



*Australian  
Lutheran  
World Service*

ALWS  
ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2013

# YOUR LOVE **AT** WORK

Reaching out in love ... for justice!

Your report on: « efficiency « effectiveness « impact



# Reaching out in love...

Not long ago, I was walking towards a man I had heard much about. His name was Andrew and he was in charge of managing the Reception Centre at Kakuma Refugee camp in Kenya.

Andrew saw me and walked my way. But he walked slowly because of the many children around him. He smiled at them, and bent down to talk to them where they were at. By doing this, Andrew demonstrated **what it means to really love people**. In the dry dust of a refugee camp, Andrew was doing what the writer, John, was talking about all those years ago when he said, **“Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.”** (1 John 3:18)

## Where love comes to life

In 2013, I witnessed the same sort of love – **real love** – over and over again when I opened the letters from our supporters each morning. People on pensions giving what they could, businesses encouraging their staff to hand the hat around, schools dreaming up creative ways to raise some pennies, and congregations holding collections despite their own hardships. These people have shown their **love in practical ways**. And we are most grateful for their generous spirit. Our church sees this and wants to aspire to be a place **“where love comes to life”**, and as an agency of the church, ALWS strives to do the same by **“reaching out in love for justice”**.

## Delivering your care

We'll continue to do this. And it's clear this is what our supporters and partners, here and overseas, want us to do. Recently, we invited them to give us feedback on our performance, and of the hundreds of responses, one in particular has stuck with me. It read, “I put my trust in the dedicated people working for ALWS as they will know how to serve the poor.” This is a tremendous responsibility which we take seriously.

The following pages of this report show how we've used the resources entrusted to us in 2013

to rebuild lives, amplify the voices of the unheard, remember those who've been excluded and **uphold those suffering from poverty and injustice**. You'll read of the tremendous response by Australian and New Zealand Lutherans to help the women, men and children fleeing a long and seemingly intractable conflict in Syria, and the families devastated by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. What you're unlikely to read in a report like this are the sacrifices individuals have made to give generously, the tireless commitment of our wonderful staff, and the many people overseas like Andrew who enable this to happen.

In 2013, we farewelled our former Executive Secretary, Peter Schirmer, who shaped ALWS into the organisation it is today. We also farewelled Narelle Bowden-Ford who contributed significantly to our Programs team. Between them, Peter and Narelle gave over 30 years of their lives to **alleviating poverty and injustice** through ALWS, and leave a lasting legacy.

In 2014, we look forward to developing a new strategic plan which will help to define our role in the years ahead. It's an exciting opportunity for us to reflect on who we are and make ALWS into something even more special.

## Thank you!

None of this is possible without support. We give thanks for the **steadfast loyalty of our Lutheran supporters**, the government funding through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the ongoing commitment from the Lutheran Laypeople's League (LLL) and the ecumenical partnership with other church-based aid agencies such as the Churches of Christ Overseas Aid-Global Mission Partners (COCOA-GMP). Finally, we give thanks to God for the privilege to be able to show **real love through action** in what is still an uneven world.

Chey Mattner  
Executive Secretary



**“Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them and show it by our actions.”**

1 John 3:18 (The Living Bible)



Cover image:  
Smiles for school!

Lyna (11, on the left) and friend Chanthea (12) can go to school in the Aoral district, Cambodia, because of support provided by Australian and New Zealand Lutherans. Thank you!



# ... For justice!

## Your love at work in Nepal

The Nepal Development Program (NDP) operates in 64 villages, taking an integrated approach, with a focus on preparing for disasters. This is done by training community workers to plan for and respond to local hazards, and improving community health through providing infrastructure and training for increased nutrition, hygiene and sanitation, safe child-birth and greater awareness of HIV/AIDS.

The program supports farmers to increase the quantity and quality of their yields through improved irrigation facilities, diversification of crops and livestock, training and ongoing mentoring. In 2013, 445 households were supported to establish kitchen gardens, an important source of nutrients and potential income.

In addition, the program supports communities to engage in peaceful advocacy when they face discrimination or oppression. The focus is on minority indigenous communities, groups who continue to face discrimination based on the traditional caste system, and other economically and socially oppressed groups.

Working with a long-term, empowering vision, NDP works through over one thousand community institutions and self-help groups whose establishment and capacity development it has supported in previous years.

An evaluation conducted in 2013 found that "Lutheran World Federation Nepal has carried out highly commendable work on facilitating the organisation of a large number of people, particularly women. Saving and credit has shown to be a good entry point towards empowering poor people. Savings help them to deal with shock events."



### Love, dignity, respect.

*Hastana BK is known as a Dalit woman Dalits are traditionally seen as so lowly they do not even belong to a caste. Through ALWS, you let Hastana know she is respected and valued, with practical support to grow bananas, chilli and cabbages.*



### From bonded labourer to freedom.

*Shabhapati Chaudhary used to be a bonded labourer. Through LWF, you advocated for changes to Nepalese law – so now Shabhapati is free! As a banana farmer, she can now afford to send her children to school and says "Because of your support we were able to change our lives!"*

<b>Country</b>	Nepal
<b>What</b>	Nepal Development Program (NDP)
<b>Where</b>	West, Central and East regions; Kailail, Dailekh, Lalitpur, Rasuwa, Morang and Jhapa Districts
<b>Who*</b>	Direct beneficiaries – 51,684 Indirect beneficiaries – 60,503
<b>How much in 2013</b>	AusAID/DFAT \$324,393 ALWS \$136,318

\*Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program.

Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit from results of program.



# 'We are growing and growing!'

The desired impact of the Community Empowerment Program (CEP) is empowering communities to take charge of their own development. Because impact is the product of a long-term process, the CEP has focused on conducting training courses in both Community Empowerment and Leadership and, through these, the more immediate changes can be identified.

Observable results from the Leadership Course include:

- » leaders now understand good governance
- » leaders report feeling respected by community members for improved leadership
- » communities feel leaders communicate more positively and listen to their ideas. This has led to greater consultation among community members and increased ownership by the people of their own development.

In the health and hygiene component of the Community Empowerment Course, evidence shows:

- » members of households are healthier because of increased and improved diet
- » households have improved houses with tinned roofs which give greater protection and therefore ensure healthier residents
- » healthier families are now able to be more productive.

Greater productivity leading to a growth in income has meant higher school enrolment and better attendance. More

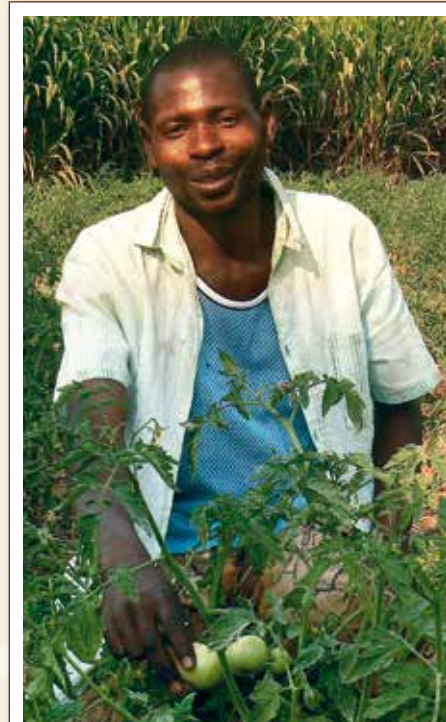
secondary schooling gives students the chance for a better future. There has been an observable increase in self-confidence of community members as their enhanced literacy skills enable greater participation in decision-making, a growth in knowledge of legal rights and an improved capacity to meet goals.

