

Annual Report 18/19

WorldShare 
Restoring hope and life. Together.





Stuart Harris
Board Chair

Reflecting on the past year, I am thankful to God for carrying us through what has been a season with several changes. My special thanks to Sandy Rodgers for leading WorldShare as interim-CEO while Joanna was on maternity leave. Congratulations to Joanna, Angus and Elko for everything involved in welcoming Annika into your family.

A highlight for me, in my involvement with WorldShare, is when I get to meet, face-to-face, with people from our Ministry Partner organisations. Personally, it has been a joy to spend time this year with Alfredo de Guzman from Philippine Missionary Fellowship and Vivian Kityo from Wakisa Ministries, as we hosted both of these partners at events in our home. I always enjoy learning more about the important work our partners are doing in their communities and seeing how God is working through our partnership to bring social, physical and spiritual transformation.

At the time of writing this reflection, amidst celebrating the birth of our Saviour, I'm reminded of God's generosity toward us - in the gift of hope He gives for all humanity, the love He demonstrates to us in Jesus and guiding us, by His spirit, into opportunities to share in His generosity by loving others. It's in these moments, when I turn to look to my neighbour and act generously, that God surprises me (again and again) with blessings. Earlier this month we received a Christmas card from our sponsor child in the Democratic Republic of Congo. I was so moved by the words written to our family and the personal greeting from this young child. She shared how well her schooling is going and how one day she hoped to be able to be generous too and support someone like herself. I was so moved by how God has used

our stories to connect and demonstrate His love and generosity, through our example, to inspire this beautiful young child to love and be generous, and in doing so, be seeking after God's character.

This was a challenging financial year for WorldShare, however despite missing our financial goals we were able to meet the commitments we made to our partners thanks to the good stewardship of our financial investments. I would like to acknowledge our past and present Board members and the time they volunteer to support the good governance of WorldShare. I am personally grateful to each and every one of them and the incredible wisdom and experience they bring to WorldShare.

Please join me and my Board as we pray for the year ahead and specifically for our CEO, Joanna. Pray that God will give Joanna wisdom to lead her team well and guide WorldShare and our partners as we serve to fulfil the purposes we're called to.

Praise God for all our supporters and for God's continued provision so we're able to provide for the vulnerable as we feel called. Thank you to each of you who continue to link arms in partnership with us to serve. May God bless you and your loved ones this year.

Blessings,

Stuart
Board Chair





Joanna Mansfield
Chief Executive Officer

I spent the 2018-2019 financial year in a world of development – but in contrast to previous years when that meant international development work, this time it was being involved with the development of my newborn daughter, Annika. During this time, WorldShare was led by Sandy Rodgers and I'm grateful to Sandy for taking the reins during this time and leading WorldShare throughout the year. This gave me the opportunity to pour myself fully into my growing newborn and our growing family.

Much like parents caring for their children, our ministry partners pour themselves into their communities, encouraging and helping them towards independence and empowerment. They work tirelessly for those who are marginalised and mistreated, who are excluded from society's protection, left out from services and safety nets, and told that they have no value. These people often live without hope or the opportunity to experience the love of God – and it is for these people that we exist. People like Annabel, who came to Wakisa Ministries at only 14-years-old, growing a child inside her as a result of abuse in her own home. Her story is heartbreaking but now, as a result of finding Wakisa, also filled with hope. Shortly after Wakisa took her in she gave birth safely to a happy and healthy boy. Since then she has returned to school and has come to know Christ as her saviour (her full story can be found in *A Story from the Field* on page 21 of this report).

Since my return to work I've loved reconnecting with our team and our Christian ministry partners and hearing how they have continued to share God's love with their communities in

word and deed over the past year. In particular, I've been delighted to learn about the expansion of Philippine Missionary Fellowships' Village Savings and Loans (VSLA) program, which is empowering locals by providing financial literacy training and assisting them to form collective saving groups that are more effective and impactful than individuals trying to save alone. There have also been significant challenges to overcome, including the temporary closure of the Wakisa Centre as a result of Uganda's Government suddenly introducing new laws around organisations providing shelter for children. Praise be to God that Wakisa was able to continue running their daily activities - counselling, vocational skills training and bible studies – and quickly obtained the new licence that is now required to provide shelter. They are back to providing all their services and currently building a new centre to give them even greater capacity to serve young women and victims of abuse in their community.

