



**Australian  
Lutheran**  
*World Service*

## ANNUAL REPORT

..... 2012 .....

See how care through  
ALWS touched more  
than three million  
lives in 2012

**Reaching out in love... for justice!**  
.....



# How grace can grow to touch millions

Why does ALWS exist? Can we really change people's worlds?

As I've stepped into the role of Acting Executive Security over the last 7 months, these are questions I wrestle with each day.

On the back cover of this Annual Report you can read our statements of Vision and Mission. Throughout this report you can read how those statements come to life in projects that reached the lives of more than three million people directly or indirectly last year!



The change may have been clean water from a borehole in South Sudan that meant little children's lives were no longer threatened by diarrhoea. Perhaps it was a \$50 business loan for a mother in Cambodia or Nepal so she could buy a pig or start a little shop and make the money that enabled her to send her children to school. Perhaps it was teaching a community to value a child with special needs, and give them the extra support they needed to take their rightful place in village life.

Many of those three million people has a story to tell about the change in their world because of our work together. They are proof that yes,

we can change the world.

As I think about 'change', there are changes we've seen at ALWS.

Peter Schirmer, our Executive Secretary, has moved on to serve the Lutheran of Church Australia as Executive Officer. We thank Peter for his 17 years of service, which he reflects on in his piece on page 3.

In Africa, after a long productive partnership with communities in Tete Province in Mozambique, we were excited to celebrate with them the impact the project has had on their lives. It is a time of change that enables them to grow, and gives us the new opportunity to support the people of Gaza province in Mozambique to change their world through an Integrated Rural Development Program.

In South Sudan, we carefully withdrew from Ikotos to place focus on the needs of people in Jonglei state. This change will help minimise overheads and maximise our

impact in an area where we have built trust and partnership.

A further change to welcome is the increase in core AusAID funding. For ALWS one long term impact will be a Disability Inclusive Development initiative.

**These are the changes that change people's worlds.**

You'll see many more through this Annual Report. As you explore the facts and figures, successes and challenges, we at ALWS acknowledge that this work begins with the love and generosity of everyday people – like young Caleb (photo) who emptied his piggy-bank of the money he'd been saving

for a new Wii game to instead give Gifts of Grace to children across the world...

... and like the people living on a pension who still find a way to give; the farmers who share the bounty of their harvest; the individuals who give up their time to inspire and organise their schools and churches to help others; the staff at AusAID who work so hard to make sure our nation's aid is effective; our colleagues in Lutheran World Service; and our partners working in the toughest of conditions in some of the poorest communities in the world.

**This partnership of commitment and care is why we exist - so together we can support people struggling against poverty and injustice to change their world.**

We give thanks to all who give of themselves to help others. This Annual Report shows how your efforts have been blessed by God to touch the lives of literally millions of people.

Chey Mattner  
*Acting Executive Secretary, ALWS*



Cover photo: Juwana Kisku, from Eastern Nepal, joined a Lutheran-supported savings and loans group. She borrowed \$75 to buy a goat. It had three kids, which Juwana will raise, then sell, to fund her children's education.



## Challenged to change, blessed to serve

An Annual Report usually reflects on the past 12 months, but as I leave ALWS to serve the Lutheran Church of Australia, I reflect on the 17 years since I became part of a team of four in 1995, under the leadership of Gary Simpson.

I smile to myself when I recall our letterheads at the time included a telex address, and it was a big deal to send or receive a fax.

This may be a superficial observation. But new technology, as well as relatively cheaper travel, has enabled ALWS to develop much closer working relationships with Lutheran World Service and our other partners. It's also brought our supporters much closer to their work through ALWS than ever before.

These have been very positive developments. It has been wonderful to see the increased interest in and engagement

by schools, congregations and individuals in issues of poverty and injustice. The small team of four staff back in 1995 has now expanded to 12 part-time and full-time staff. This reflects a number of other changes: the increased financial support from both government and church members; the increased complexity

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and requirements of operating an organisation such as ALWS; the expansion of our work into new countries including PNG and Indonesia.

For all these changes a few essentials have stayed the same.

Firstly, our focus on helping people lead lives of dignity and achieve their God-given potential remains central to all we do, even though we change the way we go about it.

Secondly, our motivation to care for people remains the same: responding to God's love in Christ who came to serve and not be

served; and to love our neighbour as ourself.

It has been a privilege to work alongside staff and Board members, who have demonstrated faithful and unwavering commitment to the work of ALWS, and willingly offered their gifts and talents to participate in the LCA's ministry of service.

While over the past 17 years ALWS has formed new partnerships with churches in PNG and Indonesia, our relationship with Lutheran World Service (LWS) continues to grow stronger. We are fortunate to have such a professional and reliable partner.

Finally, the incredible generosity of our supporters has never changed.

It has often amazed me how for such a small church ALWS has been able to help so many people, as seen in the overwhelming response to the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 and East Africa Famine crisis in 2011.

As I 'sign off' it is my prayer God continues to bless the people and work of ALWS as it carries out its mission of reaching out in love for justice. All thanks to God.

Peter Schirmer  
Executive Secretary  
(to 31 July 2012)





<b>HDI*</b>	178
<b>What</b>	Community Empowerment Program
<b>Where</b>	Ruyigi & Cankuzo Districts
<b>People helped</b>	200,000 (approx.)
<b>Funding</b>	\$310,000

*Minani and Fid'es are part of an ALWS-supported agricultural committee in Cankuzo Province. The group grow pineapples because they don't need expensive pesticides.*



## Planting hope with hands-on help

How can a simple pineapple prove that long-term development is happening successfully?

In Gitaramuka Colline in Cankuzo Province in Burundi, a community pineapple plantation is flourishing thanks to agricultural committee members each donating five hours of time per week to the plantation. They put into practice the techniques taught to them by the Lutheran team to maximise yields. The fruit of this effort is literally fruit – pineapples that provide the group with extra income!

Alongside training in agricultural, other Community Empowerment training has included 250 sessions in literacy and numeracy courses, bamboo furniture making, environmental protection, medicinal plant farming and income-generation. Interestingly, more women than men have attended the training sessions.

Communities are now realising that self-reliance is possible and their potential and capacity to develop has been strengthened by focusing on resource mobilisation. Practical examples include 50 houses being strengthened with hardier shelter materials. Three rainwater-collecting systems have been constructed to use as models for training sessions.