An evaluative study was conducted on the current outcomes of the micro-credit and savings scheme which is utilised by some of the households.

The study found:

- » the micro-credit and savings scheme increased food security and household income
- » increased social cohesion as groups helped each other
- » rapid access to credit for emergencies or opportunities (both at personal or community levels)
- » women experienced a growth in their access to resources because of participation in the scheme.

The graphs below show the changes in school enrolment and literacy levels since the project began in 2009 (baseline).

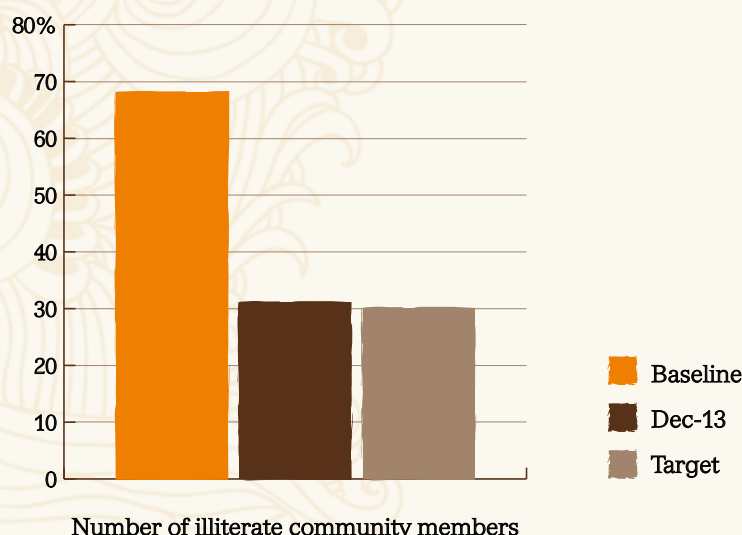
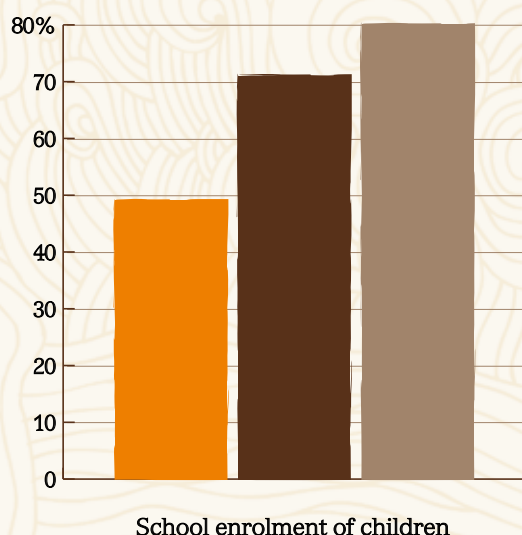


**Less disease + More crops  
= Better future!**

*Romwald Ndayisenga, a vegetable farmer, learnt how to protect his crops from disease and expand his farm – which has increased his income 10 times! He says: "I would like to say thank you for your support, because it helps us so much!"*

<b>Country</b>	Burundi
<b>What</b>	Community Empowerment Program (CEP)
<b>Where</b>	Ruyigi and Cankuzo Provinces (Eastern Burundi)
<b>Who*</b>	Direct beneficiaries – 1,536 households Indirect beneficiaries – 28,092 people, in cooperation with other partners
<b>How much in 2013</b>	AusAID/DFAT \$281,462; ALWS \$162,250

\*Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program.  
Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit from results of program.







### Healthier and happier.

*Children in Gaza province can look forward to longer, healthier lives, thanks to your support of training in the prevention and management of HIV/AIDS, malaria and cholera.*

# Step by step to success

The Gaza Project in Mozambique has an empowerment focus, and as such requires capacity building and awareness raising over a period of time. This desired impact and its associated positive results are longer term, and work towards ensuring a greater number of poor people achieve a sustainable livelihood, along with increasing awareness in health, so they are able to prevent, manage and minimise the impact of HIV/AIDS, malaria and cholera.

The project also works towards the conservation and management of natural resources as well as community preparation for emergencies.

Activities supported by the project have included:

- » facilitating the design, implementation and monitoring of community development plans around agriculture, animal husbandry and local trading
- » training of Community Based Organisations on project writing to get access to local initiative funds for Income Generating Activities
- » the facilitation of training of Community Development Committees (CDCs) on the development of malaria prevention plans

- » training in coping strategies which lead to a more effective response to disasters
- » training for the CDCs of the 24 participating communities on the preparation of emergency/disaster response plans.

The various training opportunities for the CDCs of the 24 communities involved in the project have resulted in 609 CDC members increasingly equipped to facilitate the communities' decision making and planning processes necessary for empowerment.

<b>Country</b>	Mozambique
<b>What</b>	Gaza Community Empowerment Project
<b>Where</b>	Chokwe, Mabalane, Guija and Chigubo Districts (Gaza Province)
<b>Who*</b>	Direct and indirect beneficiaries – 63,065 people, in cooperation with Finn Church Aid
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$90,637

\*Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program. Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit from results of program.

*"Before LWF, I had problems getting enough food. Now we have enough food for three meals each day, and excess to sell to pay school fees and medical expenses.*

*Please tell the donors we are happy with their support. We are growing and growing! If their support continues, most of the problems in this community will be taken away."*

Adele Nganyirimana,  
Gaza Province, Mozambique





# 'Sewing' seeds of independence

ALWS works through local partner Life With Dignity (formerly Lutheran World Federation Cambodia) to help communities identify their own priorities for development. These include visible outcomes for both the community (such as ponds, dams, culverts, roads, meeting halls, community learning centres, preschools, school dormitories, deep wells and health centres) and for households (such as chicken raising, pig rearing, latrines, water filters, and seeds and tools for growing vegetables).

Community members share their knowledge, support each other and participate in capacity building activities, including training on effective agricultural techniques, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and first aid, and awareness raising in areas such as domestic violence, human rights, women's rights, children's rights, gender, effective governance, leadership, HIV/AIDS, advocacy, health and hygiene, and nutrition.

In 2013, an evaluative study on the Community Empowerment Approach was carried out in Aoral and Phnom

Krovanh. The study showed that the way LWD works with communities is effective in bringing about improved access to food, income, sanitation, financial services, health care, governance and democratic processes.

The study also showed the challenges currently faced by the communities include natural disasters (drought, flood) from climate change, the migration of families away from their villages to seek work and income, the loss of access to land and natural resources because of businesses being granted land titles, and limited services (education, health) and infrastructure delivered by duty bearers (eg government).

The evaluative study found that under the empowerment approach used by LWD:

- » Communities are empowered to take ownership for the planning, implementing and monitoring of development activities.
- » Community Based Organisations (established and facilitated by LWD) are trusted by the communities as being accountable, transparent and relevant for their needs.
- » Communities are gaining the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to use community resources for their own development.
- » Communities are better preparing for the effects of disasters such as drought and flood.
- » There is improved communication between Community Based Organisations, village leaders, local government, and institutions such as police and health centres.

<b>Country</b>	Cambodia
<b>What</b>	IRDEP (Integrated Rural Development through Empowerment Project)
<b>Where</b>	Aoral and Phnom Krovanh Districts
<b>Who</b>	12,210 families
<b>How much in 2013</b>	AusAID/DFAT \$690,503 ALWS \$265,000



Village Bank changes Borin's life.

