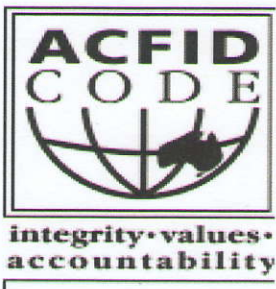


Partners in Aid

Annual Report 2015



Partners in Aid Ltd is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct can be obtained from Partners in Aid Ltd and from ACFID at:

Website: www.acfid.asn.au Email: code@acfid.asn.au

Tel: (02) 6281 9222 Fax: (02) 6285 1720

PARTNERS IN AID LTD

MISSION STATEMENT

1. To improve living standards, capacity and resilience in developing communities with a focus on the Indian sub-continent; and
2. To fund and facilitate social and environment projects and child education sponsorship with local partners.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Over the past year we have continued our project work in Bangladesh, India and Philippines, as well as maintained our support the two child sponsorship programs at SEDS and ABWU. For more specific information in relation to these programs and projects, please refer to the reports given at the AGM by the relevant co-ordinators, which are on our website (www.partnersinaid.org.au).

India:

SEDS – Watershed Management and Community Development Project
SEDS – Child Sponsorship Program
ABWU – Child Sponsorship Program

Bangladesh:

TTIS – Technical Training and Information Support Project
Jamuna River Sandbar Peoples Development Project

Philippines:

Sinangpad Healthy Village Project

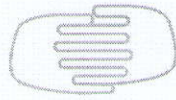
YOUR BOARD

Executive 2015/16

	Name	Experience	Board Member since
Honorary Chairperson:	Ms Amanda Stone	Education & Training Consultant	February 2008
Honorary Deputy Chair:	Dr Anne-Marie Maltby	Dentist	May 2005
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Graham Moore	University Teacher	February 2008
Honorary Treasurer:	Mrs Andrea Pickering	Office Manager	October 1996

Board Members

Mr Ian Pickering	Nurseryman	October 1992
Mrs Lyn Pickering	Office Manager	October 1993
Ms Kristin Burdett	IT Business Analyst	October 2007
Ms Cecily Neil	Consultant	October 2015



Partners in Aid

Chair's Report 2015

Partners in Aid was formed in 1962 to provide support for struggling rural communities in India and Bangladesh. Following a Strategic Review in 2014 and the development of our first Strategic Plan in 2015, we re-affirmed our guiding principles and values:

- A **Vision** of enduring and capable communities
- A **Mission** to improve living standards, capacity and resilience in developing communities with a focus on the Indian sub-continent. To fund and facilitate social and environment projects and child education sponsorship with local partners.
- **Values** of Integrity, Dignity and Effectiveness.

These values underpin the way we have worked as an organisation since 1962, a volunteer-run organisation with minimal overheads, working in partnership with NGOs in India, Bangladesh and the Philippines to build the capacity of local communities. Our members, donors and supporters have stated over many years that these are the values which they share and are the reason they support our work and that of our partners.

The development of a Strategic Plan this year has identified our priorities as an organisation in a changing philanthropic environment, and will ensure that we adapt and change as needed over the next 5 years.

We want to document the proud history of **Partners in Aid** and capture the stories of those long term members, donors and board members who have built the organisation. We will improve our use of technology both internally but also to communicate with existing and potential donors and supporters. We will develop a Volunteer Strategy and develop a volunteer base to both extend the capability of the organisation, but also to include those who are interested in **Partners in Aid's** activities and wish to be involved in a less formal way. We will develop new sources of funds through establishing a Fundraising Committee, comprising both board and volunteer members.

The board worked hard, donating many hours over weekends to crystallise our priorities, our goals and actions in the development of the Strategic Plan and I would like to thank them for their commitment to a task which was not always an easy process.

Partners in Aid has continued to support projects in India, Bangladesh and the Philippines this year. There have been monitoring and evaluation visits to all projects this year and much has been learned in consultation with our partners about the effectiveness of each project. Project directors will report separately on the achievements of each project as well as what has been learned. I want to acknowledge the workload of all our board members who take responsibility for projects, liaising with and supporting partners, monitoring the use of PIA funds and evaluating the effectiveness of the projects, reporting to the board with frank and fearless advice, visiting projects (self funded) and liaising with donors directly in the case of child sponsorship programmes, many hours of unseen administration and PR work. Thankyou to Lyn Pickering and Anne Marie Maltby for effectively managing the enormous workload of child sponsorship projects in India; to Glenys Hughes who has persisted with significant communication challenges in the Philippines to finally manage a visit this year followed by a magnificent, informative board report; and to Graham Moore who picked up management of the Bangladesh project from Mary Dunne and wasted no time in visiting the project to understand how our funds are being used first hand and to learn about where this could be more effective.

Partners in Aid has no paid employees so all administrative and governance work is conducted by the board. We could not support our partners without the reliability of our Treasurer Andrea Pickering, our Communications

specialist Kristin Aitken, and Secretary Graham Moor. All these roles take many hours and great persistence in ensuring the wheels of the organisations tick over smoothly, that we meet all our regulatory and compliance obligations and we maintain good governance on behalf of our members and donors. Thank you all.

Sadly today two board members have decided to stand down. Phil McMillan joined PIA two years ago and has brought a fresh new perspective to our board discussions, challenging perceptions and opening up new ways of thinking about how we operate. Thankyou Phil for your contribution and we hope you will continue to be involved in PIA in a less formal capacity.

Glenys Hughes has been a long term board member, taking responsibility for the Sinangpad project in the Philippines, and liaising between that project and the board despite many difficulties with communications technology. Glenys has provided sound thinking, broad experience and a grounding perspective. Above all she has a strong commitment to the mission and values of **Partners in Aid** which she has reminded us of when discussions become complex. I wish to pay tribute to Glenys and thank her for her significant contribution over many years.