70 community leaders are attending leadership training which includes conflict management and non-violent communication. Leaders are now expressing their capacity to serve the community not by dictating rules and regulations but by serving by example.

This hands-on help and training is restoring hope to a country whose population had to flee a brutal conflict, and returned home to face the challenge of building a new life and country.



*300 households use this 8,000 litre gravity-fed water tank. Each household contributes 1000 Burundian Francs (\$0.61) each year for maintenance of the tank.*

\*HDI – UN Human Development Index measures 187 countries' development in terms of health, wealth and education, where 187 is the least developed





*ALWS celebrated with the people of Tete the goals we achieved together !*

## MOZAMBIQUE

<b>HDI*</b>	185
<b>What</b>	Tete Post Graduation & Accompaniment Project
<b>Where</b>	Maravia & Macanga Districts
<b>Directly helped</b>	16,620
<b>Indirect beneficiaries</b>	13,200
<b>What</b>	Gaza Community Empowerment Project
<b>Where</b>	Chokwe, Mabalane, Guija & Chigubo Districts
<b>People helped</b>	63,065
<b>Funding</b>	\$82,000

## Growing strong, moving on

Mozambique is one the three least-developed countries in the world.

That's why it was a special occasion to be celebrated when the ALWS-supported Tete Project celebrated its many positive outcomes in mid 2012.

390 people were trained in good governance principles and leadership. 14 Community Development Plans were renewed, involving 791 community members. Training was conducted in business management and fundraising for 7 communities, and refresher courses in project writing were continued with 360 people attending.

The impact was summed up at the Celebrations:

"We didn't know how to do things for ourselves before but now with the support of ALWS through LWF/DWS we can continue to make changes in our lives."

"You don't know what capacity you have to make changes for yourself but because staff helped us see our capacity and increased it, we are different people."

Following the completion of ALWS' involvement in the Tete Project, ALWS joined support of the Gaza Project.

This work includes the introduction of irrigation in agriculture and crop diversification. This enabled communities to produce some crops in two seasons, with a particular emphasis on dry weather crops. Food processing and preserving e.g. jam and pickle-making were introduced to increase family income.

Raising awareness about human rights resulted in decreasing domestic violence.

*Communities worked together to build houses in Muvamba.*



<b>HDI</b>	Camps not rated
<b>What</b>	Humanitarian Assistance to Dadaab Refugees and Turkana people
<b>Where</b>	Dadaab & Turkana
<b>Directly helped</b>	607,000
<b>Indirect beneficiaries</b>	855,000
<b>Funding</b>	\$748,375 (ALWS) \$748,375 (AusAID) \$342,666 (Uniting World) <b>\$1,839,416</b>



## Dollar for Dollar Drought Disaster Response

The East Africa drought in the last half of 2011 and into 2012 affected more than 13 million people.

Australia's then Foreign Minister, the Honourable Kevin Rudd, announced that during October and November 2011, the Australian Government would match every dollar raised with one of its own. With this match, and generous support from Uniting World, ALWS was able to contribute life-saving aid worth nearly \$2 million dollars!

Much of this aid was distributed during 2012. In Dadaab, the world's largest refugee camp with almost 500,000 people, these funds:

- increased girls' attendance at schools
- provided opportunities for children with disabilities to be educated
- constructed classrooms
- provided children with learning materials

- installed solar power lighting at schools for a safe learning environment
- supported refugees to share and manage information

Support was also given to the Turkana people living around the Kakuma Refugee Camp in northern Kenya. This included:

- emergency water through the construction of boreholes
- the extension of water pipelines, especially to schools
- constructing tanks to store water
- providing toilet slabs to households to build latrines.

Water-borne diseases were reduced as people were taught about improved hygiene and sanitation practices. This together with easy access to water improved health and reduced conflict normally associated with the scarcity of water.



***"...without LWF, [Dadaab] would be impossible. They have institutional knowledge. Our first port of call is LWF. LWF owns management of camps, and they have hands-on knowledge of the nuances of the camp. UNHCR relies very heavily on LWF."***

Fafa Olivier Attidzah, Head of UNHCR Sub-Office, Dadaab (United Nations High Commission for Refugees); LWF is Lutheran World Federation, your partner through ALWS





<b>HDI</b>	Not yet rated
<b>What</b>	Project for Rebuilding Sustainable Livelihoods
<b>Where</b>	Twic East & Duk Counties, Jonglei
<b>Directly helped</b>	6,551
<b>Indirect beneficiaries</b>	230,000
<b>Funding</b>	\$595,000

## Building a new world in the world's newest country

This is the core Lutheran development program in South Sudan. In 2012, a decision was made with the communities to withdraw from Ikotos County in Eastern Equatoria to focus on Twic East and Duk Counties in the nation's largest state, Jonglei.

In these counties, farmers were trained on how to access the market, adopt alternative farming methods and participate in a newly-created seed fair. They were able to diversify their harvest and increase income which created options their families had not had before. School management committees and teachers were trained on how best to educate students and run a school. Professionalising practice in this way promotes high standards and a sustainable future.

New boreholes were sunk while others were repaired

to ensure people had easy access to safe drinking water. Schools and households were taught how to minimise the spread of disease by washing hands, using latrines, and keeping water pumps clean. Water management committees encourage the proper use and maintenance of these facilities.

Peaceful solutions to conflicts normally resolved through violence were achieved through discussions facilitated by peace committees and local government. People can now move freely between villages, and communities trade between one another. Through radio programs targeting an estimated 100,000 listeners, people were made aware of the risks of HIV/AIDS, the stigma associated with it, and the services available for screening and counselling.



*ALWS supported Peace Committees help communities prevent conflict.*





## What it means to welcome refugees...

In 2012, internal conflict in South Sudan, together with one of the largest recorded droughts in African history, saw Kakuma Refugee Camp swell from 84,000 to 105,000 people.

ALWS funds provided immediate help and psychosocial support to the new arrivals at the camp's Reception Centre. This included play equipment, emergency Non-Food Items and medical screening. Women were trained in tailoring, and then employed in making sanitary wear for 22,000 women in the camp. The skills and income helped women develop their own capacity, and the sanitary wear helped give girls the confidence to attend school.