As I continue over the years to soak deeper into the domain of international ministry, I find myself becoming more and more convinced of the effectiveness of WorldShare's operating model. We have a deep and unique tradition of only ever having worked through local Christian partners, trusting and empowering them in their God-given visions for their communities. While the value of truly locally-led initiatives is now commonplace - at least in theory even if not in actual practice - very few organisations share WorldShare's history and experience in this. It is a key aspect of the effectiveness of our work in God's name.

This year marks the end of our transformation three-year strategy, in which the foundation for WorldShare's next season were laid. During this time, we've made significant achievements:

- Refined our vision, mission and identity, as well as governance and legal structures - to create clearer supporter engagement and more appropriate foundations for the organisation operating in the current context
- Strengthened our ministry partner portfolio and introduced more thorough systems and policies - to ensure greater focus, accountability and transparency in our support for ministry partners and to strengthen our relationships with ministry partners
- Created a single national office and reorganised WorldShare into a coherent three-pillar structure - to pave the way for better coordination, collaboration and impact in Australia
- Upgraded our operations - including a Sydney office relocation, new website and CRM system - to provide for greater operational efficiencies and cost-savings.

Such large-scale transformation has taken significant investment and I am grateful for the Board's long-term vision and partnership as we have undergone these necessary changes over the past three years to strengthen our foundations.

Now we can look ahead to the future. We are currently developing our strategic plans for the next season, which will include innovating our engagement with supporters to grow donation revenue, collaborating more deeply in the sector, refining our child sponsorship model, and implementing greater impact and capacity

building for our Christian partner ministries. All this driven by our ultimate vision – to see lives transformed as we love like Jesus. Together, we fix our eyes on Him to move us to care for the marginalised around the world.

As we jump into all our plans and activities to achieve this, I am grateful for our talented team and volunteers at WorldShare for their passion and dedication to our vision. I also wish to thank the Board, who provide key guidance and governance. Finally, thank you to all of you for sharing our belief that God is at work in our world and for walking with us in our shared vision to transform lives by restoring hope and life, particularly to those who are outcast and forgotten. Thank you for your support; may God continue to use all that we offer up – our time, money and efforts - for His glory.

Together in Christ,

Joanna
Chief Executive Officer

We are WorldShare

In the slums of the Philippines.
In the rock quarries of India.
In the hospitals of the DRC.
And the birthing centres of Uganda.

In the shadows and silence.

**In the places where hope has gone,
That is where we are.**

Together we will see lives transformed,
as people connect to love like Jesus.

Our Vision:

*Lives transformed as people
connect to love like Jesus*

Our Mission:

*Restoring hope and life.
Together.*



Our local *Ministry partners*

Across the world there are millions of people in desperate need of social, physical and spiritual transformation.

WorldShare partners with local Christian organisations who are working in the neediest parts of the world, in places where there is no safety net for the outcast and forgotten. Marginalisation can be due to many factors, including disability and medical needs, age, sexual abuse, ethnic background or marital status. For these people, marginalisation doesn't just mean living on the fringes – it can mean no medical care, no chance of education, no protection from abuse and exploitation... and no hope.

During His time on earth, our Lord Jesus Christ sought out the outcast and forgotten – and He loved them. We believe every person is made in the image of God and has the right to respect and dignity, and to experience the love of God.

Currently, WorldShare has six direct partnerships with local Christian organisations in four countries throughout East Africa and Asia.



Causes

We believe that loving like Jesus means transforming the lives of the outcast, forgotten and marginalised.

Hearing Impairment

According to the World Health Organisation, 360 million people, 10% of them children, suffer from hearing loss so disabling that activities most people take for granted are a daily struggle.

Hearing-impaired children are unlikely to attend school. Those who do attend school, struggle to hear their teachers which creates a barrier to proper education and opportunities to find work as adults. People who suffer from hearing loss are also at increased risk of physical, social, emotional and sexual abuse. They are often shunned by their families and communities, becoming isolated.