Partners in Aid has continued to focus strongly on meeting our obligations to our members, donors, partners and the regulatory bodies to which we are accountable during the year.

As members of ACFID (Australian Council for International Development), we adhere fully to the ACFID Code of Conduct and this year have updated and improved our policies to more fully meet the ACFID Code. Both ACFID and PIA have focused on Child Protection policies this year and we are mindful that much of our work involves contact with children. We have instituted a clear, strong Child Protection Policy, communicated to our partners, and a Child Protection Code of Conduct which must be signed and agreed to by all board members and volunteers. A Working with Children Check has been a requirement for board members and volunteers for some time.

We have updated our website to ensure that anyone with a complaint about **Partners in Aid** or concerned about a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct knows how to lodge a complaint and who to contact. In the past year there has been no complaint lodged nor have any child protection issues been raised.

The process of developing a Strategic Plan identified one thing for us – that **Partners in Aid** does what it does well. We work in partnership with reputable NGOs in India, Bangladesh and the Philippines to build capacity, empower local people and improve livelihoods. We practise integrity – we do what we say and we account for that. And we operate efficiently and effectively- more than 90% of donations go directly to projects on the ground and our donors can see that.

I would like to thank the board for their hard work and perseverance in a period of change and their commitment to continuing the great work of **Partners in Aid**. Thankyou too to our members and our donors without whom we would not exist. And thankyou to outgoing board members Glenys and Philip for your contribution

Amanda Stone

21st November 2015

Chair

Anyone with a complaint can lodge it using our website: <http://partnersinaid.org.au/contact-us/>

Complaints should be directed to the Chair

Breaches of the ACFID Code of Conduct should be reported in the first instance to the board as above. If not resolved, then to ACFID:

<https://acfid.asn.au/content/complaints>

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts		
* Monetary	159,468	158,611
* Non Monetary	0	0
Legacies and bequests	10,000	0
Grants		
* AusAID	0	0
* Other Australian	0	0
* Other overseas	0	0
Investment Income	4,160	4,857
Other Income	0	0
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence		
Promotion Programs	0	0
Total Revenue	<u>173,628</u>	<u>163,468</u>
EXPENSES		
International Programs		
* Funds to overseas projects	168,383	134,820
* Project support costs	0	0
Community education	0	0
Fundraising costs		
* Public	868	896
* government and multilaterals	0	0
Accountability & Administration	19,380	10,247
Non-Monetary Expenditure	0	0
Total International Aid & Development Programs Expenditure	<u>188,631</u>	<u>145,963</u>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion		
Programs Expenditure	0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>188,631</u>	<u>145,963</u>
Excess (shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	<u>(15,003)</u>	<u>17,505</u>

Please note : a copy of the Full Financial Report is available on request

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT JUNE 30TH, 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash & cash equivalents	189,696	204,468
Trade & other receivables	0	0
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	77	97
Total Current Assets	<u>189,773</u>	<u>204,565</u>
Non Current Assets		
Trade & other receivables	0	0
Other financial Assets	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	0	0
Investment Property	0	0
Intangibles	0	0
Other non-current assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total assets	<u>189,773</u>	<u>204,565</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and other payables	831	614
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	55	61
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>886</u>	<u>675</u>
Non Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	0	0
Other Financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>886</u>	<u>675</u>
Net Assets	<u>188,887</u>	<u>203,890</u>
EQUITY		
Reserves	0	0
Retained Earnings	188,887	203,890
Total Equity	<u>188,887</u>	<u>203,890</u>

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PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2015

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total
Balance at 30/6/14 (commencing balance)	\$203,890	\$0	\$203,890
Adjustments or changes in equity due to, for example, adoption of new accounting standards	\$0	\$0	\$0
Items of other comprehensive income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	-\$15,003	\$0	-\$15,003
Amount transferred (to) from reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
Balance at 30/6/15 (year end balance)	\$188,887	\$0	\$188,887

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PARTNERS IN AID LTD
TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2015

	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at end of year	Comments
SEDS Sponsorship	\$ 46,477	\$ 49,834	\$ 50,944	\$ 45,367	
ABWU Sponsorship	\$ 12,701	\$ 17,080	\$ 16,199	\$ 13,582	
Total for Other Purposes	\$ 145,290	\$ 106,715	\$ 121,258	\$ 130,747	
TOTAL	\$ 204,468	\$ 173,629	\$ 188,401	\$ 189,696	

SEDS sponsorship & ABWU sponsorship programs are the only funds raised for a designated purpose which generated 10% or more of total income for the period under review

Please note: The summary financial reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au

Independent Auditor's Opinion

To the members of Partners in Aid Limited

The accompanying concise financial report of Partners in Aid Ltd the year ended 30 June 2015, comprising of the income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and a table of cash movements for designated purposes is derived from the general purpose financial report of Partners in Aid Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2015. The concise financial report does not contain all of the disclosures required in the Australian Accounting Standards.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the concise financial report in accordance with the requirements set out in the *ACFID Code of Conduct*. For Further information on the Code please refer to the *ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance* available at www.acfid.asn.au. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of the concise financial report; selecting and applying appropriate account policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our audit procedures. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of Partners in Aid Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015. Our Audit report on the financial report for the year was signed on the 7th December 2015 and was not subject to any modification. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to the audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the next year is free from material misstatement.

Our procedures in respect of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independent requirements of the *Corporations Act 2011* and the professional accounting bodies in Australia.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report of Partners in Aid Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015 complies with the requirements of the Australian Council for the International Development.

Ashfords Audit and Assurance

Ashfords Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants



Ryan H. Dummett
Director

Dated 23 February 2016