*Hong Borin (22) has been able to start a shop selling clothes and bags she has sewn, thanks to a loan from the Village Bank, supported by you!*



# Sharing and learning together

Takeo and Kandal districts have progressively moved through various levels of capacity and development. LWD worked with communities in these districts until the villages themselves identified that they had 'graduated' and reached a level of skill, knowledge and confidence to direct their own development. In a phase called 'accompaniment', LWD then worked with these communities for a number of years giving less direct but much-needed support for Community Based Organisations to continue improving conditions in the villages.

For the past two years ALWS has funded a final 'sharing and learning' phase of LWD's involvement in Takeo and Kandal through Village Partnership Projects. Villages receive training from LWD to work together to develop a proposal for development activities they believe would benefit their whole community. They submit them to a panel of representatives from the province, district, local

government officials and LWD staff. Last year 6 proposals were successful, and these villages planned and organised for projects such as road and dam construction.

This process, even for villages that are not selected, gives communities the skills in applying for grants from government and non-government organisations and in organising themselves to plan, carry out and monitor projects. As one woman in Takeo told us in 2013 "Village Partnership Projects are like this: If someone cooks you something delicious, you can only eat it once. If they teach you how to cook it, then you can eat it again and again."



## Independent and proud of it!

*Villagers in the Takeo/Kandal district show their pond with ample water for irrigation. They managed the whole project from beginning to end. Thank you for helping the villagers help themselves – and become independent and self-reliant!*

<b>Country</b>	Cambodia
<b>What</b>	Transition Program
<b>Where</b>	Takeo and Kandal Districts
<b>Who</b>	17,903 people
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$20,000

## Partners in PNG

ALWS works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG to create positive change in the lives of Papua New Guineans. We do this through strengthening the church's ability to provide services which heal and give hope.

Recent activities have included the development of a new curriculum for the Wokmeri Trening Skuls, where young women are trained in skills such as sewing, literacy, and project management before returning to their home villages to serve as community workers. The schools were also provided with yarn which the young women turn into bilums (bags). These are sold at the local market to help with the running costs of the schools.

ALWS works closely with PNG's Lutheran Overseas Partner Churches, which includes Lutheran churches from Europe, the USA and our own LCA. ALWS also works with other Christian denominations in PNG and Australia, seeking ways to work together for the benefit of all.

This program seeks to make lasting institutional change within PNG churches. Although this takes time, it was part of a recent evaluation by the Australian Government, which found that the impact of the program is positive. The review encouraged the churches to continue to work closely together.

<b>Country</b>	Papua New Guinea
<b>What</b>	Church Partnership Program
<b>Where</b>	Country-wide
<b>How much in 2013</b>	AusAID/DFAT \$293,524



## Skills for life!

*31 teacher training classes supported by you meant 102 literacy classes were delivered in home communities which meant 2,970 adults learnt to read and write! These skills give people confidence and allow them to participate more fully in community life.*



# Your care for refugees in Kenya

## Kakuma Refugee Camp

In 2013, Kakuma Refugee Camp grew from 104,000 people to more than 128,000. Many of these people were fleeing insecurity and flooding in South Sudan, including large numbers of unaccompanied children.

ALWS funded activities in the Reception Centre such as:

- » Services to identify and support vulnerable new arrivals such as victims of sexual and gender based violence, elderly, people with disabilities, single parent families, and people with chronic illness
- » Constructing latrines and bathrooms for people with disabilities
- » Providing food for children, elderly and the sick
- » Providing non-food items such as clothing, sleeping mats, kitchen sets for vulnerable new arrivals
- » Support for identification and training of foster families for unaccompanied minors.

In the camp itself ALWS funded:

- » Training and facilitation of Child Rights Clubs
- » Education activities including teacher training, educational materials and classroom and playground equipment (including training and materials for students with disabilities)
- » Training for refugees in water management, and parts and materials for maintaining a clean water supply to the camp
- » Training and support for income generation (eg tailoring)
- » Training for community leaders in gender and life skills.

These activities mean that refugees in Kakuma now have improved access to their human rights, such as their right to education, food, water, and protection.



**Sabiha's smile is because of you.**

*Supporting children with disabilities in school, like Sabiha (10), is a focus of ALWS' work in Kakuma. Teddy-bear hug cards were a special surprise from supporters like you in Australia!*

<b>What</b>	Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project
<b>Who</b>	128,131 people, in partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$200,000



**Safe at last.**

*Dadaab is the world's largest refugee camp. Through ALWS, you care for families fleeing conflict and help them feel safe again.*

## Dadaab Refugee Camp

More than 400,000 refugees live in the different camps that make up Dadaab. Most of these people are from Somalia and have fled conflict and fighting.

During 2013, ALWS worked with Lutheran World Federation Kenya-Djibouti to:

- » promote quality education and Early Childhood Development Education
  - Libraries constructed and resourced and teachers and communities trained in library management
  - Textbooks and school materials provided to learners
  - Training for teachers and communities on special needs education
- » strengthen livelihoods so that families are better able to meet their own needs

- Women and youth trained and supported in business development skills, book keeping, and skills such as tie dyeing and weaving
- » help refugees have access to important information
  - Information boards erected, radio programs broadcasted (with information about job opportunities, camp activities and events, updates about services available and awareness raising about needs of the elderly, people with disabilities, and children)
- » provide peace and protection for people of concern
  - Training for Community Peace and Protection Teams on how to effectively build peace within communities.

<b>What</b>	Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project
<b>Who</b>	219,041 people, in partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$118,000



**AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE**

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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 2013 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 to 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 an excess of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2013 of \$96,152.

**4. CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS**

At the end of January 2013, Mr Peter Schirmer submitted his resignation as ALWS Executive Secretary. Mr Chey Mattner was appointed as the new ALWS Executive Secretary in May 2013. There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of ALWS during 2013.

**5. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE**

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

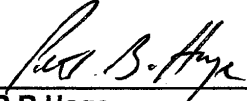
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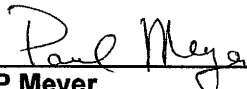
The Directors do not expect any developments in the operations of the agency which would affect the results of the operations in subsequent financial years.

**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: 14/03/2014

Place: 20 City Road, Southbank, Melbourne, Victoria



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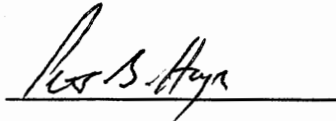
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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

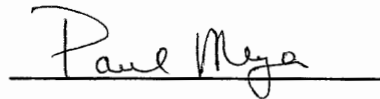
The Directors of Australian Lutheran World Service declare that:

- (a) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 9 to 20, are in accordance with the 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 2013 and of the performance for the year ended on that date.
- (b) In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation 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 Directors.



**Rev P B Hage**  
(Chairperson)



**Dr P Meyer**  
(Vice Chairperson)

Dated: 14/03/2014

Place: 20 City Road, Southbank, Melbourne, Victoria

*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)*



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

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australian Lutheran World Service, which comprises the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows as at 31 December 2013, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Directors' Declaration.

