



Partners in Aid

## Partners in Aid - Annual Report for 2017

### 1. Partners in Aid's purpose, objectives/aims and values

Partners in Aid was established in 1962 to support the very poor in India and Bangladesh. In 2017 we are guided by:

- A **Vision** of enduring, 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

Our **short term objectives** are to promote and assist with local community and economic development projects. This work includes watershed management, sustainable agriculture, job skills training, health education, women's self-help groups, school programs and child sponsorship

Our **long term objectives** are to improve the living standards through environmentally sustainable approaches in rural and urban areas in developing countries

### 2. Partners in Aid's income and expenditure for the financial year 2016-2017 and overall financial health;

In the financial year 2016-2017, Partners in Aid's income was \$166,274, comprising \$163,798 in direct donations. Our total expenditure was \$187,720 of which \$112,398 was expended on projects in India, \$33,905 in Bangladesh and \$26,470 in the Philippines. Administration costs (audit fees, ACFID fees, insurance and accounting fees) totaled \$13,147 or 8.08% of total income.

Partners in Aid ended the financial year with an operating loss of \$21,446

Current assets were \$197,237 and current liabilities were \$568.

Income was consistent with the previous year but with the exclusion of the bequest in 2016, and the organization is in good financial health with the ability to pay its liabilities when and as due.

### 3. Our most significant aid and development activities undertaken during 2016-2017 and their impact

During 2016-2017, Partners in Aid raised funds to support projects run by our project partners in India, Bangladesh and the Philippines. Key projects and development activities include:

**ABWU in Kolkata** – vocational skills training for women, remedial tuition and special needs teaching for children and young women, child sponsorship of girls and young women in the children’s home, funded excursions beyond the children’s home.

**The impacts** in 2016-2017 were that 66 girls being raised in a children’s home had access to education and training which improve their chances of independence as adults; all children were provided with karate training and enrichment experiences beyond the home where they live, 15 young women were trained with employable skills.

**SEDS in Andhra Pradesh** – child sponsorship supporting children’s education to Year 10; watershed management, low carbon farming and sustainable agriculture, vocational skills training

**The impact** has been that in 2016-2017, villages and farmers have had access to renewed water storage tanks for their families and community, their crops and their animals; also fresh fish as a food and income source. Farmers have been trained in low carbon farming practices to prepare them for trading on the international carbon market; over 200 children have been financially supported to attend and complete school; women have been trained in sewing techniques and provided with employment as a result.

**Symbiosis Jamuna River Development Project in Bangladesh** - Supporting women’s self help groups by providing basic literacy and life skills education; providing pre-school education and supporting a primary school to provide teachers and education supplies; providing technical training to adults to assist them in developing income-earning activities, namely sewing and textiles

**As a result**, 45 women’s self help groups met regularly during the year, 10 of 20 women leading these groups have been trained, pre-school teachers have been employed and trained, participants have benefitted from vocational training and half those have continued with income generating activities.

**Symbiosis Technical Skills Project in Bangladesh** – Supporting people (mainly women) from poor circumstances to gain technical skills to assist them in developing income-earning activities, mainly sewing and textiles. Groups are formed for several months, and as well as the technical skills, basic literacy, health, and life skills are also taught.

**Sinangpad in Philippines** – local community health training in hygiene and sanitation.

**As a result**, villages in the year 2016-2017 received mentor training in good health and hygiene and participated in planning to sustain these practices in the longer term. Toilets were constructed, animals physically separated from people, and good basic hygiene practiced.

#### **4. Evaluation into the effectiveness of and the learning from aid and development activity**

Each of the projects has clear targets and an evaluation framework that is implemented locally as the projects progress. These are reported back the Project Coordinator and the Partners in Aid Board on a regular basis (3 – 6 months). At the end of each project cycle, a more in-depth evaluation is conducted, usually by the Project Coordinator from Australis visiting the project partners. Overall outcomes are evident by way of observations of community or physical change in the people and environment. For example people who have started businesses, kitchen gardens that have been established, irrigation tanks that are now operation in both the supply of water and as aquaculture ponds.

