

Please enjoy this report  
of your ALWS Action  
in 2019. Your care  
and compassion  
for people in need  
is inspiring – and  
life-changing!  
Thank you!

# Annual Report 2019

## What we do together

Learn to do good.  
Work for justice.  
Help the down-and-out.  
Stand up for the homeless.  
Go to bat for the defenceless.

Isaiah 1:17 (MSG)



# How you brought love to life in 2019



**‘Learn to do good.’**

Together, we seek to make sure...  
... people are inspired to do extraordinary things (pp18-23)

**ACTION:** You supported our Community Education team to inspire 20,150 students – and equip them to change lives. (p23)



**‘Work for justice.’**

Together, we seek to make sure...  
... those who are most vulnerable are protected (pp12-15)

**ACTION:** In Nepal, people with Disability ID Cards (provides access to services and subsidies) increased 5-FOLD! (p15)



**‘Help the down-and-out.’**

Together, we seek to make sure...  
... people hurt by poverty can build a secure livelihood (pp8-11)

**ACTION:** In Cambodia, 23,600 people were supported by 30 Australian Village Partnerships to manage their own development! (p10)



**‘Stand up for the homeless.’**

Together, we seek to make sure...  
... people hurt by disaster can rebuild their lives (pp16&17)

**ACTION:** Through ALWS, in Bangladesh, you supported almost 5,000 Rohingya people fleeing violence and discrimination. (p16)



**‘Go to bat for the defenceless.’**

Together, we seek to make sure...  
... children forced to flee home don't miss out on school (pp4-7)

**ACTION:** Despite bushfires and drought, ALWS supporters helped 40,000+ refugee children go to school via **GRACE Project!** (p20)



Photos: ALWS

**‘Now I grow gourd, cabbage, long beans, eggplant and cauliflower. Now I can feed my family and sell extra, so I can send my sons to school. Now my husband works with me instead of going to India. We are doing well!’**

Sarita, from Nepal, used to struggle to feed her 3 boys - until, through ALWS, you trained her to grow veggies!



## The good you do

**'I am happy to see [ALWS' partner] LWF provide materials and everything children need to go to school. We are so happy that people in Australia help us.'**

Nu Say Tar Rar  
and daughters

**As I write, COVID-19 is changing our lives every day. There's much uncertainty, and fear about the future.**

For those we serve together, this uncertainty and fear is the reality they face every day. Nu Say Tar Rar's family has lived in a Displaced Person's Camp in Myanmar for 7 years. She shares:

***'We came here because the Government burned our house... We do not have enough food for the children. My husband is jobless. Life in the camp is very difficult.'***

Through ALWS, our generous and compassionate supporters 'work for justice' for so many families like Nu's (Isaiah 1:17). **In this report you'll see how together we reached out in love to 297,498 people – and helped replace uncertainty with certainty, and fear with hope for the future.**

Your work to support communities to prepare for disasters is proving a real blessing now as they cope with the threat of COVID-19. You also change structures and attitudes. For example, in Kakuma Refugee Camp you helped train law enforcement agencies on a child-friendly response, bringing long-term sustainable change.

One thing we consistently hear from our partners is how much they value the technical advice and collaboration your ALWS team provides on top of funding. For example, ALWS assisted Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to develop their disability inclusion guidelines. A senior LWF staff member shared:

***'I have seen the cooperation between World Service and ALWS as a model for how we work with all our partners'.***

In 2019 ALWS extended your emergency assistance through networks like ACT Alliance and CAN DO (more on pp16&17), multiplying your impact. Together we helped those struck by disaster receive the immediate aid they need to survive, and accessed additional funding from the Australian Government – thanks Australian Aid!

We also work hard to make your gifts stretch further by leveraging the power of matching grants where possible. In 2019, this included a 34:1 matching grant from the European Union for our work in Myanmar.

Because of our strong partnerships and matching grants, plus our 5-yearly accreditation with the Australian Government, and our adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct, you can be sure your gifts efficiently and effectively help those most in need.

**While we may feel uncertain about our own futures, you can be certain that together we will continue to 'Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless. Go to bat for the defenceless.'**

(Isaiah 1:17)



**Thank you for your care and kindness.**

  
**Ms Jamie Davies**  
Executive Director







# Together, we seek to make sure...



**In 2012 there was an outbreak of war. They were dropping bombs from the sky.**

I ran and hid in the cliffs.

Then the soldiers came and chased us away.