**ALWS Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The Board of the Australian Lutheran World Service is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the organisation's constitution and the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Board's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the Board and the ACFID Code of Conduct. 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 report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the Auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, 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 report 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 report.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting under the organisation's constitution and the ACFID Code of Conduct. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Directors, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Lutheran World Service presents fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Australian Lutheran World Service as of 31 December 2013 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared by the Board to satisfy the requirements of the organisation's constitution and the ACFID Code of Conduct. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for any other purpose.

**MRL GROUP PTY LTD**

Chartered Accountants

  
Mark LeCormu

Registered Company Auditor

Adelaide, 14 day of March 2014

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**INCOME STATEMENT**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2013</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2012</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations and gifts			
- Monetary		3,981,639	3,200,600
- Non-monetary		0	0
Bequests & Legacies		144,139	86,746
Grants			
- DFAT		1,851,253	2,040,514
- Other Australian		105,000	342,666
- Other Overseas		0	0
Investment Income		72,690	112,553
Other Income		15,516	14,516
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>6,170,237</b>	<b>5,797,595</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>			
International Programs			
- Funds to International programs	7	4,361,942	5,469,883
- Program support costs		367,889	293,796
Community Education		208,421	198,421
Fundraising costs			
- Public		231,362	208,962
- Government, multilateral & private		5,927	8,299
Accountability & Administration		378,521	369,540
Non-monetary Expenditure		0	0
<b>Total International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>		<b>5,554,062</b>	<b>6,548,901</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure		5,447	7,045
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>5,559,509</b>	<b>6,555,946</b>
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE PRIOR TO GRANT REPAYMENTS</b>		<b>610,728</b>	<b>(758,351)</b>
<b>GRANT REPAYMENTS</b>			
- DFAT Grants Repaid to DFAT		(514,576)	0
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>96,152</u></b>	<b><u>(758,351)</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2013 \$</b>	<b>2012 \$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash equivalents		4,389,390	4,245,658
Trade and other receivables	2	33,619	31,109
Other financial assets		0	288,750
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<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>4,423,009</b>	<b>4,565,517</b>
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<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	13,709	17,618
Other Non-Current Assets	4	24,186	27,783
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<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>37,895</b>	<b>45,401</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>4,460,904</u></b>	<b><u>4,610,918</u></b>
 <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	5	80,333	316,144
Provisions	6	159,008	169,363
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<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>239,341</u></b>	<b><u>485,507</u></b>
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>4,221,563</u></b>	<b><u>4,125,411</u></b>
 <b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		4,221,563	4,125,411
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<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b><u>4,221,563</u></b>	<b><u>4,125,411</u></b>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	<b>Retained Earnings \$</b>	<b>TOTAL \$</b>
Balance at beginning of period	4,125,411	<b>4,125,411</b>
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	0
Excess of revenue over expenses	96,152	<b>96,152</b>
Other amounts transferred from Reserves	0	0
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Balance at end of period	4,221,563	<b>4,221,563</b>
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2013 \$</b>	<b>2012 \$</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Government grants and other income		5,605,887	5,710,140
Interest receipts		49,774	87,455
Operating Expenses		<u>(5,794,238)</u>	<u>(6,395,701)</u>
Net cash (used in) operating activities	12	<u>(138,577)</u>	<u>(598,106)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of office equipment		0	0
Payments for office equipment		<u>(1,421)</u>	<u>(1,982)</u>
Net cash (used in) investing activities		<u>(1,421)</u>	<u>(1,982)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net (decrease) in cash held		(145,018)	(615,146)
Cash at the beginning of the year		<u>4,534,408</u>	<u>5,149,554</u>
Cash at the end of the year	12	<b><u>4,389,390</u></b>	<b><u>4,534,408</u></b>

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**(a) Basis of accounting**

The financial report has been prepared primarily on the basis of historical cost and does not take into account changing money value or current valuations of non-current assets. The financial report has 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 calculated on plant and equipment using the prime cost method based on the expected useful life of each asset. Surpluses 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.



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	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NOTE 2</b>		
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Prepayments	20,692	17,555
Debtors - Other	0	3614
LWF Projects (Aust) Pty Ltd	<u>12,927</u>	<u>9,940</u>
	<b><u>33,619</u></b>	<b><u>31,109</u></b>
<b>NOTE 3</b>		
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>(a) Summary</b>		
Office Equipment, at cost	79,209	77,788
Less Accumulated depreciation	<u>(65,500)</u>	<u>(60,170)</u>
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b><u>13,709</u></b>	<b><u>17,618</u></b>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of movements</b>		
A reconciliation of the carrying amount of each class of asset for the year is set out below:		
Office Equipment		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	17,618	22,043
Plus Additions	1,421	1,982
Less Disposals	0	0
Less Depreciation	<u>(5,330)</u>	<u>(6,407)</u>
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>13,709</u>	<u>17,618</u>
<b>NOTE 4</b>		
<b>OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Gross loan amounts outstanding	32,402	35,999
Less provision for doubtful debts	<u>(8,216)</u>	<u>(8,216)</u>
	<b><u>24,186</u></b>	<b><u>27,783</u></b>
<b>NOTE 5</b>		
<b>TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Creditors	54,782	294,571
Accruals	<u>25,551</u>	<u>21,573</u>
	<b><u>80,333</u></b>	<b><u>316,144</u></b>
<b>NOTE 6</b>		
<b>PROVISIONS</b>		
Long Service Leave	49,014	53,410
Annual Leave	<u>109,994</u>	<u>115,953</u>
	<b><u>159,008</u></b>	<b><u>169,363</u></b>
Current portion	159,008	169,363
Non-Current portion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b><u>159,008</u></b>	<b><u>169,363</u></b>

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**NOTE 7  
DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ALWS</b>	<b>DFAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Development Programs</b>	<b>Development Programs</b>			
<b>Burundi</b>	- Community Empowerment Program	162,250	281,462	443,712
<b>Cambodia</b>	- Integrated Rural Development & Empowerment Project, Oral & Krovanh Districts	265,000	690,503	955,503
<b>Cambodia</b>	- Kandal/Takeo Transition	20,000		20,000
<b>Disability Inclusive Development</b>	- Azeecon Disability Training		15,000	15,000
<b>Emergency Hubs</b>	- LWF Emergency (DWS)	22,164		22,164
<b>Ethiopia</b>	- Integrated Country Development Project	600		600
<b>India</b>	- Grihini Project	25,000		25,000
<b>Indonesia</b>	- CDRM & CDS Program	195,946	133,625	329,571
<b>Indonesia</b>	- Hephata HKBP	54,471		54,471
<b>Indonesia</b>	- HKBP Livelihood Project	1,799		1,799
<b>Kenya</b>	- Kakuma Refugee Camp	200,000		200,000
<b>Kenya</b>	- Dadaab Refugee Camp	118,000		118,000
<b>Kenya</b>	- Education Coordinator	26,450		26,450
<b>Mozambique</b>	- Gaza Development Program	90,637		90,637
<b>Nepal</b>	- Nepal Development Program	136,318	324,393	460,711
<b>PNG - CPP</b>	- Church Partnership Program		293,524	293,524
<b>Program Support</b>	- Internal Audit Unit	9,100		9,100
<b>Regional</b>	- AZEECON Project	20,000		20,000
<b>South Sudan</b>	- Rebuilding Sustainable Livelihoods	615,000		615,000
<b>Emergency &amp; Refugee Response</b>	<b>Emergency &amp; Refugee Response</b>			
<b>Cambodia</b>	- Floods Response	50,000		50,000
<b>Mauritania</b>	- Sahel Food Crisis	2,000		2,000
<b>Myanmar</b>	- Assistance to Internally Displaced Peoples in Rakhine	50,000		50,000
<b>Philippines</b>	- Typhoon Haiyan	276,700		276,700
<b>Sudan</b>	- Darfur Emergency	50,000		50,000
<b>Syria</b>	- Regional Humanitarian Response	214,000		214,000
<b>Global Program Management</b>	<b>Global Program Management</b>			
	- DWS Coordination	18,000		18,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,623,435</b>	<b>1,738,507</b>	<b>4,361,942</b>