#### **5. A report by the governing body**

The report from the Board Chairperson to the 2016 Annual General Meeting is attached below. Detailed reports on each project from project Directors for 2015-2016 can be found on our website at <http://partnersinaid.org.au/resources/>

#### **6. Financial statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code;**

Audited financial statements are attached below.

#### **7. A statement of commitment to full adherence to the Code;**

Partners in Aid is a member of ACFID – the Australian Council for International Development – and is committed to fully adhering with its Code of Conduct.

#### **8. Identification of the ability to lodge a complaint against Partners in Aid and a point of contact**

Complaints about the organization or board can be directed to the Chair and details of this are also on the website: <http://partnersinaid.org.au/contact-us/>

#### **9. Identification of the ability to lodge a complaint for breach of the Code of Conduct**

If anyone wishes to lodge a complaint for breach of the Code of Conduct, they are advised on our website that this can be done directly to ACFID. <http://partnersinaid.org.au/contact-us/>

## **Appendix 1.**

### **Chair and Report to Annual General Meeting**



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### **Annual General Meeting Reports**

**11th November 2017**

#### **Chairperson's Report**

I would like to begin by acknowledging the contributions throughout 2016 and 2017 of our Partners in Aid donors, many of whom have had a long-standing commitment to particular Partners in Aid projects. Big or small, together these donations have enabled Partners in Aid to continue to support Partner Organizations implement projects that can make a significant difference to the health and livelihoods of people in living in poor communities. Moreover, the ongoing commitment of many loyal donors to particular projects has facilitated the evolution of immediate, short-term project impacts into sustainable long-term change. It has also enabled long-term relationships to develop with Partner Organizations, resulting in mutual trust and thus helping the PIA Board to respond to problems experienced by Partner Organizations with sensitivity and respect for the latter's ability to adapt best practice ideas to the social and physical environment in which they are working. It has also ensured that projects that receive Partners in Aid funding are the outcome of local community engagement, based on community demands, rather than on an external organization's perception of the community's needs.

It is through this process that SEDS in rural southern India, ABWU in Kolkatta, the Symbiosis Jamuna River Project in Bangladesh and Sinangpad in northern Philippines have continued this year to improve the livelihoods and future opportunities of those communities they work in. Project Directors will report on each of these partnerships and activities shortly.

In 2015-2016, Partners in Aid Partners in Aid underwent some significant restructuring, which included the evolution of a new committee system, with the formalization of a Projects Subcommittee and a Fundraising, Marketing and Communications Subcommittee. This year has seen the consolidation of the proposed changes. Regular meetings of the Project Sub-committee have given those most closely involved with the implementation and monitoring of particular projects the opportunity to discuss in more depth project strategies and the outcomes of monitoring visits. This helps to ensure that donors' money is continuing to result in the most effective and sustainable project benefits for children, families and communities possible. Similarly, the meetings of members of the Fundraising, Marketing and Communications Subcommittee have resulted in a number of ideas which can be explored with a view to increasing awareness of the work of Partners in Aid, and hopefully expanding our donor base. New ways of raising money are also being considered. While our income this year has remained steady, and administrations costs continuing to well under 15%, the costs for our Partner Organizations of maintaining their projects continues increasing in parallel

to a number of global trends. Increased PIA income will be important if we are to maintain and expand the contribution that we are currently making to community development abroad.

Some time has also been spent by Board members finalizing policy and procedure documents to ensure that they are consistent in all respects with the Code of Conduct of ACFID, of which Partners in Aid is a member. ACFID aims to 'lead and unite its members in action for a just, equitable and sustainable world', and its Code sets guidelines for achieving this. As a result of changes ACFID announced to this Code in July this year, some minor changes still need to be made to our policies and procedures to bring them into line with the new requirements. It is anticipated this process will be finished in January 2018. All revised policies and procedures will then be made available to anyone interested via the net.

One very important change with respect to PIA regulation is the development of a new constitution to be voted on today. Special thanks are due to Jonathan Kneebone who volunteered his legal services to write the new constitution.