I escaped, but I didn't know where my husband was. I fled with my two children. I was pregnant too.

The war chased us to the border. From there we had a ride from the UN.

I didn't go to school myself, so I am happy that my children can come to school.

**It will give them hope for the future.**

I cannot afford the books or new uniforms. My little girl wants to be a doctor.

**I am grateful for the help from Australia.**

*Kulusia, mother of Masego (left),  
Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya*



**...children forced to flee home  
don't miss out on school.**





## KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

### WHAT

Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation Kenya

### WHERE

Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya

**WHO** 11,816 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$212,000



## Why our help is needed

**Families seek safety at Kakuma as they escape conflict in South Sudan.**

## Our action together

You helped improve the lives of refugees and host communities by:

1. Providing quality education, including:
  - 128 desks for 4 pre-primary schools reducing the learner to desk ratio from 1:8 to 1:6
  - 11,605 pre-primary school students received learning materials
  - Training for 49 pre-primary school teachers
  - Capacity development for 91 teachers.
2. Improving psychosocial wellbeing, protection and empowerment of children and youths, including:
  - 3 public awareness sessions to 2,201 people on children's rights in education
  - 1,500 children enabled to express concerns
  - 89 soccer teams played 818 friendly matches.
3. Enhancing the livelihood capacities of refugees and the host communities, including:
  - Skill development for 10 tailors
  - Water supply system to increase farm yield.
4. Reducing conflict through effective community governance and policing, including:
  - Safety improved in 6 high risk areas
  - Training for law enforcement agencies on child-friendly response.

## What we learned

Training, support to access local markets, and climate-smart agriculture improve livelihoods through higher-yielding crops.

## Our impact

Children now have better access to improved quality education. Camp safety has improved. There is increased access to safe water and sanitation, and host communities have sustainable livelihoods.

## MYANMAR

**WHAT** Education for Change

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation Myanmar

**WHERE** Rakhine State

**WHO** 23,154 children

**ALWS ACTION** \$100,000  
(Plus Matching Grant from EU  
EUR1,081,666)



## Why our help is needed

**Conflict and poverty mean children in Rakhine State miss good quality school.**

## Our action together

In 2019, your help included:

- 164 teachers in Temporary Learning Spaces, 57 Child Friendly Space animators and 12 Non-Formal Education teachers
- Repairs to 22 Government Formal Schools, 48 Temporary Learning Spaces and 10 Child Friendly Spaces making them more accessible and providing a better learning environment
- Teaching kits for 22 Government Formal Schools, 48 Temporary Learning Spaces and 6 Non-Formal Education Centres (with notebooks, attendance book, register book, pens, whiteboard markers, paper, stationery, broom, dust bin etc)
- 20 Child Friendly Spaces provided with teaching kits with toys, children's books, activity books, stationery and cleaning supplies
- 9,255 students received learning kits: stationery, notebooks, backpack, raincoat, mini solar lamp
- 15 students were provided with scholarships to attend post-primary education
- Training for 55 Child Friendly Space teachers, 887 Temporary Learning Space teachers and 108 Government Formal School teachers
- Leadership training to 96 school leaders (Head Teachers and PTA Chairs).

## What we learned

Facilitating activities such as teacher training that mix participants from Rohingya and Rakhine communities can help contribute to social cohesion between the two communities.

## Our impact

Head teachers report teaching quality has improved now teachers are better equipped to plan and use student-centred approaches. 74% of boys and 79% of girls are now attending primary-level education.



## SOMALIA

### WHAT

Support for Ministry of Education of Jubaland (Somalia) to Rebuild the State's Education Sector

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation Kenya-Somalia

### WHERE

Kismayu

### WHO

1,582 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$132,000  
(ALWS: \$20,125, DFAT: \$111,875)



## Why our help is needed

**Because of conflict, displacement and poverty many children have missed the opportunity to go to school.** An accelerated learning program including a blended curriculum can fast-track these children to the same academic level as their peers.

## Our action together

You have helped to increase access to safe, quality education for children who had not been able to go to school, and you rebuild the education sector.

In 2019, your support included:

- Providing a safe and secure education environment for 1,582 (822 girls, 760 boys) children who had missed school because of conflict, displacement and poverty
- 14 Accelerated Learning Program teachers recruited and supported to teach these students
- 1,582 students provided with safe drinking water
- 230 hygiene kits for adolescent girls
- School uniforms for 750 students
- Teaching and learning materials for 1,255 students
- 1,255 students provided with nutritional support through the school feeding programs
- 50 student desks
- Jubaland Ministry of Education staff supported with capacity building, including training on educational quality and standards monitoring.