With our Ministry Partners, we are working to provide a safe haven for people with hearing loss, facilitate access to education and teach vocational skills to enable these marginalised groups to enjoy a safe and secure future.

Displacement and Ethnic Exclusion

The number of people forcibly displaced as a result of persecution, conflict, and human rights violations stands at an unprecedented 65.3 million globally. Whilst the causes of displacement and ethnic exclusion vary from country to country, they are characterised by repression and an inability of marginalised ethnic groups to participate fully in the normal relationships and activities, available to the majority of people in a society.

From the Democratic Republic of Congo to the Philippines, WorldShare works to provide spiritual care, security, education, health and economic livelihoods to these marginalised communities.

Abuse and Neglect of Girls & Women

Women make up approximately 70 percent of the world's poor. Two-thirds of people unable to read and write are female. More than 11.4 million girls and women are in forced labour. One in three girls and women experience physical and sexual violence. Approximately 15 million girls marry before the age of 18 each year – the equivalent of one every 2 seconds. This tragic reality creates a bleak outlook for girls and women, who continue to need support to overcome multiple barriers to their safety and well-being.

Together with our ministry partners, we not only work to provide education and healthcare for women and girls but also provide important livelihood opportunities that enable them to generate income. When women earn money, they invest it in the health and education of their children and families, helping to end the cycle of poverty.

Exploitation

More than 200 million children today are trapped in child labour, with an estimated 120 million of these engaged in hazardous work. Many parents in impoverished countries push their children into work out of necessity, unable to sustain their families on their own incomes. Poverty perpetuates the practice of child labour, depriving children of an education and leaving them without the skills needed to secure a future of themselves and their communities.

We believe every child deserves the opportunity to have a childhood. With our partners, we work to support access to education and healthcare, protection from harm and abuse and to provide vocational skills that mean children and their parents can have alternative livelihoods that are free from exploitation.

Severe Medical Needs

The most vulnerable patients requiring medical help are often unable to afford the cost due to poverty, and other associated factors. Often they have to make harsh choices – knowingly putting their health at risk because they cannot see their children go hungry. In the worst cases, the burden of illness may mean that families sell their property, take children out of school to earn a living or even start begging, perpetuating a vicious cycle that leaves their medical needs unmet.

WorldShare supports programs that respond to the health needs of the poor and marginalised. Better health is not only central to human happiness and well-being, it also makes an important contribution to community development.



Orphans and Vulnerable Children

The HIV/AIDS pandemic, famines, natural disasters, chronic poverty, ongoing conflicts, and civil wars have jeopardised the health, safety and survival of children globally, with more than 143 million estimated to be orphans. An additional number of children are highly vulnerable due to factors such as disability. These vulnerable children face numerous risks, including exploitation, stigma and poor health and educational outcomes.

At WorldShare we support child-centred, family-focused, community-based programs that help extended families and local communities to meet the basic needs of orphans and vulnerable children by providing food, health care, including treatment of children living with HIV/AIDS, education expenses, and clothing.



Spreading the Gospel

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." – Colossians 3:17

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus declares that he came to proclaim good news to the poor, liberty to the oppressed and wholeness to the disabled. In light of this, we believe that all of our work – partnering with our supporters and Ministry Partners to love like Jesus and restore hope and life to the outcast and forgotten – is spreading the Gospel of Christ.

All of our Ministry Partners are Christ-centred organisations looking to share the love of Jesus. Whether that is by building a world-class hospital for those in greatest need or by running church services next door where the Gospel is preached.

We also work with our partners on explicitly evangelical programs. These provide training and funding for ministers, chaplains and church planters, so they can be better equipped to share both the love and message of Jesus Christ.



990 children sponsored



1,194 educated through programs outside child sponsorship

588

patients provided healthcare



461 individuals received skills and vocational training

11,508

reached through spiritual ministry

179

on the path to financial independence through savings and loans education



Our projects *and local ministry partners*

WorldShare partners with local Christian organisations who are working in the neediest parts of the world, in places where there is no safety net for the outcast and forgotten. These organisations are our Ministry Partners. Our vision is to see lives transformed as people connect to love like Jesus.