Awareness campaigns on gender issues promoted a greater understanding of the value of individuals, especially women.

Pre-school children were given nutritious biscuits each day so they had the strength and concentration to learn. Students with disabilities were integrated into an inclusive curriculum. Children who had lost or been separated from their parents were given food, utensils, shoes, clothes and sleeping mats after being placed with foster

families. Boys and girls suffering abuse were taken in and referred to trained carers. Children in the camp were taught about their rights as human beings so that, over time, they can become confident and compassionate leaders of their communities.

## ...and support those at risk

It has been almost a decade since the conflict in Darfur forced hundreds of thousands of people to move to camps here.

In 2012, ALWS supported a project assisting almost half a million people. Latrines and water pumps to provide access to safe drinking water. Classrooms were built and maintained, and educational materials provided for students.

Community-based conflict resolutions helped bring peace to strained relations, especially over natural resources; and health and nutrition services aimed to reduce and respond to the quick onset of disease in camps.

### KENYA

<b>HDI</b>	Camps are unrated
<b>What</b>	Kakuma Refugee Assistance Program
<b>Where</b>	Kakuma
<b>People helped</b>	150,000 (Direct & Indirect)
<b>Funding</b>	\$160,000

### SUDAN

<b>HDI</b>	171
<b>What</b>	NCA Darfur Program
<b>Where</b>	Darfur
<b>Indirect Beneficiaries</b>	490,000
<b>Funding</b>	\$50,000



# AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

In accordance with a resolution of the directors, the directors of the agency report on the financial statements and operations of the agency for the year ended 31 December 2012 as follows:

### 1. THE NAMES OF THE DIRECTORS IN OFFICE AT DATE OF THIS REPORT

Rev P Hage (Chairperson)  
Dr P Meyer (Vice Chairperson)  
Mr J Braun

Mrs J Murray  
Ms M Brookes

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of ALWS during the year were to support programs that decrease human poverty and injustice, provide for the well-being of refugees and the internally displaced and respond to the needs of people affected by disasters. These activities and programs are achieved in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation's Department for World Service, ACT Alliance, the Evangelical Lutheran Church – PNG (ELC-PNG) and LWF churches in Indonesia. ALWS also assists uprooted people resettle in Australia, provides global education programs to LCA schools, congregations and auxiliaries and liaises with government and non-government organisations to maximise the effectiveness of aid delivery.

### 3. OPERATING RESULTS

There was a deficit of \$758,351 for the year ended 31 December 2012. This is due to over \$1.6 million received late in the 2011 year for the Emergency East Africa Drought Appeal, being carried forward and disbursed overseas in the 2012 year.

### 4. CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

During the 2012 year, the Executive Secretary, Mr Peter Schirmer took a 12 month leave of absence, commencing from 1st August 2012. Mr Chey Mattner is Acting Executive Secretary in Mr Schirmer's absence. There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of ALWS during 2012.

### 5. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

At the end of January 2013, Mr Peter Schirmer submitted his resignation as Executive Secretary. Australian Lutheran World Service is currently in the process of employing a new Executive Secretary.

Since the end of the financial year, the directors are not aware of any other matters or circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the accounts that have significantly or may significantly affect the operations or the state of affairs of the agency in subsequent financial years.

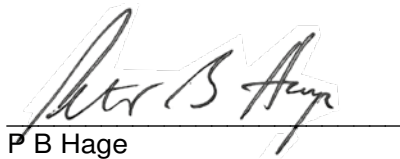
### 6. LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

The directors do not expect any developments in the operations of the agency which would affect the results of the operations in subsequent financial years.

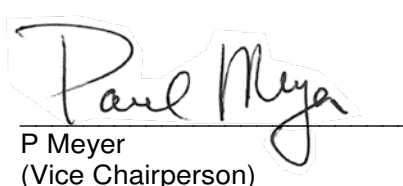
### 7. DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

No remuneration was received by or transactions entered into with the directors or directors' related entities during the year other than reimbursement of Board related expenses.

For and on behalf of the Board



P B Hage  
(Chairperson)



P Meyer  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 11 / 4 / 2013

Place: Archer St, North Adelaide, South Australia



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF  
AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Australian Lutheran World Service (an Agency of Lutheran Church of Australia Incorporated) for the year ended 31 December 2012.

***Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

The ALWS Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

**Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Australian Lutheran World Service as at 31 December 2012 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

**BOB TRAVERS & ASSOCIATES**  
Chartered Accountant

  
**RJ TRAVERS**  
Principal

11 April 2013  
Albury NSW

Auditor Registration No: 1576  
Fellow ICAA No. 15395



# AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Note	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		4,245,658	4,872,394
Trade and other receivables	2	31,109	23,580
Inventories		0	0
Assets held for sale		0	0
Other financial assets		288,750	277,160
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>4,565,517</u>	<u>5,173,134</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables		0	0
Other financial assets		0	0
Property, plant and equipment	3	17,618	22,043
Investment property		0	0
Intangibles		0	0
Other non-current assets	4	27,783	38,493
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		<u>45,401</u>	<u>60,536</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>4,610,918</b></u>	<u><b>5,233,670</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	5	316,144	207,550
Borrowings		0	0
Current tax liabilities		0	0
Other financial liabilities		0	0
Provisions	6	169,363	123,254
Other		0	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>485,507</u>	<u>330,804</u>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables		0	0
Borrowings		0	0
Other financial liabilities		0	0
Provisions	6	0	19,104
Other		0	0
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>19,104</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>485,507</b></u>	<u><b>349,908</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>4,125,411</b></u>	<u><b>4,883,762</b></u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves		0	0
Retained Earnings		4,125,411	4,883,762
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u><b>4,125,411</b></u>	<u><b>4,883,762</b></u>



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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at beginning of period	4,883,762	0	0	4,883,762
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	0	0	0
Less excess of expenses over revenue	-758,351	0	0	-758,351
Other amounts transferred from reserves	0	0	0	0
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b><u>4,125,411</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>4,125,411</u></b>

### Note:

Expenses exceeded revenue during the 2012 year due to a large amount of revenue received in December 2011 for the Emergency East Africa Drought Appeal, being recorded as income for the 2011 year. The amount carried forward in relation to the Emergency East Africa Drought Appeal and disbursed overseas in the 2012 year was in excess of \$1.6 million. Hence, these disbursements were recorded as expenses during the 2012 year.

**AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

	Note	2012	2011
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations and gifts			
. Monetary		3,200,600	4,478,223
. Non-monetary		0	0
Bequests & Legacies		86,746	130,290
Grants			
. AusAID		2,040,514	2,748,542
. Other Australian		342,666	0
. Other Overseas		0	0
Investment Income		112,553	82,112
Other Income		14,516	12,599
Revenue for Intern Political or Religious Proselytisation Programs		0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b><u>5,797,595</u></b>	<b><u>7,451,766</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>			
International Programs			
. Funds to international programs	7 & 8	5,469,883	3,976,879
. Program support costs		293,796	312,619
Community education		198,421	152,096
Fundraising costs			
. Public		208,962	239,168
. Government, multilateral & private		8,299	2,618
Accountability & Administration		369,540	284,956
Non-Monetary Expenditure		0	0
<b>Total International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>		<b><u>6,548,901</u></b>	<b><u>4,968,336</u></b>
Expenditure for International Political or Religious Proselytisation Programs		0	500
Domestic Programs Expenditure		7,045	18,180
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>6,555,946</u></b>	<b><u>4,987,016</u></b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>-758,351</u></b>	<b><u>2,464,750</u></b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

### **Note 1. Statement of Accounting Policies**

To assist in an understanding of the figures presented in the financial statements the following summary explains the significant accounting policies which have been adopted in their preparation. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct; a code that all overseas aid agencies receiving government funding are now required to adhere to.

#### **(a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared primarily on the basis of historical cost and do not take into account changing money value or current valuations of non-current assets. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, and other mandatory reporting requirements.

#### **(b) Depreciation**

**Plant and equipment is valued at cost.**

Depreciation is provided on plant and equipment on the prime cost method based on the expected useful life of each asset. Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the operating result for the year. Assets are depreciated at an average rate of 15%.

#### **(c) Employee Entitlements**

Employee Entitlements are accounted for in accordance with AASB119. The amount expected to be paid to employees for their pro-rata entitlements to annual leave are accrued annually at current wage rates. Long service leave is accrued in respect of employees at the estimated present value of the future amounts expected to be paid on their current entitlements.

#### **(d) Income Policy**

Grants and donations received are recognised as revenue upon receipt.

#### **(e) Comparative information**

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

# AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	2012	2011
<b>Note 2. Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>		
Accounts Receivable	0	2,084
Prepayments	17,555	11,819
Accrued Income	0	585
Debtors - Other	3,614	0
LWF Projects (Aust) Pty Ltd	9,940	9,092
	<u><b>31,109</b></u>	<u><b>23,580</b></u>
<b>Note 3. Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	27,495	
<b>(a). Summary</b>		
Office equipment, at cost	77,788	75,806
Less Accumulated depreciation	-60,170	-53,763
Total Office Equipment	<u><b>17,618</b></u>	<u><b>22,043</b></u>
<b>(b). Reconciliation of movements</b>		
A reconciliation of the carrying amount of each class of assets for the year is set out below		
	<b>Office Equipment</b>	<b>Office Equipment</b>
Carrying amount at beginning of year	22,043	30,317
Plus Additions	1,982	540
Less Disposals	0	0
Less Depreciation	-6,407	-8,814
Carrying amount at end of year	<u><b>17,618</b></u>	<u><b>22,043</b></u>
<b>Note 4. Other Non-Current Assets</b>		
Gross loan amounts outstanding	35,999	46,709
Less provision for doubtful debts	-8,216	-8,216
	<u><b>27,783</b></u>	<u><b>38,493</b></u>
<b>Note 5. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
Creditors	294,571	196,930
Accruals	21,573	10,620
	<u><b>316,144</b></u>	<u><b>207,550</b></u>
<b>Note 6. Provisions</b>		
Long Service leave	53,410	68,547
Annual Leave	115,953	73,811
	<u><b>169,363</b></u>	<u><b>142,358</b></u>
Current portion	169,363	123,254
Non current portion	0	19,104
	<u><b>169,363</b></u>	<u><b>142,358</b></u>



**AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE  
DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS  
2012**

Note 7.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>ALWS</b>	<b>AusAID</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><i>Development Programs</i></b>				
<b>Burundi</b>	- Community Empowerment Program	205,000	105,000	310,000
<b>Cambodia</b>	- Integrated Rural Development & Empowerment Project, Oral & Krovanh Districts	216,500	619,063	835,563
"	- Kandal/Takeo Transition	15,000		15,000
<b>India</b>	- Grihini Project	30,000		30,000
<b>Indonesia</b>	- CDRM & CDS Program	290,874	99,751	390,625
<b>Kenya</b>	- Kakuma Camp	160,000		160,000
"	- Country Strategy	5,000		5,000
<b>Mozambique</b>	- Tete Graduation Project	42,000		42,000
"	- Gaza Development Program	40,000		40,000
<b>Nepal</b>	- Nepal Development Program	120,792	451,708	572,500
<b>PNG - CPP</b>	- Church Partnership Program		506,124	506,124
<b>Program Support</b>	- Training & Development	4,500		4,500
"	- Internal Audit Unit	6,500		6,500
<b>Regional</b>	- AZEECON Project	20,000		20,000
<b>Sudan</b>	- Rebuilding Sustainable Livelihoods	595,000		595,000
"	- Juba Teaching Hospital	13,000		13,000
<b>Tanzania</b>	- TCRS - Community Empowerment Program	220		220
<b><i>Emergency &amp; Refugee Response</i></b>				
<b>East Africa Drought</b>	<b><i>Emergency &amp; Refugee Response</i></b>			
- Ethiopia	- Evaluation Contribution	5,000		5,000
- Kenya	- Emergency Relief (Dollar for Dollar)	748,375	748,560	1,496,935
"	- Emergency Relief (Dollar for Dollar) Grant - Uniting World	342,666		342,666
<b>Mauritania</b>	- Sahel Food Crisis	3,250		3,250
<b>Sudan</b>	- Darfur Emergency	50,000		50,000
<b><i>Global Program Management</i></b>				
	<b><i>Global Program Management</i></b>			
	- DWS Coordination	26,000		26,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,939,677</b>	<b>2,530,206</b>	<b>5,469,883</b>

# AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

## TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Note 8.

SOURCE	CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF 2012	CASH RAISED DURING 2012	CASH DISBURSED DURING 2012	CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF 2012 FOR FUTURE USE
AusAID - Cambodia	335,044	617,063	644,063	308,044
AusAID - Indonesia CDRM	0	146,000	114,751	31,249
AusAID - Burundi	0	276,276	120,000	156,276
AusAID - Disability Inclusive Development	0	52,500	5,000	47,500
AusAID - PNG	1,130,162	682,860	542,123	1,270,899
AusAID - Nepal	140,684	358,524	401,708	97,500
AusAID - Development Awareness	75,000	0	75,000	0
AusAID - East Africa	810,875	184	811,059	0
East Africa Appeal	891,993	124,118	903,236	112,875
ASIA Pacific - 2009 Tsunami & Earthquake Response	12,644	0	12,644	0
TOTAL - For Other Purposes	1,753,152	3,540,070	2,783,157	2,510,065
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,149,554</b>	<b>5,797,595</b>	<b>6,412,741</b>	<b>4,534,408</b>

Note 1: Cash available at end of 2012 for future use is shown on the balance sheet as follows.

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	4,245,658
plus Other financial assets	\$	288,750
Cash available at end of 2012	\$	4,534,408

Note 2: This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Cash Flows on page 19.



## AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

### Note 9.

a) **Lutheran Church of Australia Incorporated (LCA)**

ALWS serves as the overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. The LCA is the legal entity for ALWS and has authorised the ALWS Executive Secretary, Program Manager and Asia Pacific Program Officer to sign on behalf of the LCA contracts and ensuing financial declarations for work to be carried out by ALWS in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws. No remuneration was received by or transactions entered into with the entity or its officers.

b) **Directors**

Persons holding the position of Director of the agency during the financial year were:

Rev P Hage	Mrs J Murray
Dr P Meyer	Ms M Brookes
Mr J Braun	

No remuneration was received by or transactions entered into with the directors or directors related entities during the year other than reimbursement of Board related expenses.

c) **Lutheran World Federation, Department for World Service (LWS)**

ALWS is a Related Agency to the Lutheran World Federation, Department for World Service. ALWS paid funds totalling \$2,987,949 in support of its programs.

d) **Action by Churches Together**

Action by Churches Together, the coordination office for emergency relief projects organisationally based in the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches, was paid \$1,555,185.

e) **LWF Projects (Aust) Pty Ltd**

The above company is a related party to ALWS by virtue of the ALWS Executive Secretary also being a director of LWF Projects (Aust) Pty Ltd. No remuneration was received by or transactions entered into with the company, its directors or director related entities during the year other than receipt of management fees totaling \$8,853 from LWF Projects.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

### Note 10. Financial Instruments

Interest Rate Risk	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Rate	1 Year or Less	1 to 2 Years	2 to 5 Years	Non Interest Bearing	Total Book Value	Net Market Value
<b>Financial Assets</b>								
Cash on hand						100	100	100
Cash at bank	4,245,558						4,245,558	4,245,558
Bank term deposits		288,750					288,750	288,750
Receivables						31,109	31,109	31,109
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<u>4,245,558</u>	<u>288,750</u>				<u>31,209</u>	<u>4,565,517</u>	<u>4,565,517</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>								
Trade and other payables						316,144	316,144	316,144
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>						<u>316,144</u>	<u>316,144</u>	<u>316,144</u>
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	<u>4,245,558</u>	<u>288,750</u>				<u>(284,935)</u>	<u>4,249,373</u>	<u>4,249,373</u>

Weighted average interest rate for financial assets approx. 3.5%.

### Note 11. Contingent Liability

A potential misappropriation of funds involving an overseas affiliate of ALWS has been identified. As at 31 December 2012, it is anticipated that the exposure of ALWS to any potential liability arising in relation to this matter, will not be significant.

# AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2012	2011
Government grants and other income	5,710,140	7,391,518
Interest receipts	87,455	60,278
Operating Expenses	<u>-6,395,701</u>	<u>-4,774,465</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>-598,106</u>	<u>2,677,331</u>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from sale of office equipment	0	0
Payments for office equipment	<u>-1,982</u>	<u>-540</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-1,982</u>	<u>-540</u>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held	-615,146	2,676,791
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>5,149,554</u>	<u>2,472,763</u>
Cash at the end of the year	<u>4,534,408</u>	<u>5,149,554</u>

This statement to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes below.

## NOTES TO STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### CASH FLOW INFORMATION

#### a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the end of the financial year as shown in the statements of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance sheet as follows:

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	4,245,658	4,872,394
Term deposits	<u>288,750</u>	<u>277,160</u>
	<u>4,534,408</u>	<u>5,149,554</u>

#### b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations to operating result:

Operating surplus/(deficit)	-758,351	2,464,750
<b>Non-cash flows in operating surplus:</b>		
Change to Provisions for Long Service and Annual Leave	27,005	14,366
Depreciation	6,407	8,814
Change to Provision for Doubtful Debts	0	269
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
Movement in non-current assets (Resettlement Loans)	10,710	14,490
Movement in trade and other receivables	7,529	-1,741
Movement in trade and other payables	108,594	176,383
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>-598,106</u>	<u>2,677,331</u>

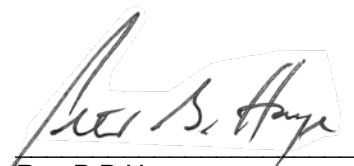


## AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

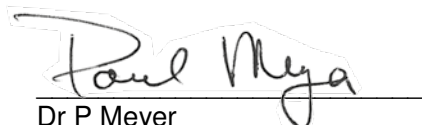
The directors of Australian Lutheran World Service declare that:

- (a) the financial statements and notes as set out on pages 9 to 20, are in accordance with the the ACFID Code of Conduct and:
  - i. comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
  - ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2012 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the association;
- (b) in the Directors opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay it debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Rev P B Hage  
(Chairperson)



Dr P Meyer  
(Vice Chairperson)

Dated: 11 / 4 / 2013

Place: Archer Street, North Adelaide, South Australia

The above financial report has 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 Implementation Guidance available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).