## What we learned

The ongoing conflict in Somalia has had a significant impact on children's education. Working together with the Government and other stakeholders is essential to sustainably rebuilding the education sector.

## Our impact

1,582 children who have not been able to go to school now have a safe and protected learning environment.



ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Somalia through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

## SOUTH SUDAN

### WHAT

Strengthening Integrated Livelihoods Strategies and Peaceful Coexistence Capacities

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation South Sudan

### WHERE

Jonglei State – Duk, Twic East and Jalle Counties

### WHO

26,094 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$609,742



## Why our help is needed

**People in South Sudan continue to suffer due to ongoing conflict and insecurity.** Only 45% of boys and 55% of girls of school-going age are enrolled in primary schools. And, with an average walk of 20km to a secondary school, many girls drop out.

## Our action together

In 2019, your help included:

- 10,390 children enrolled in Primary Education (50% girls)
- 150 learners enrolled in Secondary Education (40% girls)
- 840 children enrolled in Early Childhood Education (50% girls)
- 90 children trained in safe school environment
- 650 adolescent girls trained and supported with menstrual cups
- 850 vulnerable households supported with goats
- 200 vulnerable women trained and supported with Village Saving and Loan activities
- 80 vulnerable women supported with vocational skill training – tailoring, catering and hairdressing
- 26 Farmers Field Schools (650 members)
- 8 seed grower farmers groups (160 members)
- Two fishing groups receive fishing kits, and trained on fish processing, cooperatives management.

## What we learned

Sometimes impact is not measured by increase in crop output, but by the level of people's resilience in the face of a tragedy. Despite 50% of the cereal crop harvest being damaged due to the heavy floods, the communities remained determined to start over again. This resilience has been built through years of support.

## Our impact

1,555 students were newly enrolled in 2019. 405 farming families can diversify, so they are less affected when disasters like drought or flood strike. 83 people received training and loan support to start small businesses, including small cafes, retail shops, and beauty salons.







# Together, we seek to make sure...



**I used to grow my veggies following the traditional system of farming. But sometimes we had very little rain, and I could hardly grow anything.**

One day, [ALWS' local partner] Life With Dignity staff came to my village and asked to meet the poorest families. The village chief introduced my family.

The LWD staff invited me to learn how to grow vegetables using a drip system.

After I learnt it, LWD also helped my family with some farming materials, like netting, plastic pipe, and a digging hoe. Then I began to follow the method in April 2018.

**Now, by using the drip system and organic fertilisers, I can earn twice what I could before!**

That means I can support my children to go to school now. If LWD hadn't helped me, I wouldn't be smiling now!

**I would like to say thank you to the donors who helped my family and my community. My standard of living is better now, and many people count me as a good role model. I am glad LWD treats me as a partner in my community's development.**



*Sopheap Vann, Pursat province, Cambodia*

**...people hurt by poverty  
can build a secure livelihood.**



## CAMBODIA

### WHAT

Livelihood Enhancement Action Programme

**LOCAL PARTNER** Life With Dignity

### WHERE

Battambang, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu and Pursat Provinces

**WHO** 50,178 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$995,547  
(ALWS: \$214,581, DFAT: \$780,966)



## Why our help is needed

**Rural communities in Cambodia need support to use improved farming techniques that are resilient to climate change and can earn families the income they need to thrive.**

## Our action together

In 2019, your support included:

- 1,147 poor households learnt new techniques that use less water to farm crops and livestock
- 47 irrigation systems constructed for 11,219 people
- 14 Agricultural Cooperatives received training
- 36 Business groups (254 members) trained in entrepreneurship, marketing and finance
- 4 Market Places were constructed for Agricultural Cooperatives members to sell their produce
- 3,743 people trained in understanding disaster and climate change risks
- 3,922 teachers and students received training on disaster preparedness
- 9 roads built to access markets and schools
- 5 preschools constructed
- 303 families received solar lanterns
- 2,056 community members were trained on the risks of migration and how to migrate more safely.

## What we learned

We learnt that training young people to share topics such as Safe Migration and Disaster Risk Reduction with the community is effective. Awareness can be raised multiple times in daily community life.

## Our impact

An evaluation conducted in July 2019 found that:

- local authorities recognise the importance of communities in planning and decision-making
- Village Partnership projects are sustainable as the community has a strong sense of ownership.