Our Ministry Partners are chosen according to the effectiveness and sustainability of their ministry, and their common interest in spreading the love of God and restoring hope and life to the outcast and forgotten. We work this way because we believe communities best flourish when local organisations are empowered to bring about change themselves.

WorldShare has been supporting local Christian partnerships throughout the world since 1943. Currently, WorldShare has six direct partnerships with local Christian organisations in four countries throughout East Africa and Asia.



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Why partner with us

WorldShare exists to advance Jesus Christ's mission to care for the outcast, forgotten and marginalised. We do this by partnering with international, locally run, Christ-centred organisations who are working within their communities to bring transformation. We call these organisations our Ministry Partners. Through these partnerships we provide:

Spiritual Encouragement

All of our Ministry Partners are Christ-centred and look to God first to guide their work. So it is essential that we support them in prayer, encourage them in their spiritual growth and hold them accountable to their Christian mission.

Connection

By connecting our supporters here in Australia with our Ministry Partners overseas we encourage each other to love like Jesus and empower one another to transform lives and restore hope and life together.

We also deepen our supporters' connection with our Ministry Partners through letters, reports from the field, photos, Ministry Partner visits and short-term trips, all of which reveal the massive impact their support is making in the lives of the outcast, forgotten and marginalised.

Capacity Building and Training

We provide technical assistance, specialised training, mentoring and guidance to our Ministry Partners, to increase their efficiency and effectiveness, strengthen their ability to serve their people and empower them to increase the impact they are having on their communities.

Financial Support

We raise much needed funds to enable our Ministry Partners to run their programs. We rely on God's providence and the generosity of Australians to help empower the most marginalised communities.

Accountability/Transparency

As a Christian organisation we are committed to good stewardship of the resources that have been entrusted to us and are conscious of our responsibility to ensure our work has a positive impact on the marginalised communities we support. In all our work, we aim to demonstrate Christian love, honesty and transparency.



Our Finances

For over 70 years, we have worked in the most challenging regions by resourcing, enabling and encouraging our Ministry Partners to bring ongoing spiritual, physical and social transformation to their own people. We take seriously our responsibility to ensure donations are used for their intended purpose and that the projects we support have a positive impact on their beneficiaries. Regular program monitoring and evaluation form part of our commitment to due diligence. We're transparent with our finances and are audited every year to ensure our financial processes are robust, accurate and consistent.

We provide technical assistance, specialised training and monitoring and guidance to our Ministry Partners, to strengthen their ability to serve their people and to support them to continually monitor and evaluate each project to determine it's impact and effectiveness. This involves reporting on a financial and project basis, regularly visiting project sites, annually conducting field office and partner audits, and conducting formal evaluations of the project.

WorldShare is an Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commision (ACNC) approved reporting group made up of two entities:

1. WorldShare - this entity is a registered Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) that funds the aid and development work of our Ministry Partners overseas.
2. WorldShare Christian Missions Trust (of which WorldShare is the Trustee) - this entity funds the gospel spreading activities of our Ministry Partners overseas and, as such, is not a registered DGR.

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In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' – Acts 20:35

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2019

Current Assets	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	639,779	603,842
Investments	851,328	989,314
Other Current Assets	55,063	5,728
Total Current Assets	1,546,170	1,598,884

Non-Current Assets	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Property, Plant and Equipment	6,429	8,158
Intangibles	109,450	143,106
Total Non-Current Assets	115,879	151,264
Total Assets	1,662,049	1,750,149

Current Liabilities	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Payables	40,258	130,342
Provisions	38,211	38,302
Total Current Liabilities	78,469	168,644

Non-Current Liabilities	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Provisions	0	0
Total Liabilities	78,469	168,644
Net Assets	1,583,580	1,581,505

Accumulated Funds and Reserves	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Accumulated Funds	964,845	923,346
Restricted Funds	618,735	658,160
	1,583,580	1,581,505