*Village Banks provide small \$50 loans so women can build businesses like poultry-raising.*

<b>HDI</b>	138
<b>What</b>	Integrated Rural Development through Empowerment Program
<b>Where</b>	Aoral & Kravanh Districts
<b>Funding</b>	AusAID: \$619,063 ALWS: \$216,500
<b>What</b>	Village Partnership Project
<b>Where</b>	Takeo & Kandal Districts
<b>Funding</b>	\$15,000
<b>People helped</b>	61,576

## Proof change can last

25 villages. 10 years. 100%.

That's the simple summary of the results of a 10 year Sustainability Study of 25 villages in Takeo / Kandal provinces in Cambodia.

ALWS funded the study to check the sustainability of development after 10 years of virtual self-sufficiency with no continual Life With Dignity (LWD) presence and minimal funding from ALWS.

The Study found 100% of Village Development Committees were operating in the sampled villages, that 100% of Village Banks were functioning and most had a Village Health Volunteer, Village Livestock Agent and Road Maintenance Committee still in operation.

These villages have operated these Community Based Organisations on their own for these past 10 years, and 20 Village Partnership Projects have been engaged with all achieving their planned targets.

ALWS is looking for the same kind of success to be achieved in Aoral and Krovanh through the Integrated Rural Development and Empowerment Programs (IRDEP) supported there.

Obvious-to-the-eye success can already be measured by:

- 622 shallow wells
- 55 Women's Groups
- 60 Youth Groups
- 20 very poor youth receiving skills training

Less obvious, but even more important, is the increasing capacity of community members to identify challenges and problems, determine the most effective approaches to mitigate or solve these and then implement the best approach.

This is the result of capacity-building activities like strengthening local leadership and improving governance for equitable and sustainable development to continue. Training to empower communities to obtain improved socio-economic livelihoods is demonstrating life-changing outcomes. Community support is strong for efforts to protect environment and manage natural resources in sustainable ways, and to mitigate and adapt to disaster risks and climate change.

Our investment in Cambodia now is building foundations for development outcomes that will bring benefits for decades to come.

*Villages have proved they can operate self-sufficiently to give their children the best hope of a secure future.*





<b>HDI</b>	125
<b>What</b>	Strengthening churches for service
<b>Where</b>	West and North Sumatra
<b>Directly helped</b>	9,662
<b>Indirect Beneficiaries</b>	45,643
<b>Funding</b>	\$390,625



## Harnessing skills to power change

The village of Desa Onowaembo on Nias Island in Indonesia is idyllic. Set on the side of rugged mountains, amid tropical forest, it is a lush green paradise. So you might be forgiven for thinking this electricity stanchion and transmission box an ugly intrusion.

Yet they are a symbol of progress and development success. The Indonesian Government brought power here after the villagers took responsibility for their own lives, and advocated to have their need for power addressed.

It is this *people* power that ALWS encourages through its support of the Lutheran Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies (CDRM&CDS).

Following the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami, CDRM & CDS was established after various synods and service bodies of the Lutheran church around the world came

together to work with Indonesians to prepare for disasters, and improve their standard of living.

Indonesia sits atop two active fault lines, which contributes to the frequent natural disasters experienced by those living on its many islands.

CDRM & CDS helps build the skills of people to improve the health and sanitation, nutrition and income of those who live in villages vulnerable to disasters. Villages develop a disaster risk management plan, and practice evacuations and emergency responses.

Disaster management is also incorporated into improved agricultural production strategies. For example, Cacao Trees are planted on hillsides to reduce the risk of landslide, whilst also providing an income for families.

This is a long-term project which seeks to have a lasting impact. Already over 50 vegetable-growing demonstration plots were established in villages and 30 groups of women were trained to start a small business.

CDRM&CDS is supported by an Australian team comprising Board for Mission, Lutheran Education Australia and Australian Lutheran World Service. It is made possible through the commitment of the Lutheran Laypeople's League and is operated in partnership with the Lutheran churches of Indonesia.



*Ampera Zandrotoc is planting mahoni seedlings with the support of the Lutheran team. In 15 years these seedlings will become mahogany trees, which Ampera will use to fund his children's university education. He says, "I want everybody here to have the same opportunity as me to increase their income. We must have a process to do this."*





*A key focus for ALWS is raising awareness about enabling people with disabilities to participate fully in community life. On World Disability Day, community members at Wangkang Village presented the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to village leaders.*

<b>HDI</b>	153
<b>What</b>	Church Partnership Program
<b>Where</b>	Country-wide
<b>Funding</b>	\$506,123 (AusAID)

## When faith comes to life, lives change

When people are motivated by their faith, their power to bring change is immense.

Harnessing this power, the Church Partnership Program supports the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG to create real change in the lives of Papua New Guineans.

The Lutheran church in PNG manages hospitals, primary and secondary schools, and higher-education colleges for nursing and teaching students. Building the quality and accountability of these services and the skill of staff is the central focus of this ongoing program.

Village-level support is provided through literacy and animal husbandry training. Families which include a person with a disability receive special support.

Following a course on handling complex births, a participant shared:

*"I am a graduate Community Health Worker and have limited skills in handling obstetric emergency cases, but after the training, I feel confident I can perform duties in this area."*

This training of village-based workers is essential in a country where access to hospitals is limited.

The Church Partnership Program is fully funded by the Australian Government through AusAID. Similar programs are operated by other churches including Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, Uniting, The Salvation Army and Adventists.

*At Silemana Village in Morobe, families were trained in Integrated Village Farming, and then received support to build chicken coops and raise ducks. As you can see, looking after animals is a whole-of-family affair!*





<b>HDI</b>	157
<b>What</b>	Nepal Development Program
<b>Where</b>	Kailali, Dailekh, Lalitpur, Rasuwa, Morang and Jhapa Districts
<b>Directly helped</b>	169,003
<b>Indirect Beneficiaries</b>	258,935
<b>Funding</b>	\$572,499



## Ripe for change – human rights for all

Bimala Majar (photo) is Chairwoman of an ALWS-supported Savings and Credit Group in Nepal. She describes village life before support came:

“Before, there were no toilets, and the community was polluted. It was very dirty. Previously not only the children but also the young people suffer from diarrhoea and disease. There were flies everywhere.”