I'd like to acknowledge members of the Board for their work this year: Lyn and Ian Pickering who provide and maintain our registered office at their home, who handle so many of the incoming phone queries and who have been instrumental in major fundraising activities; Andrea Pickering our reliable and hardworking Treasurer; Graham Moore diligent and thorough secretary, and Kristin Aitken who consistently produces a newsletter, maintains our website. The work of Sub-committee members who are not on the Board must also be acknowledged, including Anne-Marie Maltby and Glenys and Roger Hughes all of who were board member for over 15 years, and continue to make an invaluable contribution to the Projects Subcommittee. The resignation of Amanda Stone due to the pressure of her mayoral duties was a serious loss to the Board this year, but we have been very grateful that she has found time to continue as Project Co-ordinator on the SEDS Project.

Finally, like past Chairpersons, I would like to end by saying thank you to all our donors and supporters. We and our partners couldn't assist those thousands of people and communities each year without your generous support.

Cecily Neil

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.  
INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations and gifts		
* Monetary	163,798	139,775
* Non Monetary	0	0
Legacies and bequests	0	74,340
Grants		
* Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0	0
* Other Australian	0	0
* Other overseas	0	0
Investment Income	2,476	2,421
Other Income	0	0
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>166,274</b>	<b>216,536</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
International Programs		
* Funds to international projects	172,773	177,659
* Project support costs	0	0
Community education	0	0
Fundraising costs		
* Public	1,280	1,280
* government and multilaterals	0	0
Accountability & Administration	13,667	8,369
Non-Monetary Expenditure		0
<b>Total International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>187,720</b>	<b>187,308</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>187,720</b>	<b>187,308</b>
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(21,446)</b>	<b>29,228</b>
Other Comprehensive Income	0	0
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>	<b>(21,446)</b>	<b>29,228</b>

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

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents	127,223	148,558
Trade & other receivables	14	79
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	70,000	70,000
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	197,237	218,637
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
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
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	0	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	197,237	218,637
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors and other payables	0	0
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	0	0
Other liabilities	568	522
Provisions	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	568	522
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	0	0
Other Financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	568	522
<b>Net Assets</b>	196,669	218,115
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	0	0
Retained Earnings	196,669	218,115
<b>Total Equity</b>	196,669	218,115

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**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2017**

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total
Balance at 30/6/16 (commencing balance)	\$218,115	\$0	\$218,115
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 Expenses over Revenue	-\$21,446	\$0	-\$21,446
Amount transferred (to) from reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
Balance at 30/6/17 (year end balance)	\$196,669	\$0	\$196,669



**PARTNERS IN AID LTD**  
**CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2017**

	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at end of year
SEDS Sponsorship	\$ 47,826	\$ 52,016	\$ 45,312	\$ 54,530
ABWU Sponsorship	\$ 13,633	\$ 15,715	\$ 12,996	\$ 16,352
SEDS Project	\$ -	\$ 25,730	\$ 49,740	-\$ 24,010
Total for Other Purposes	\$ 157,099	\$ 72,923	\$ 79,671	\$ 150,351
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 218,558</b>	<b>\$ 166,384</b>	<b>\$187,719</b>	<b>\$197,223</b>

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

**The cash balance disclosed above includes cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets as per the balance sheet.**

**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](http://www.acfid.asn.au)**

## **Report of the Independent Auditor on the Concise Financial Report**

### **To the members of Partners in Aid Limited**

We have audited the concise financial report of Partners in Aid Ltd (the Company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2017 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and a table of cash movements for the year then ended, and related notes, derived from the full financial report of Partners in Aid Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2017.

In our opinion, the accompanying concise financial report of Partners in Aid Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2017 complies with the requirements of the Australian Council for the International Development.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the concise financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

### **Concise Financial Report**

The concise financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards in the preparation of the full financial report. Reading the concise financial report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

### **The Full Financial Report and Our Report Thereon**

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the full financial report in our report dated 23 January 2018.

### **Responsibilities of the Directors for the Concise Financial Report**

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports, and 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](http://www.acfid.asn.au). The directors are also responsible for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the concise financial report.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Concise Financial Report**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the concise financial report, in all material respects, complies with AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

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Ashfords Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd  
Chartered Accountants

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan H. Dummett".

Ryan H. Dummett  
Director

Dated 23 January 2018

Suite 5, 14 Garden Boulevard