## INDONESIA – CDRM&CDS

### WHAT

Disaster Risk Reduction Through Rights Based Empowerment of Communities

**LOCAL PARTNER** Center for Disaster Risk Management & Community Development Studies

**WHERE** North & West Sumatra Provinces

**WHO** 10,343 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$458,732  
(ALWS: \$243,686, DFAT: \$215,046)



## Why our help is needed

**Mentawai and Nias Islands are very remote, and at a great risk of natural disaster.** They have poor access to government services, and are often excluded from participation in the development process.

## Our action together

Your help in 2019 included:

- 3,892 people benefitted from 16 village projects on disaster risk reduction and village development
- 522 participants trained on disability inclusion in disaster risk reduction
- 21 people with disability and/or their families trained in income-generating activities (small kiosk, chili farming, small tailor shop, livestock)
- 5 Disabled People's Organisations established
- 225 school teachers trained in disability inclusion
- 20 children with disability supported with a school pack (uniform, bag, shoes, book, pen/pencil)
- 1,215 teachers and students from 9 schools complete disaster-preparedness
- 1,345 households supported to register as members of the Indonesian Government Health Insurance
- 98 families construct a latrine and water facility
- 2 farmer groups (45 people) supported to apply strategies in response to climate changes.

## What we learned

Those who had been left out of the disaster preparedness process in the past have now made a great contribution, and the whole community is safer.

## Our impact

Village governments are now prepared to allocate more of their development budget to disaster risk reduction and preparedness – on average 20-45% of approved village funds. In addition, 1,345 households now have better access to government services.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Cambodia and Indonesia through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).





## BURUNDI

### WHAT

Community Empowerment Program

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation Burundi

### WHERE

Cankuzo and Ruyigi Provinces

**WHO** 3,232 households

**ALWS ACTION** \$311,160



## Why our help is needed

**Burundi, which ranks 184 out of 188 countries on the Human Development Index, is one of the world's poorest nations.** Ongoing political unrest means Burundi's economy continues to decline, and natural disasters including floods and droughts only make the country's situation more difficult.

## Our action together

Your support in 2019 included:

- 3,232 households trained on agricultural and livestock techniques including: farming season preparation, pig and goat breeding techniques, food processing techniques, cooperatives management and farmer field schools
- 80 houseless households assisted with timber, iron sheets and related materials, and encouraged to make bricks and mud walls to improve their living conditions
- 550 community literacy and empowerment sessions targeting 3,232 households held to reduce barriers to effective community participation in governance and the affirmation of human rights
- 110 Leaders at Commune level, local leaders and members of development committees were empowered to monitor the profitability of Community Based Organisations.

## What we learned

Improved literacy can produce changes in many areas of people's lives. For example, people are able to improve their agricultural practices more quickly or complete their skills training to a higher level. This has flow-on benefits for the wider community.

## Our impact

Farmers have learnt modern farming techniques to increase productivity and protect their environment. The average number of meals per day has risen to two from a single meal in many households. The project ensures the most vulnerable have shelter, and are part of Village Savings and Loans groups to increase resilience in times of uncertainty.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### WHAT

Church Partnership Program

### LOCAL PARTNER

Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG

### WHERE

Country-wide

**WHO** 1,818 people

**ALWS ACTION** DFAT: \$849,188



## Why our help is needed

**In PNG, many communities rely on the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG (ELCPNG) to provide health, education and community services.**

## Our action together

Your help in 2019 included:

- 192 people become Adult Literacy teachers
- 34 teachers trained in Parenting for Child Development, and train their own communities
- 45 people from 24 parishes attended a workshop on early childhood development
- 42 teachers trained in Bilingual Bridging to aid transition to school
- 220 volunteers (100 with disability) trained to support people with disability in their community
- 25 health facilities supported to link in with the National Health Information System
- Lutheran Health Service received hospital beds, including for delivery and intensive care
- 138 people trained in Community Based Disaster Risk Management Plans
- 40 people joined 5-day workshop on Gender sensitisation. 89% reported increased understanding of Gender-Based Violence.

## What we learned

Collaborating with other churches in Disaster Response can lead to strong rehabilitation work, such as after the earthquake in 2018. The Training-the-Trainer approach is working, with monitoring showing participants initiating trainings in their own communities.

## Our impact

Empowering workers and officers has a multiplying effect across the services of the ELCPNG, so it is better able to support its community.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government through the PNGAusPartnership.