The Nepal Development Program (NDP) empowers communities and institutions to build a secure future with their own hands. A rights-based program, NDP integrates support for people in the areas of health, education, income-generation, governance and disaster management.

NDP operates in six of the poorest districts of Nepal, working with over 160,000 people.

An independent review conducted by the Nepalese Government’s Social Welfare Council reported: “Imparting knowledge to and changing behaviour of community members about healthy practices has been well addressed by the intervention of activities. Health post facilities improvement and contribution to the development of human resources is noteworthy. Development of drinking water facilities in the community and construction of latrines by the members have shown promising results towards the adoption of hygienic practices.”

For someone like Bimala, who has been supported to set up a poly-hot-house tomato and herb growing business, the results are obvious:

“Now the environment is very good...Please take our message of thanks to the people who are helping us, and tell them we are loving them too.”



*Benita Nepali is a member of the Dalit community in Nepal. “We are discriminated against because we are Dalit. We have no house to live in, no toilet, no proper food, no medicines, no electricity in this hot land, no sanitation... Our major focus must be employment. We must have work so we can feed our children.” ALWS supports training in leadership, human rights and advocacy so people like Benita have the skills to advocate for basic human freedoms.*



# Raising awareness via education and action

ALWS has as its Strategic Goal 3 to 'Increase the number of people within the LCA and its associated communities following Jesus' command and loving example to serve people who are poor and marginalised'.

This leads us to visit Lutheran congregations, schools, fellowship groups, conventions and conferences across Australia to share with them the difference they are making in people's lives through ALWS. It's also an opportunity to explore issues of justice and inequality, and show people the difference they can make. A heavy schedule of visits in 2012 saw thousands of people reached.

The ALWS Community Education team offers Lutheran schools the opportunity to take part in a full day Awareness Day. The first Awareness Day held in 2006 had 7 schools and 40 participants. In 2012, we had 14 Awareness Days in Lutheran Schools, plus one in an International School, with more than 1000 participants!

This input, along with high quality Awareness curriculum resources, saw Lutheran schools turn learning into action to the value of more than \$160,000 raised to help others.

In June/July 2012, 16 teachers from schools around Australia joined a Study Tour to Cambodia. In December 2012 a joint Student Study Tour took young people from five Lutheran schools to Cambodia. These teachers and students return equipped and highly motivated to lead their schools in caring about others.



# Welcoming new neighbours to Australia

ALWS provides airfare loans under the Australian Government's humanitarian migration program to assist refugees to reunite with family members in Australia. ALWS also grants loans to those who have recently arrived in Australia to help them establish a new life here.

In 2012, ALWS granted two loans. One loan of \$2,500 enabled two children from the Democratic Republic of Congo to reunite with their father after being separated 15 years ago when rebel forces invaded their village.

For two years their father searched for them and their mother before needing to flee for his own life to a refugee camp in Tanzania. After being resettled in Australia he learned his children were still alive. Recently at Melbourne airport the children were able to embrace their father after three years of hard work by a Lutheran congregation and a pastor.

The ALWS loans support the efforts of Lutheran congregations to reunite families who have suffered and survived so much.

We in turn are blessed by the passion and energy these new neighbours bring to our congregations and communities.



*Awein was born in a refugee camp in Kenya, where her parents fled from South Sudan. The family joined St Luke's Lutheran congregation in Woodridge, Queensland, where Awein and Pastor Jade Bauer's daughter Trinity soon became friends – based on their shared love of Barbies and dressing up as princesses!*



# Report on Financial Performance

The overwhelming response to the East Africa Appeal in 2011 saw us send almost \$1 million to Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia to help those affected by drought. In late December 2011, we also received over \$800,000 from AusAID for the drought through its Dollar for Dollar Initiative (you can read more about this on Page 6). This matched the \$800,000 ALWS raised between October and November in the same year. Because we were unable to send the funds by the end of 2011, it meant we carried forward over \$1.6 million into 2012.

This resulted in a very large income in 2011. In fact, these funds alone made up a quarter of what we received in 2011. Yet, because we could only send them the following year, it meant what we spent in 2012 was more than what we actually received in the same year – by about \$760,000. This was simply a case of responsibly using funds later than what we would have hoped.

Sending almost \$2 million more overseas than normal while still keeping our admin and fundraising costs as low as possible meant the percentage spent on overheads was lower than it usually is, at about 9%.

In 2013, it is likely we will return to average, or slightly above average, overheads (just over 10%). Of course, we endeavour to keep these as low as we can.

Other than this large carry forward, what we received and spent in 2012 is consistent with our income and expenses in previous years.

ALWS maintains a sound financial position at 31 December 2012. It has the capacity to meet all its obligations as and when they fall due, and retains enough money in reserve to meet its legal obligations such as annual leave and long service leave, and replace equipment if necessary. In 2013, ALWS does not anticipate any significant impact on its financial health.

## How your gifts are used

ALWS is committed to using your gifts as efficiently and effectively as possible. We are audited annually by independent auditors. In 2010 ALWS went through the 5-yearly process of accreditation with AusAID, required to meet over 50 criteria encompassing governance, finance and good development practice. ALWS received full accreditation.

