366,945</b>	<b>979,379</b>
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Plant & equipment	4,286	5,239
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>5,239</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,371,231</b>	<b>984,618</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade and other payables	18,348	11,504
Short-term provisions	43,553	43,041
Other current liabilities	80,481	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>142,382</b>	<b>54,545</b>
<i>Non current liabilities</i>		
Other long-term provisions	144	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>142,526</b>	<b>54,545</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,228,705</b>	<b>930,073</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	1,185,712	903,065
Accumulated funds	42,993	27,008
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>1,228,705</b>	<b>930,073</b>



# Changes in equity

ACC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF INC.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

ABN: 26 077 365 434

For the year ended 31 December 2018.

	Accumulated funds	Unexpended Project Funds Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2018</b>	27,008	903,065	930,073
Surplus for the year	298,632	-	298,632
<b>Transfer to and from reserves</b>			
- Unexpended Project Funds Reserve	(282,647)	282,647	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	<b>42,993</b>	<b>1,185,712</b>	<b>1,228,705</b>

The members of the committee declare that:

1. The financial report and notes for the year ended 31 December 2018 give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance and satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC)*.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that ACC International Relief Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Director  .....

Committee member  .....

Dated 07 March 2019

# Auditor's report

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR  
ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
TO THE MEMBERS OF ACC INTERNATIONAL  
RELIEF INC.

ABN: 26 077 365 434

## ACC International Relief Inc

### Independent Audit Report to the members of ACC International Relief Inc

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, and the statement of changes in equity are derived from the audited financial report of ACC International Relief Inc for the year ended 31 December 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

#### Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC). Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

#### The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 7 March 2019.

#### Responsibilities of Committee Members for the Summary Financial Statements

The committee members 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 are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

*Saward Dawson*

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*Jeffrey Tulk*

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Partner

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Dated: 7 March 2019

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# Thank you to all our partners

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Cambodia Rural  
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Care4Kids Uganda

Cambodia Global Action

Chab Dai

Children in Families

Children's Fortress Africa

Global Child Advocates

EFICOR

Free To Be

Frontline Foundation

HelpKids

Hillsong Africa Foundation

Kinected Myanmar

Kinected Nepal

Loving and Caring Children  
Myanmar

Mother's Heart

Hope Mozambique

House of Hope Africa

Myanmar Children's  
Reintegration Group

New Smile Organisation

Northrise University  
Alumni Association

Operation Uganda

Preemptive Love Coalition

Project Madagascar

Salamom School

Sepheo

Serve Cambodia

SFAC Consultancy

Siem Reap Community  
Transformation

The A21 Campaign

The Kivuli Project

The River Mountains  
Project

Transform Cambodia

Village Enterprise

Vision Rescue





**“Learn to do right; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed...”**

ISAIAH 1:17 (NIV)

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