Income Statement

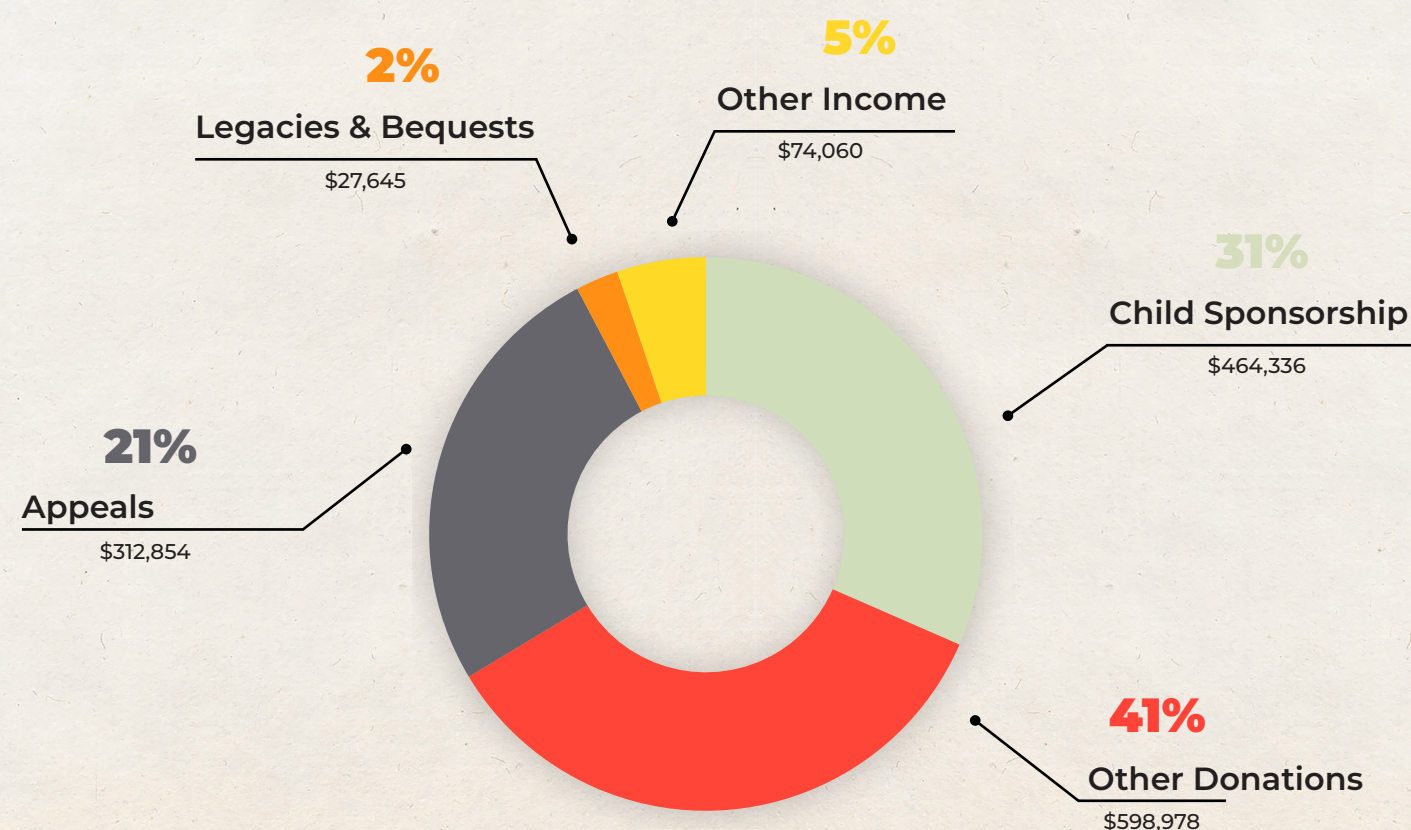
For the year ended 30 June 2019

Revenue	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Donations and Gifts - overseas aid & development	1,257,684	1,312,512
Donations and Gifts - other overseas	118,289	160,639
Donations to Local Administration	70,195	125
Legacies and bequests	27,645	39,857
Other income	4,060	7,073
Total Revenue	1,477,873	1,520,206