## Overhead Rate for the last 5 years

2008 Year	2009 Year	2010 Year	2011 Year	2012 Year
8.2%	9.9%	9.6%	10.6%	9.0%

Average Overhead Rate over the last 5 years = 9.46%

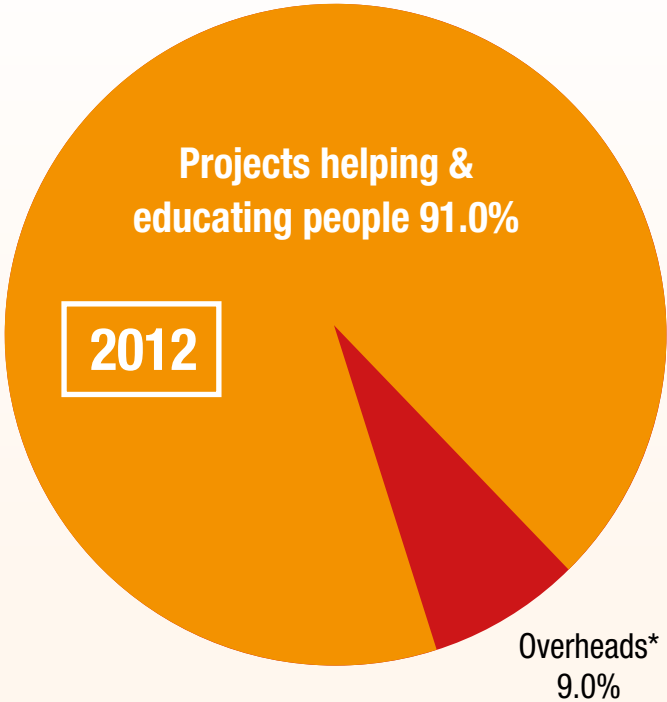
## How we work together to help others

Western Australia .....	\$86,672.76
South Australia .....	\$1,306,909.56
Northern Territory .....	\$27,796.02
Victoria .....	\$535,864.83
Tasmania.....	\$9,970.70
New South Wales.....	\$366,746.47
Queensland.....	\$720,630.07
New Zealand .....	\$1,930.21
Other* .....	\$189,118.97

**TOTAL DONATIONS: \$3,287,345.94**

(\*Lutheran Women of Australia, grants from LLL Permanent Funds, interest foregone on LLL accounts, etc)

Thank you!



\* ‘Overheads’ are administration and fundraising costs as defined by the ACFID Code of Conduct. ALWS aims for an average of approximately 10%. Percentages are calculated from total 2012 disbursements. Overheads in 2012 are lower than average because much of the East Africa famine funds raised in late 2011 were only disbursed in early 2012. Refer to full financial statements earlier in this report.

# Positive Partnerships



**Australian Government**  
**AusAID**

AusAID, the Australian government's international aid agency, provides funding through the AusAID/NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) to the programs in Cambodia, Nepal, Indonesia, Burundi and Disability Inclusive Development. AusAID also supports the Church Partnership Program for activities in PNG. ALWS gratefully acknowledges AusAID's support in enhancing these projects.



**THE  
LUTHERAN  
WORLD  
FEDERATION**

Lutheran World Federation/Dept for World Service LWS is the main implementer of overseas aid for ALWS. It has a global program embracing over thirty developing countries in Africa, Central America, South Asia, South-East Asia and the Middle East.

Executive Secretary Peter Schirmer is a member of the Committee for World Service.

**actalliance**

ACT Alliance is a network of over 100 churches and church-related organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance and development. The alliance works in 140 countries and mobilises US\$1.6 billion annually in its work for a just world.

ALWS is a member of the ACT Alliance. Peter Schirmer is a member of the Governing Board.



**Finance  
with a  
mission**

The LLL provides generous support for our institutional strengthening work in Indonesia, in partnership with Board for Mission and Lutheran Education Australia. The LLL also made a generous donation towards the famine in East Africa.

In addition, the LLL provides in-kind assistance by hosting a staff member at its offices in North Adelaide.

*Funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development are used only for those purposes and are not be used to promote a particular religious adherence or to support a political party, or to promote a candidate or organisation affiliated to a particular party.*



**National Council of  
Churches in Australia**

The NCCA has its own overseas aid agency, and where possible we work together. Peter Schirmer serves on the CWS Commission.



**ACFID  
MEMBER**

ALWS is a member of ACFID, the umbrella organisation for Australian overseas aid agencies, and is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, program quality, public accountability and financial management. ALWS is committed to full adherence to the Code.

For more information or to lodge a complaint for breach of the Code with the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee:

Website: [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)  
Email: [acfid@acfid.asn.au](mailto:acfid@acfid.asn.au)

Tel: (02) 6285 1816  
Fax: (02) 6285 1720

## ALWS Board of Directors

### **Rev P Hage, BTh GradDipMin – Chair**

- Senior Pastor, St Marks Congregation, Mt Gravatt QLD (Jan 2013-present)
- Previously served as Parish Pastor, St Mark's Lutheran Church Mt Barker, SA (2006 – Jan 2013)
- Previously served as Parish Pastor at Freeling/Rosedale, SA (2001-2005)
- Served as Lutheran Pastor/Missionary in PNG for ten years (1991-2000)
- Currently serves as consultant on the LCA's Board for Mission

### **Mr J Braun, Btech Electronic Engineering – VIC Director**

- Former Senior Manager IBM Global Services
- Over 30 years experience with design and implementation of communications and information technology infrastructure projects in the Asia Pacific region

### **Dr P Meyer, BA MA PhD (Demography) – NSW Director/Vice-Chair Senior data analyst and project manager, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (13 years)**

- Lecturer, Graduate Program in Demography, Australian National University (12 years)
- Research Fellow, Population Research Institute, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia (3 years)
- US Peace Corps volunteer, Tonga (2 years)

### **Ms M Brookes – SA Director**

- Travelled to Moshaweng Valley in Kalahari Desert as part of Concordia College trip to improve educational outcomes of African students
- Currently studying BA/BEd

### **Dr Judith Murray, BA (Hons) DipEd BEdSt PhD MAPS BNurs RN – QLD Director**

- Associate Professor, Counselling and Counselling Psychology, The University of Queensland (current)
- Member Psychosocial Community of Practice, ACT Alliance (Current)
- Lecturer, Masters of Counselling, Master of Applied Psychology (current)
- Registered Nurse, Oncology, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane (current)

The ALWS Board met in March and September. The Administrative Committee convened in January, February, September, October, November and December.

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## Vision, Mission, Passion

### Our Mandate

Australian Lutheran World Service is the overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. It operates under a constitution approved by the General Synod of the LCA, and is consistent with the objects of the LCA Constitution.

### Our Vision

We see a more just world ... a world that upholds the cause of the oppressed, the widow and the fatherless; gives food to the hungry; sets prisoners free; gives sight to the blind; and lifts up those who have fallen down.  
(based on Psalm 146)

### Our Mission

Our ALWS mission is to reach out in love... for justice. We seek to bring people together in partnership to ensure the voices of the poor are heard, and God's gifts of grace are shared. We strive for life-changing programs that restore human dignity, alleviate poverty and build just and sustainable communities.

### Our Guiding Principles

We serve with unconditional love  
We respect and uphold people's dignity  
We value and work for justice  
We work in partnership  
We make good use of God's gifts

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