# Together, we seek to make sure...



**I have a physical disability and have trouble walking.**

I have had this bike repair business for 10 years and repair 30-35 bikes a day.

I start work early and often work until 9pm at night.

People will wait for me to repair their bikes as I do good work. They are my priority customers.

I am saving money now for the first time. I put some money in my business, some to my farming and then some to my family.

**I am proud now to feed my family and educate my son.**



*Dipendra Chaudary, Nepal*

**...those who are most  
vulnerable are protected.**



## DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP

### WHAT

Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation Kenya

### WHERE

Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya

**WHO** 78,269 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,000



## Why our help is needed

**People are forced to flee to Dadaab mainly as a result of conflict in Somalia.**

## Our action together

In 2019, your action through ALWS included:

- 300 elderly refugees reached through 10 psychosocial sessions sharing challenges and solutions to develop coping mechanisms and build resilience
- 30 caregivers to elderly refugees supported to join Caregiver Training
- 30 gardening start-up kits to elderly refugees
- 811 refugees with disability have pain treatment
- 50 refugees living with a disability enabled through mobility and other devices
- Disability inclusion and development training delivered to 30 Community-based Rehabilitation program personnel
- 83 refugees successfully completed nationally certified vocational skills trade courses
- 4 livelihood start-up kits rewarded to refugees upon successful completion of training
- Monthly Complaints Response Committee meetings attended by 30 community leaders
- Safe transport for teachers to school.

## What we learned

A wide range of student supports, such as peer mentorship and counselling support, are needed to ensure continuous school and training attendance. Capacity building for carers of children with disabilities has empowered the carers with the skills to become trainers for other caregivers both now and upon the hope of returning to Somalia.

## Our impact

Children received better access to quality education, teachers were empowered to provide quality education, and more children are now enrolled at school (4.5% increase over previous year). People with disability and the elderly have improved psychosocial well-being, and people's livelihood prospects were improved.

## DJIBOUTI

**WHAT** Education and Protection for Refugee Children in Djibouti

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation Kenya-Djibouti

### WHERE

Ali Addeh and Hol Hol Refugee Camps, Djibouti City

**WHO** 12,119 refugee children

**ALWS ACTION** \$80,000



## Why our help is needed

**People are forced to flee to refugee camps and Djibouti City mainly as a result of conflict in Somalia and Yemen as well as drought in Ethiopia.** Only 6% of secondary school-aged refugee children are in school, so 94% are at risk. A major contributing factor is poverty, forcing children to seek employment in the city where they face the risk of exploitation, violence, crime and abuse.

## Our action together

In 2019, your action included:

- 3,000 children accessed Child and Youth Friendly Space facilities and activities
- 267 vulnerable refugee children provided with support packs, including mosquito nets, clothes and sanitary items
- 33 girls trained to produce reusable sanitary pads
- 28 child protection meetings to coordinate support for children in need
- 8 awareness campaigns on child rights and child protection
- 217 refugee youth involved in 6 sessions of life skills training
- 20 out-of-school children in Djibouti City participated in regular recreation activities and learnt basic literacy and numeracy
- 20 refugee youth in Djibouti City completed non-formal education and computer training.

## What we learned

Many girls were missing 4-5 days of school per month. It was found sanitary pads were either not available in the market or they cost too much. In response, girls and parents were provided training and materials to make reusable pads for other girls and enable continuous school attendance.

## Our impact

Structured non-formal education and recreational activities for 3,000 refugee children and youth in a safe and supportive space helped address protection and developmental needs.



## NEPAL

### WHAT

Nepal Development Program plus **POWER Project** (see page 24)

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation Nepal

**WHERE** Kailali, Doti, Dailekh and Jhapa districts

**WHO** 7,372 families

**ALWS ACTION** \$504,108  
(ALWS: \$118,620, DFAT: \$385,488)



## Why our help is needed

**The communities you support are amongst the most vulnerable in Nepal.** They are from marginalised groups such as Dalit, Indigenous and ethnic minority communities. Women, people with disability and families with specific needs are a focus.

## Our action together

In 2019, you helped communities grow strong:

- 185 people with disability supported to receive wheelchairs, crutches, white canes and tricycles from the local government
- 243 people with disability supported to obtain identity cards for government assistance
- 705 farmers using new agricultural techniques for a healthier diet and more income for their families
- 782 families improved their health with handwashing and clean water
- 238 entrepreneurs started their own business and are earning on average \$270 a month
- 337 farmers improved their income by being better connected to markets to sell their produce
- 437 people were trained in disaster preparedness
- 197 people trained as Human Rights Defenders to help families access government services.