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**NOTE 8**

**TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF 2013</b>	<b>CASH RAISED DURING 2013</b>	<b>CASH DISBURSED DURING 2013</b>	<b>CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF 2013 FOR FUTURE USE</b>
DFAT - Cambodia	308,044	767,447	705,503	369,988
DFAT - Indonesia CDRM	31,249	265,986	181,572	115,663
DFAT - Burundi	156,276	344,437	322,970	177,743
DFAT - Disability Inclusive Development	47,500	62,721	48,838	61,383
DFAT - PNG	1,270,899	13,614	1,060,310	224,203
DFAT - Nepal	97,500	417,666	337,476	177,690
East Africa Appeal	112,875	5,125	118,000	0
Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal	0	429,038	298,100	130,938
Syria Regional Humanitarian Response Appeal	0	268,635	237,000	31,635
TOTAL - Other Purposes	2,510,065	3,595,568	3,005,486	3,100,147
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,534,408</b>	<b>6,170,237</b>	<b>6,315,255</b>	<b>4,389,390</b>

**Notes:**

- (a) Cash available at end of 2013 for future use is shown on the balance sheet as follows:

**Cash and Cash equivalents**

**4,389,390**

- (b) This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Cash Flows on page 14.

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**NOTE 9**

**RELATED PARTY INFORMATION**

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

ALWS serves as the overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. The LCA endorses and indemnifies the activity of ALWS and has authorised the ALWS Executive Secretary, Program Manager and Asia Pacific Program Officer to sign contracts and resulting financial declarations for work to be carried out by ALWS in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws.

**(b) Directors**

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

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

**(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 \$2,999,877 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2013.

**(d) Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance**

ACT Alliance, the coordination office for emergency relief projects organisationally based in the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches, was paid \$642,700 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2013.

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

The above company is a related party to ALWS. 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 totalling \$11,058 from LWF Projects (Aust) Pty Ltd.



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**NOTE 10  
FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Interest Rate Risk

	<b>Floating Interest Rate</b>	<b>Fixed Interest Rate 1 Year or Less</b>	<b>1 to 2 Years</b>	<b>Maturing 2 to 5 Years</b>	<b>Non Interest Bearing</b>	<b>Total Book Value</b>	<b>Net Market Value</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>							
Cash on hand					100	100	100
Cash at bank	4,389,290					4,389,290	4,389,290
Bank term deposits						0	0
Receivables					33,619	33,619	33,619
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<u>4,389,290</u>				<u>33,719</u>	<u>4,423,009</u>	<u>4,423,009</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>							
Trade and other payables					80,333	80,333	80,333
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>					<u>80,333</u>	<u>80,333</u>	<u>80,333</u>
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	<u>4,389,290</u>				<u>(46,614)</u>	<u>4,342,676</u>	<u>4,342,676</u>

Weighted average interest rate for financial assets approx. 3.5%

**NOTE 11  
CONTINGENT LIABILITY**

ALWS is aware of two potential instances involving misappropriation of funds pertaining to overseas aid programs via affiliate entities of ALWS. As at 31 December 2013, it is anticipated that the exposure of ALWS to any potential liability arising from these matters will not be material.

**NOTE 12  
CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

**(a) Reconciliation of cash**

Cash at 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:

	<b>2013 \$</b>	<b>2012 \$</b>
Cash at bank and on hand	4,389,390	4,245,658
Term Deposits	0	288,750
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	<u><b>4,389,390</b></u>	<u><b>4,534,408</b></u>

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

Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	96,152	(758,351)
<b>Non-cash flows in operating surplus:</b>		
Change to Provisions for Long Service and Annual Leave	(10,356)	27,005
Depreciation	5,330	6,407
Change to Provision for Doubtful Debts	0	0
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
Movement in non-current assets (Resettlement Loans)	3,596	10,710
Movement in trade and other receivables	2,511	7,529
Movement in trade and other payables	(235,810)	108,594
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u><b>(138,577)</b></u>	<u><b>(598,106)</b></u>

# Report on financial performance

In 2012, we reported on the extraordinary response to the East Africa Appeal which saw a record amount invested in projects helping and educating people – about \$6 million. It came as little surprise that the amount invested in the same area in 2013 was much less – just under \$5 million. However, put in context, this is still well up on previous reports.

Over recent years, we've enjoyed a steady increase in income from the Australian Government and our loyal supporters. In 2013, this was just over \$6.1 million, of which about two thirds came from supporters and one third from Government. Appeals to respond to the Syrian conflict and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

meant almost \$500,000 more was sent overseas than what we had budgeted for. This, together with very lean operating costs, has meant we've been able to keep our overheads to 11%.

While we endeavour to keep these costs as low as possible, the reality is they are likely to increase slightly. There are a number of reasons for this. We anticipate less income in 2014 which means less money (in actual terms) will be spent on projects overseas and in Australia, yet we will do what we can to maintain our commitments. We'll need to also invest in meeting more compliance requirements and improve our systems to make us stronger and more efficient. And we need to ensure our

staff who work above and beyond what's expected continue to be cared for. While this may see our overheads lift marginally, it will mean that the work we do is more effective and sustainable, and ultimately of greater value to those we seek to serve.

ALWS maintains a sound financial position at 31 December 2013. 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 2014, ALWS does not anticipate any significant impact on its financial health.

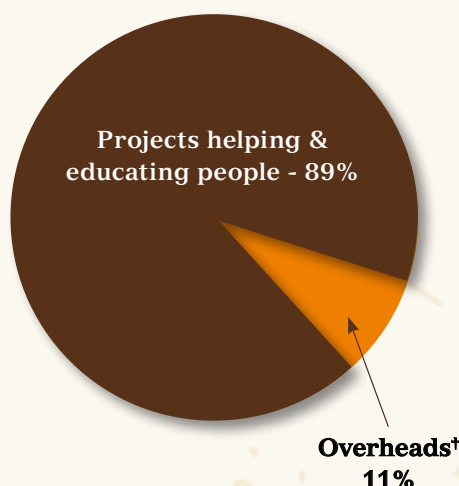
## Working together to help others

SA	\$1,715,281
NT	\$47,888
QLD	\$883,861
NSW	\$385,617
VIC	\$713,973
TAS	\$11,087
WA	\$91,259
ACT	\$89,307
NZ	\$3,099
Other*	\$184,406
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$4,125,778</b>

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

\*'Overheads' are administration and fundraising costs as defined by the ACFID Code of Conduct. Percentages are calculated from total 2013 disbursements. ALWS aims to minimise overheads as much as possible without affecting services. Our average overhead rate for the last 5 years is 10.0%. However, possible decreases in funding, maintaining standards, meeting additional compliance requirements, and staff care mean this rate is likely to increase as demands grow. Refer to full financial statements earlier in this report.

Funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development are used only for those purposes and are not 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.