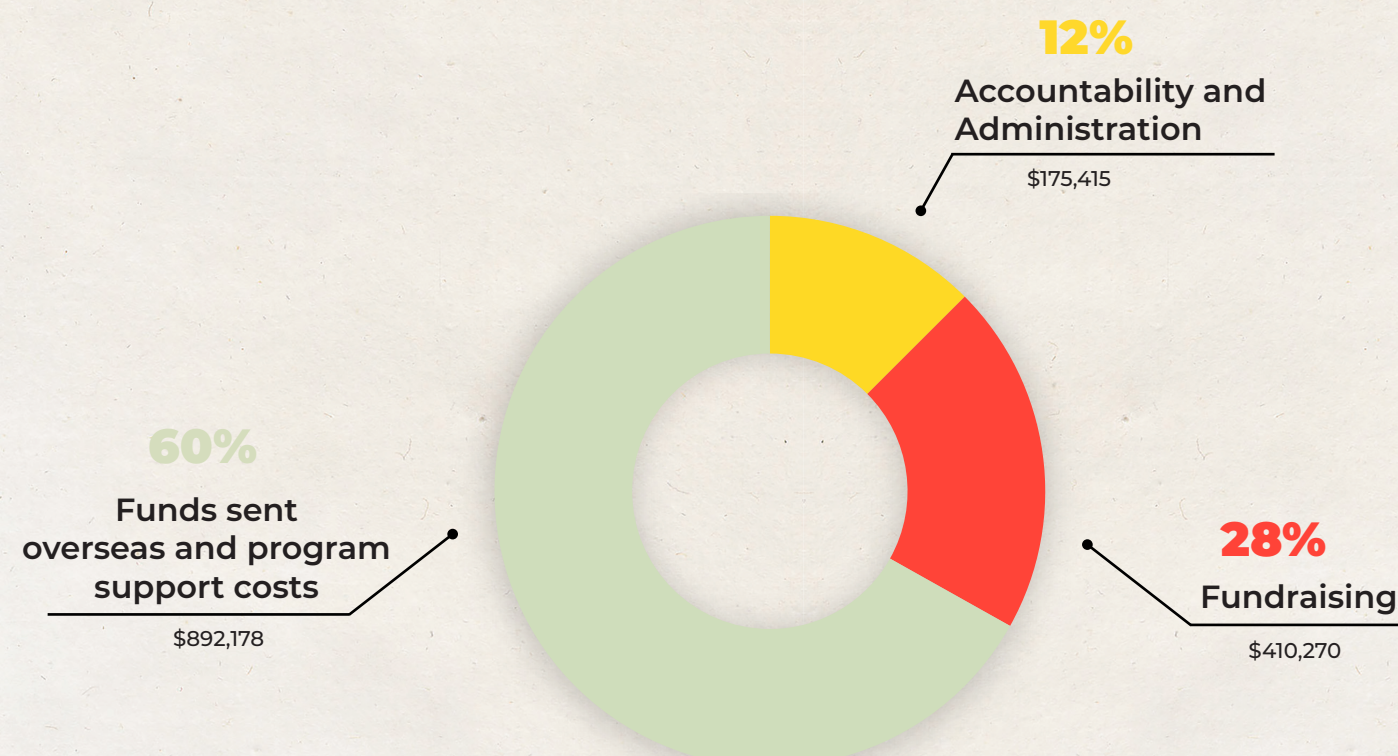
Expenses	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Overseas projects		
- Funds to overseas projects	505,875	567,404
- Project Costs	304,444	439,208
- Community Education	81,859	9,954
Fundraising Costs		
- Public	410,270	313,375
Administration	175,415	190,264
Total Expenses	1,477,863	1,520,205
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	10	1

Other Comprehensive Income	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Fair value adjustment of financial assets	41,490	75,709
Total comprehensive income for the year	41,500	75,710