## What we learned

A study in September 2019 found membership of Disabled People's Organisations increased from 44 in 2016 to 1,567 in 2019. People in Kailali with Disability ID cards increased from 288 in 2016 to 1,472.

## Our impact

The 2019 study highlighted changing attitudes toward disability. Mayor Chaudhary of Bhajani said: "I did not realise the complexities in the life of people with disability." The Mayor now advocates for people with disability to higher levels of government.



ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Nepal through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

## INDONESIA – PK HEPHATA

### WHAT

Rights based empowerment of people with disability through community-based rehabilitation

### LOCAL PARTNER

Panti Karya Hephata, Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (HKBP)

**WHERE** 7 districts in North Sumatra Province

**WHO** 8,140 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$57,585



## Why our help is needed

**People with disability and their families are often stigmatised and marginalised by the community, and miss out on their educational, medical, social and civil rights.**

## Our action together

In 2019, you helped empower people with disability to access their rights. Your action included:

- 425 people with disability assisted to vote
- 301 people with disability supported to enrol in Government health insurance
- 74 people with disability helped to acquire an assistive device (wheelchair, stick or cane)
- 27 children with disability enabled to begin school
- 48 people with disability supported to attend life skills trainings or start a small business (tailor shop, souvenir shop, barbershop, small kiosk)
- 33 people with disability and their family supported with seed funding to develop their income generation activities
- 18 people with disability supported to work in local businesses and local government offices
- 26 people with disability supported to acquire identity card needed for most Government services
- 5 Disabled People's Organisations established
- More than 3,500 people attended events on promoting rights of people with disability.

## What we learned

Independent evaluation of the 2016-2018 program showed PK Hephata's impact at the community level is an excellent platform for more formal and heightened advocacy for people with disability.

## Our impact

Each district has made their government services more accessible and friendly to people with disability. As a result, 2,553 more people with disability now have access to basic services for assistive devices, education, health and livelihood.

# Together, we seek to make sure...



## BANGLADESH: REFUGEE CRISIS

### WHERE

Cox's Bazaar, Camp 18 and host community

**WHO AFFECTED** 1.2 million people

**HELP DELIVERED BY** Lutheran World Federation World Service, RDRS Bangladesh

**ALWS ACTION** \$56,103



### Why our help was needed

Rohingya people have been forced to flee their homes in Myanmar from discrimination, statelessness and targeted violence. Many Rohingya have fled to Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh, now the largest refugee camp in the world.

### Our action together included:

- 710 dignity kits for adolescent girls
- 729 refugees in training sessions on primary health and personal hygiene practices
- 498 refugee and host community lactating and pregnant women received supplementary food
- 5,700 trees planted in the refugee camp and 300 trees planted in nearby host community.

## How Humira helps...

**20 year old Humira leads Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh in self-help projects...**

### Tell us about life in the Camp

We do not have sufficient facilities for medical service, water, food, clothes and no schools. Regular high wind and cyclone cause constant risk of safety to us.

### Why did you volunteer to help?

I have no chance to go to high school, but I want to learn new things, and assist women, girls and youths in the camp to earn our living.

### What is a typical day of work for you?

My job is to work in a team of five volunteers. We visit refugee households to do needs assessment, support refugees for WASH education and personal hygiene, primary health and reproductive health care, and do the food/non-food item kits distribution survey.

### Australia supported tree planting...

We planted 4,000+ fast-growing saplings - medicinal, fruit, shade, all locally-adapted. We must protect the trees because it can be very hot in camp.

### Why is your work so important?

Our community has a lot of stress from losing homes and properties, and some are losing their family members. Now we want to recover from this trauma.

## ...people hurt by disaster can rebuild their lives.





## INDONESIA: EARTHQUAKE & TSUNAMI

**WHERE** Central Sulawesi

### WHO AFFECTED

2,256 casualties / More than 10,000 injured  
As many as 74,444 people displaced

**HELP DELIVERED BY** Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance)

**ALWS ACTION** \$25,000



### Why our help was needed

On 28 September 2018 a series of powerful earthquakes struck Central Sulawesi province causing casualties and significant damage to homes and buildings. A tsunami increased devastation.

### Our action together included:

- 28,924 non-food item kits
- 2,031 shelter kits and 328 transitional shelters
- 7 boreholes drilled
- 25 community latrines and 431 hygiene kits
- 1,612 children provided with a safe space and protected environment to develop, learn, play and build resilience after emergency.