## Invaluable volunteers

In the last 3 months of 2013 alone, **13 volunteers** provided **400 hours of labour**. At an average rate of \$25/hour, this is equal to **\$10,000** in unpaid work!

This means an extra \$10,000 has been able to go direct to help the people who need it most.

Volunteers in Albury help with mailing receipts, sending supporters their Gift of Grace cards, packing church envelopes for Christmas action, and other vital tasks.

Two volunteers in particular deserve a special mention. Glenda Walters and Carolyn Kiss in Albury have given over 150 and 120 hours respectively – and are still going strong!

We give thanks for the tireless service of all our volunteers. Their generosity means more families suffering from poverty get the help they so desperately need.

## How your gifts are used

ALWS is committed to using your gifts as efficiently and effectively as possible and undergoes regular checks to make sure your money is being used properly. We are audited every year by independent auditors in Australia. In 2010 ALWS became reaccredited. The accreditation process occurs every 5 years and is one of the most rigorous checks conducted by the Australian Government. During this process ALWS was required to meet over 50 criteria related to all areas of operation, including governance, finance, programs, and communications.

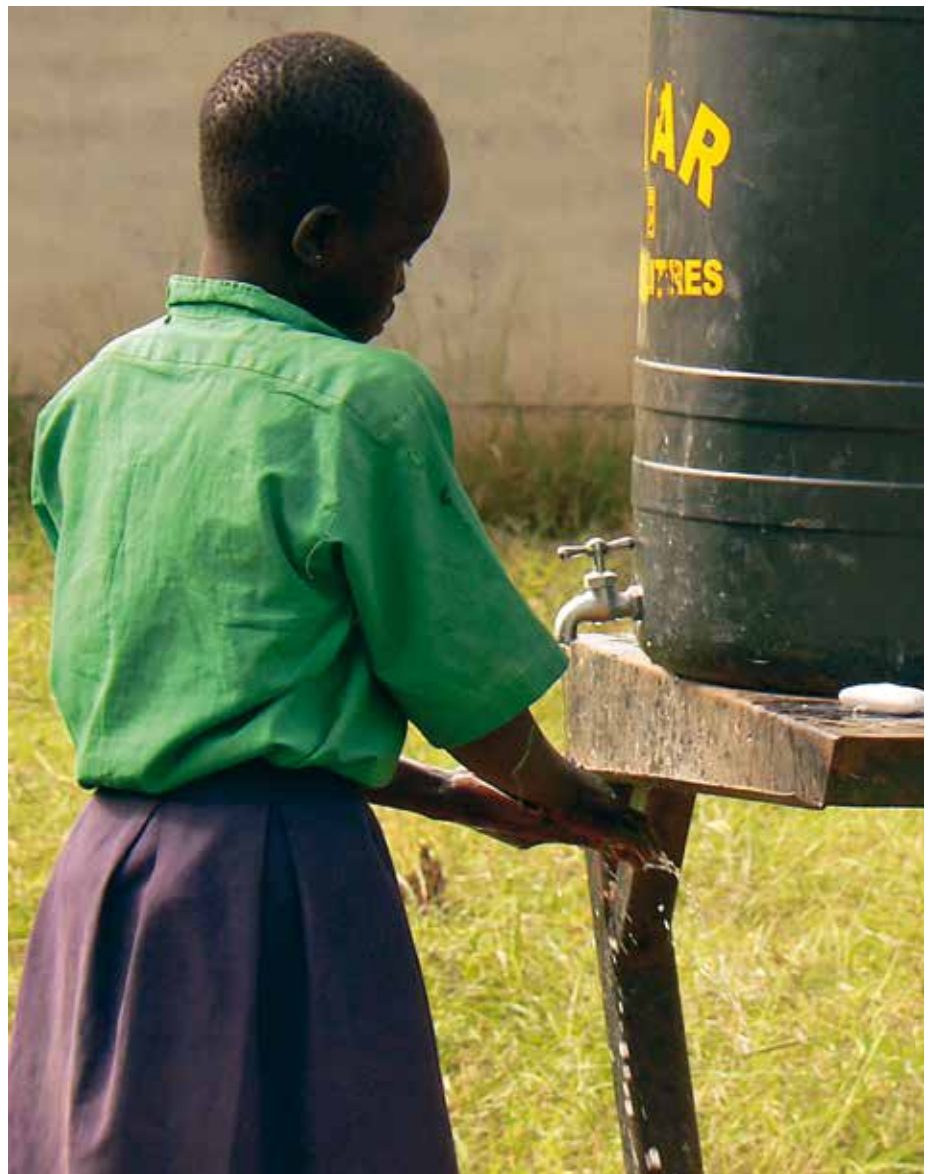


# Rebuilding lives and livelihoods

ALWS works with Lutheran World Federation South Sudan in Jonglei state. The areas have had a challenging year with severe flooding, conflict between communities, and late in the year, armed fighting that broke out between pro and anti-government forces.

In 2013, ALWS supported activities in the following areas:

- » Emergency Preparedness – communities in two counties demonstrated increased capacity to respond to flooding due to more effective risk reduction and coordinated response to emergencies between communities and local government
  - 6 emergency preparedness trainings held
  - 10,000 gunny (sand) bags provided for flood control
  - Local governments supported to develop disaster contingency plans in 2 counties
- » Food Security – female farmers learnt improved farming techniques
  - 2 Women Farmers groups (50 people) formed, trained in leadership skills and agricultural skills and supported with land preparation
- » Education
  - 1 block of 5 classrooms and 6 latrines in one primary school
  - 200 kits for students in 4 cattle camp schools provided
  - Mobile schools in one cattle camp and one fishing village established
  - 8 kits for teachers in mobile schools (cattle camps) provided
  - 14 cattle camp teachers given teacher training
  - 7 cattle camp teachers paid incentive wage for 12 months
- » Water and Sanitation – improved awareness in communities on hygiene and sanitation (eg handwashing, latrine usage, hygienic cooking techniques) and communities access, manage and maintain clean water supplies
  - 10 boreholes rehabilitated
  - 10 water user committees trained



## Clean and safe.

*Training in safe hygiene practices, like handwashing, helps kids to stay healthy – and in school for longer!*

- 8 hygiene and sanitation awareness campaigns conducted
- 40 cartons of soap distributed
- » Peacebuilding – communities grew in understanding of their human rights, children's development, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding
  - 1 County Peace Committee trained
  - 4 Youth Debating events to promote peace facilitated
  - 4 Parent Teacher Associations trained in peace building.

<b>Country</b>	South Sudan
<b>What</b>	Rebuilding Livelihoods Program
<b>Where</b>	Twic East and Duk counties, Jonglei State
<b>Who*</b>	Approx. direct beneficiaries – 20,985 Approx. indirect beneficiaries – 170,000 in partnership with other agencies
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$600,000

\*Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program. Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit from results of program.





### Everyone's included.

*This young girl attends a school supported by you through CDRM&CDS. Teachers have been trained to include children with a disability in their classes. Plus, the whole school learns to be ready for natural disasters with disaster simulations – so more lives can be saved.*

## Helping churches to help others

ALWS has joined with the Lutheran Church of Australia's Mission International and Lutheran Education Australia to partner with CDRM&CDS, along with the generous support of the Lutheran Laypeople's League and the Australian Government. This is a longer-term project which seeks to have a lasting impact through strengthening the churches. Already, positive changes can be seen.