Where our support comes from

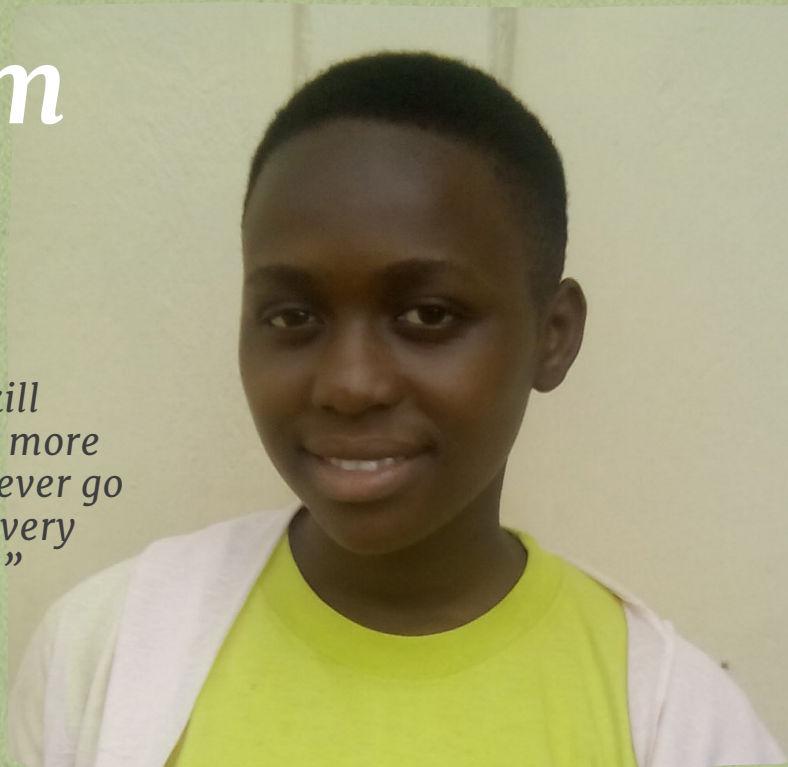


How our resources are used



A story from the field...

“My father told me he would kill me if I told anyone... but I was more scared when he said I would never go to school again. I loved school very much... so I never told anyone.”



Annabel came to the Wakisa Centre after falling pregnant to her biological father at age 14. He had begun sexually abusing Annabel two years earlier when her mother fled to Sudan, leaving behind Annabel and her younger brother. Over those years her father repeatedly threatened to kill her if she told anyone but, according to Annabel, it was actually a more ‘minor’ threat of his – that she would never go back to school again – that kept her quiet all that time. “I loved school so much that I never told anyone.”

When she fell pregnant at 14, Annabel was so innocent that she didn’t realise what was going on in her body until her school’s Headmistress noticed her body’s changes and told her she was pregnant. When Annabel described what had been going on the Headmistress reported it to the police and Annabel’s father was arrested and jailed.

A few months after arriving at Wakisa, Annabel safely gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

While at the Wakisa Centre, Annabel received counselling and went through vocational training before deciding to go back and finish school. Also during this time, Annabel’s life was changed by the love she experienced at Wakisa and, by the Grace of God, she converted from Islam to Christianity.

All of that was four years ago. Today she is in her final year of high school and she hopes to go to university and eventually become a lawyer to defend the rights of women and girls like her.

Auditor’s Opinion To the Directors...

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2019, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Dated this the 30th day of September 2019.

Lawrence R Green FCA
Partner
Sheddon and Green Partners
Suite 28, 19-21 Central Rd
Miranda NSW 2228

Director’s Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes

(a) comply with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 including Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and

(b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30th June 2019 and performance for the year ended on that date; and

2. The provisions of the NSW Chartistable Fundraising Act and the conditions attached to the Authority to Fundraise have been complied with.

3. Internal Controls exercised by the Organisation are appropriate and effective accounting for all income received and applied from any fundraising appeals.

4. In the director’s opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company 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 of Directors.

Dated this the 30th day of September 2019.

Mr Stuart Harris
Chairman

Directors

Mr Stuart Harris
(Chairman)

Mr John Lamerton

Ms Krystal L John

Mr Peter Leau
(Resigned July 2019)

Ms Joanne Armstrong

Ms Victoria Lee

Mr Craig Wilson
(Resigned October 2018)

Ms Katelyn Barakat

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