## SOUTH SUDAN: FLOODS

### WHERE

Upper Nile, Jonglei, Unity, Northern Bahr El Gazal, Warrap and Eastern Equatoria States

### WHO AFFECTED

900,000 people with estimated 420,000 displaced

### HELP DELIVERED BY

Lutheran World Federation South Sudan

**ALWS ACTION** \$35,000



### Why our help was needed

Floods in November 2019 left hundreds of thousands of people in need of urgent assistance.

### Our action together included:

- 3,270 households are being supported with commodity vouchers and non-food item kits
- 11,320 learners are receiving educational assistance, psychosocial support and temporary learning spaces.

**EMERGENCY ACTION**

**WHERE YOU ARE NEEDED MOST**

## MOZAMBIQUE: CYCLONE IDAI

**WHERE** Manica province

### WHO AFFECTED

At least 3 million people, including more than 1,000 deaths across Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe

**HELP DELIVERED BY** Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Lutheran World Federation World Service

**ALWS ACTION** \$26,749



### Why our help was needed

In March 2019, Tropical Cyclone Idai swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe causing loss of lives, destroying buildings and leaving thousands homeless.

### Our action together included:

- 1,628 households receiving non-food items
- 1,292 households receiving shelter assistance
- 5,200 water sanitation and hygiene kits
- 28 latrines rehabilitated or constructed
- 30 boreholes rehabilitated.

## JORDAN: SYRIAN CONFLICT

### WHERE

Amman, Irbid, Zaatar Camp, Mafraq

### WHO AFFECTED

76,989 people at Zaatar Camp

**HELP DELIVERED BY** Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Lutheran World Federation Jordan

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,000



### Why our help was needed

The conflict in Syria reached its eighth year. More than half of the population has been forcibly displaced from their homes and many have sought refuge in Jordan.

### Our action together included:

- 377 people joining psychosocial support sessions
- 770 people joining caregiver courses and support groups
- 402 people taking part in income generation training.



W.S. Walk My Way...



Stephen's wife Bev and daughter Belinda at the halfway mark.



# Together, we seek to make sure...



**When I signed up for *Walk My Way* to help refugee children in East Africa go to school, I never thought it would end with my wife in hospital.**

On the morning of the walk, we arrived to see 400 other eager participants brimming with excitement. And after a brief inspiring church service, we got started.

At the halfway point at Stirling, I decided to join a mate who walked a bit faster. My wife Bev, and our daughter Belinda, followed at their own pace.

Some time later I got a call from Belinda to let me know Bev had slipped and badly hurt her ankle.

When I got back to Bev, several caring walkers were waiting with her. National Parks officers then transported an ambulance crew to Bev in a four wheel drive. They took Bev back to the waiting ambulance, and off to hospital in Adelaide!

**At this time, I thought our world had come crashing down.**

We had a 30th birthday to attend that night. And what about our trip overseas in a fortnight's time? My mind was rushing, trying to sort some sense of how we could overcome all of this and cope.

I left Bev in hospital that night with a broken fibula near the ankle joint. As I reflected on everything, I had to try to come to terms with the obstacles ahead, and the disappointment at having to postpone our overseas trip... plus how I, a not very domesticated husband, would cope with doing all the cooking and cleaning, and helping Bev with all the everyday things of life.

That's when I remembered the children we were helping go to school through *Walk My Way*.

Here we were in a first world country with choices. Choice of lifestyle in a lovely home. Choice of hospital for the treatment for Bev. Choice of what food we eat, clothes we wear, model of car we wish to drive.

**It's so easy to take it all for granted.**

Tears sprang to my eyes when I thought of how different it would be for a refugee who broke their ankle. They don't have the help or choices or comforts we do.

**While we didn't finish *Walk My Way*, God used our 'hiccup' to focus my mind on where we sit in his world, and how blessed we are. We will tackle another *Walk My Way* sometime, with a renewed awareness of those less fortunate than us.**

Stephen Fiegert, Adelaide



**...people are inspired to  
do extraordinary things.**





## From little things, see what grows...

Inspired by little Alongi (middle), the 2019 **GRACE Project** – **Give Refugees A Chance with Education** – aimed to support 40,000 refugee children to go to school for a year (\$26) to ‘match’ the 40,000 students blessed by Lutheran schools here in Australia.