The centre builds the skills of Lutheran church workers who serve their communities. Their work includes preparing churches to respond to emergencies in the disaster-prone region. In 2013 the centre trained 151 church workers in disaster risk reduction and worked with three churches to develop disaster risk management plans. Eight churches were provided with emergency response training. This is important in an area where churches play a vital role in assisting communities when a disaster occurs.

Direct help to communities is also provided through the centre. This help focuses on strengthening communities' ability to build a secure future for themselves. This support is in the areas of agriculture, small business development, environmental awareness, improved literacy, sanitation and access to water, and mother and child health education.

2013 saw a focus on ensuring people with disabilities are involved in community activities. This has had an immediate effect, with 70 year old Asaeli from Nias Island saying: "In the past, I was honoured as a community leader in my village, but when I became blind, villagers started to exclude me when there were weddings or community meetings. When I heard that CDRM&CDS had trained villagers about people with disabilities I felt happy. Now, they invite and engage me in many meetings. I'm very happy."

<b>Country</b>	Indonesia
<b>What</b>	Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies (CDRM&CDS)
<b>Where</b>	North and West Sumatra
<b>Who*</b>	Direct beneficiaries – 13,190 Indirect beneficiaries – 65,953
<b>How much in 2013</b>	AusAID/DFAT \$133,625 ALWS \$195,946

\*Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program. Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit from results of program.

# When disaster str

## Philippines: Typhoon Haiyan

Barely recovering from the devastation of a 7.1 magnitude earthquake on 15 October 2013, the people of Cebu and Bohol were further hit by super Typhoon Haiyan on 8 November 2013. The typhoon left a wide path of destruction and debris in its wake over nine regions, with estimates of casualties and damage fluctuating considerably in the immediate aftermath. Damaged roads, fallen trees and debris severely limited access to people in need immediately after the crisis. UNOCHA estimate 14.16 million people or 15% of the total population have been affected including 3.62 million people displaced and 1.1 million damaged houses. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council reported 5,600 dead, 26,231 injured and 1,761 missing.

At the time of this report, there are over 226,000 people living in 1,068 evacuation centres. Large numbers of people have been leaving the devastated area with over 17,000 being airlifted to Manila.



### Hope after Haiyan.

*Paquita (5) and her brother Gabriel (6) play in the rubble of what was once their family's home on Jinamoc Island. In the wake of a disaster, children are one of the most vulnerable groups, and receive special support through you and the ALWS /ACT Alliance partnership. Photo credit: ACT/Paul Jeffrey*

Members of Action by Churches together (ACT Alliance) in the Philippines are working to assist the most vulnerable and resource-poor people affected by the typhoon through the following assistance: food and non-food items, hygiene and sanitation, shelter, psycho-social support, education, livelihood restoration/development, cash for work, disaster risk reduction, capacity building and climate change advocacy.

<b>Where</b>	Cebu and Bohol Islands
<b>Who</b>	592,972 people, in partnership with other agencies
<b>Partner</b>	ACT Alliance
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$276,700

## Sudan: floods and conflict

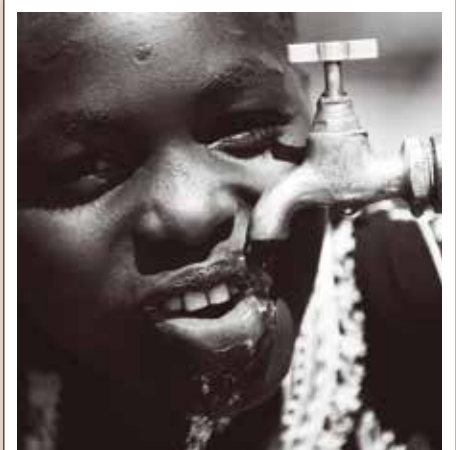
Ongoing conflict and flooding has continued to displace people in Darfur and make it difficult for essential services and resources to reach them. The duration of the conflict means that families are in need of support to develop coping strategies and life skills to help them survive and look after their families' needs.

Activities supported by ALWS in 2013 included:

- » Feeding for malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women
- » Maternal and infant health services
- » Rehabilitating hand pumps
- » Repairing water storage tanks
- » Construction of latrines
- » Ensuring communities have access to shelter materials and non-food materials (eg cooking sets, clothes, sleeping mattresses)

- » Ensuring communities are able to better cope and respond to disasters (eg flood) and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in communities in emergencies
- » Distribution of seeds and tools
- » Training on agriculture, business and vocational skills
- » Construction of classrooms
- » Training of teachers and parent-teacher associations
- » Provision of school materials and sporting equipment.

<b>Where</b>	Darfur
<b>What</b>	966,000 people, in partnership with other agencies
<b>Partner</b>	ACT Alliance
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$50,000



### Water for life.

*A Darfuri boy drinks clean water provided by you through ACT Alliance in Bilel camp in Darfur. Photo credit: ACT Alliance/Mohamed Nureldin Abdallah*



# ikes, you're there

## Myanmar: conflict

The inter-communal conflict in Rakhine State in June and October 2012 resulted in a significant number of people displaced and the loss of lives and livelihoods throughout the state. ALWS funds helped to provide 2,700 families with non-food item kits and construct 10 temporary learning spaces with latrine, hand washing and drinking water facilities. ALWS also helped to provide education for 3,104 children aged 5 to 10 through the training of 36 community teachers who each received their own teaching kit.

<b>Where</b>	Rakhine state
<b>Who</b>	119,139 people, in partnership with other agencies
<b>Partner</b>	ACT Alliance
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$50,000

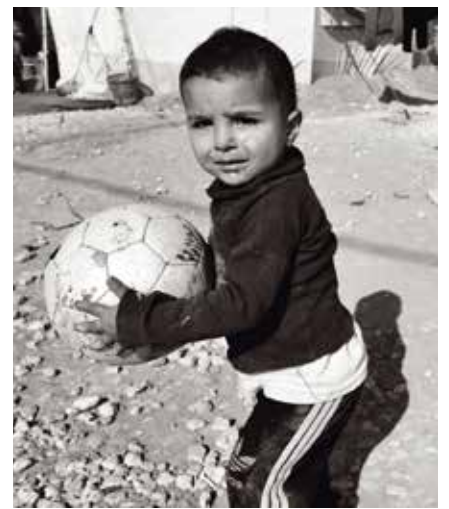
## Syria: conflict

The civil war in Syria now extends to its third year. The number of civilian casualties, internally displaced people and refugees continues to grow to astounding levels. According to UNOCHA, almost 2 million refugees are hosted by Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and countries in North Africa.

ALWS' support assisted refugees at the Zaatari Camp in Jordan, which is managed by LWF. With harsh winter conditions approaching, LWF worked to make the camp habitable by rehabilitating shelters and distributing winter clothing and gas heaters.

An important focus of LWF at the camp will also be on building the leadership capacities of community leaders and enabling them to better manage and reduce conflicts among themselves and with the host communities.

<b>Where</b>	Zaatari Refugee Camp, Jordan
<b>Who</b>	143,800 people, in partnership with LWF around the world
<b>Partner</b>	ACT Alliance, Lutheran World Federation Jordan
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$214,000



### Home away from home.

*A young boy plays with a ball in Zaatari Camp, Jordan, where more than 20,000 refugees from the crisis in Syria have found a home. Your gifts mean children and their families are safe and cared for. Photo credit: ACT/LWF*

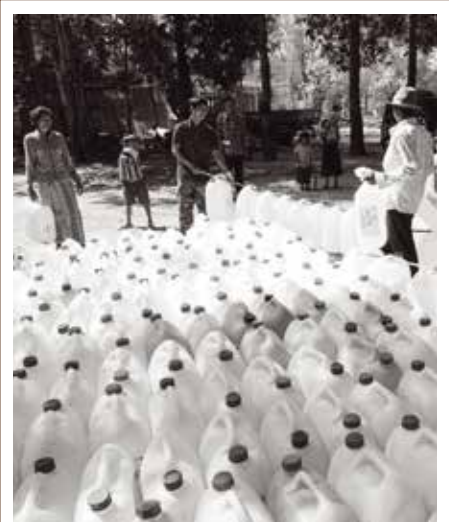
## Cambodia: floods

In the second half of 2013, Cambodia experienced severe flooding as a result of high rainfall from typhoons and other severe weather systems. The Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers overflowed. 16 of 24 provinces were affected by severe flooding including in and around the capital city of Phnom Penh.

More than 1.7 million people were affected, including approximately 119,000 people displaced and 188 deaths recorded, mostly by drowning. The most affected people were extremely poor families, many of whom are landless migrant labourers, people living with HIV/AIDS, the elderly and orphaned children. Damage to agricultural land and crops also occurred and impacted poor farmers.

In response, ALWS joined in efforts to give 9,768 households cash grants of \$25 each for food, materials and income generation. In addition, 650 food packages, 9,768 water containers and 9,768 bars of soap were distributed.

<b>Where</b>	Battambang
<b>What</b>	Rebuilding Livelihoods Program
<b>Partner</b>	Life With Dignity, ACT Alliance
<b>How much in 2013</b>	\$50,000



### Urgent hygiene help.

*You helped provide hygiene and sanitation packs of detergent, water purification tablets, and a 30L plastic water container for Cambodian families who suffered during the floods. Photo credit: ACT/DCA/Conor Wall*



# Welcoming new neighbours

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 2013, ALWS granted three loans to refugee families with a total value of \$7,333. While this may not seem like

much, these loans helped to change the lives of those who have made their new home with us.

For example, a loan allowed a Liberian woman to travel home and be legally married to her husband, and reunited with her youngest child. The family had been separated for three years as refugees. Since finding each other again, they faced another possible five years of separation if they hadn't been able to travel and marry.

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.



## Together at last!

*Bahati Watuta, Pastor Matt Anker, Pamela Dalgliesh and members of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Shepparton wait to welcome Bahati's daughters to Australia. It will be the first time the family members have seen each other in 16 years because of separation due to war.*

# Inspiration, education, action!

ALWS has as one of its strategic goals 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 schools, congregations, and conferences around Australia to let people know how they're changing lives through ALWS.

A significant focus of this work is in the development of resources for Lutheran schools. ALWS Awareness Days offer schools the opportunity to explore issues around poverty, development and inequality more deeply during a full-day event. Throughout the day, students take part in activities designed to get them thinking more about justice issues, and action they can take to make a difference.

The theme for Awareness Days in 2013 was 'Health for Life' with a focus on Nepal. The resources and activities

developed included all aspects of a healthy life in Nepal, including not just food, water and sanitation, but also education, disability support, and peace. Students also learnt about the particular struggles of Dalit people and bonded laborers in Nepal.

In 2013, about 3000 students and 250 staff attended 23 Awareness Days held at Lutheran schools across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Five government schools also requested an Awareness Day from ALWS.

In addition, 19 students and staff from two Brisbane schools took part in a Learning and Service Tour to Cambodia, while a further 19 students and staff from across Australia travelled to Nepal. These staff and students return to their schools equipped and motivated to lead their schools in caring about others.




## Learning to love.

*As part of learning about the importance of safe, clean water, students from Endeavor College (SA) have a go at making mini water pumps out of plastic cups and straws! Students are keen to learn how they can care for our overseas neighbours in need.*



# Positive partnerships!

 <p><b>AusAID / DFAT</b></p> <p>The Australian Government provided funding until 1 November 2013 through the AusAID/NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and from 1 November 2013 onwards through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) to the programs in Burundi, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, and in the area of Disability. The Australian Government also supported the Church Partnership Program for activities in PNG. ALWS gratefully acknowledges the Australian Government's support for these programs.</p>	 <p><b>Lutheran Laypeople's League (LLL)</b></p> <p>The LLL provides generous support for our institutional strengthening work in Indonesia, in partnership with Mission International and Lutheran Education Australia, and for our work in Development Awareness Raising.</p>
 <p><b>Lutheran World Federation/Dept for World Service (LWS)</b></p> <p>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 Chey Mattner is a member of the LWS Committee for World Service.</p>	 <p><b>NCCA—Act for Peace (formerly Christian World Service)</b></p> <p>The NCCA has its own overseas aid agency, Act for Peace. Executive Secretary Chey Mattner serves on the CWS Commission.</p>
 <p><b>Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance)</b></p> <p>ACT Alliance is a network of over 140 churches and affiliated organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance and development. ACT Alliance works in 140 countries and mobilises US\$1.6 billion annually in its work for a just world.</p> <p>ALWS is a member of the ACT Alliance. ALWS Board member Judith Murray is a member of the Psychosocial Community of Practice, Lauren Kathage is a member of the Disability inclusive Development Community of Practice, and Narelle Bowden-Ford is a member of the Gender Equality and Justice Community of Practice.</p>	 <p><b>Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)</b></p> <p>ALWS is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. ACFID is the umbrella organisation for Australian overseas aid agencies. Its Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management. ALWS is committed to full adherence to the Code.</p> <p>For more information or to lodge a complaint for breach of the Code with the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee, please contact:</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.acfid.asn.au">www.acfid.asn.au</a>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:acfid@acfid.asn.au">acfid@acfid.asn.au</a>  <b>Tel:</b> (02) 6285 1816 <b>Fax:</b> (02) 6285 1720</p>

## ALWS Board of Directors

### Rev P Hage, BTh GradDipMin – Chair

- » Parish Pastor, St Mark's Lutheran Church Mt Gravatt, QLD (2013-present)
- » Previously served as Parish Pastor at Freeling/ Rosedale and Mt Barker, SA (2001-2012)
- » Served as Lutheran Pastor/Missionary in PNG for ten years (1991-2000)
- » Board member, LCA Mission International
- » Visited India, Nepal, Malaysia, Cambodia, Burundi and Sudan

### 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/BE

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

- » Associate Professor, Counselling and

Counselling Psychology, The University of Queensland (current)

- » Lecturer, Masters of Counselling, Master of Applied Psychology (current)
- » Registered Nurse, Haematology and Oncology, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane (current)
- » Member, Psychosocial Community of Practice, ACT Alliance (current)

The ALWS Board met in April and September 2013.

The Administrative Committee convened in January, February, March, June, August, September, October, November, and December.

ALWS has a Complaints Policy which can be found at [www.alws.org.au/policies](http://www.alws.org.au/policies). To lodge a complaint against ALWS, contact Board Chair Pastor Peter Hage [pastor@stmarksmtgravatt.org.au](mailto:pastor@stmarksmtgravatt.org.au) or 07 3349 9512.

# 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



### Life-giving water.

*After school, Chandara (5) drinks clean water from his household water filter in the Aoral district, Cambodia. Your help to provide safe water means healthy kids spend more time in school – and can look forward to a brighter future!*

# Like to know more about the work you do?

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