This target seemed crazy... yet our amazing supporters found all sort of ways to help. People baked, and fished, and walked – and even shaved their heads!

**Our ‘ordinary’ supporters achieved the extraordinary when on Monday 16 December 2019, at 10.30am, the 40,000th refugee child was supported to go to school!**

We’re so grateful for the love and care our supporters show others in need. It’s amazing what we can do when we work together!

## Reaching out in love...

At Schoenborn Lutheran Sunday School in the Barossa Valley, children coloured in a little paper person every time they raised enough money for a refugee child to go to school – and ended up sending us 15 paper people!



## ... for justice!

Strathalbyn Lutheran Church held a **Gourmet Grace Gathering** – complete with African artefacts and animals, an auction of photos of Africa, and amazing African food. At the end of the night, they’d raised enough to help **more than 35 refugee children go to school!**







## Stepping out in love

**In 2019, 731 Walkers brought love to life through Walk My Way, as part of the GRACE Project.**

**Walk My Way** is a 26km walking challenge, where Walkers ask friends and family to sponsor them to help refugee children go to school.

**Walk My Way** took place in the Adelaide Hills, WA, Darwin, and on the Sunshine Coast – while others organised their own Walks right where they lived, including Melbourne, Parkes and even up Mt Coot-tha!

Together, we enjoyed amazing breakfasts, inspiring opening services, and fun, friendship and fitness along the trail.

**Most of all, we felt Finish Line Joy...**

**... because Walkers and their supporters are now helping 8,840 refugee children go to school – thank you!**

The Walk did more than help refugee children. It also brought church and school communities together in a fun and meaningful way to help others.

An excited group of Year 5 students from St James Lutheran College in Hervey Bay made the 200km journey to join the Sunshine Coast Walk. Teacher Hollie said:

**‘Walk My Way gives our students the opportunity to develop leadership and team skills - and their resilience! It’s a great chance for them to learn more about challenges in the world, and develop their compassion for others, and gratitude for what we have.’**



## Bold, not old

**Eric Fiebig didn’t let his age stop him helping refugee children go to school. He was the oldest Walker in the Adelaide Hills Walk My Way in April.**

He’s a descendant of Pioneer women who walked the track and says it’s been a ‘lifetime dream’ to do this walk.

Eric walked with friend Myra Starick and after the Walk said: **‘I feel a great sense of achievement. I’ve always wanted to do it and I did it!’ Good on you, Eric!**

**WALK MY WAY**  
STEPPING OUT TO BRING LOVE TO LIFE



# How your circle of love goes round

Your help through ALWS extends beyond supporting refugees overseas. You also reach out to help our new neighbours here – and they in turn bring their love to our lives!

In 2001, Helen Semmler started teaching a refugee how to sew. Now, 19 years later, the Lutheran Community Sewing Group she runs has 37 current learners – plus a waitlist! Helen says:

‘I love seeing the women go forward. They often come to us quite traumatised, or with very low self-esteem.’

Sewing group member Mai Fleeh comes from Liberia. After fleeing war, she found herself in a refugee camp in Guinea, before coming to Australia in 2008. Mai shares:

**‘It was strange arriving in Australia. The behaviour here is very different...**

**If you don’t speak good English, it is very hard to get a job. I came to Sewing Group with a friend. Everyone here is lovely and welcomes me.’**

As part of **Walk My Way** (see p21) ALWS employed the Sewing Group to make bags in African prints for Walkers.

The beautiful bags are a highlight for Walkers – and a small profit from the bags helped to build a cubby house at the creche.

**From walking to help refugee children... to receiving a beautiful bag sewn by former refugees... to profits for children at the creche... this is how your love comes full circle, and how we in turn are blessed.**



More than 25 volunteers are needed to run the group, from sewing teachers to bus drivers to helpers in the kitchen and creche: Helen (far left), Mai (front right), sewing group member Priya (front left) and volunteers who travel from the Barossa – 60+km away! Photo: ALWS



## Invaluable Volunteers

**In 2019, volunteers donated 1,067 hours of time at ALWS, saving us over \$41,812 in costs – which means more of your donation gets to those who need it. Thank you, Volunteers!**



WHERE YOU LIVE	WHAT YOU GAVE IN 2019
QUEENSLAND	\$715,333
NEW SOUTH WALES	\$661,589
ACT	\$95,043
VICTORIA	\$734,775
TASMANIA	\$6,650
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	\$1,490,411
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	\$113,378
NORTHERN TERRITORY	\$25,668
NEW ZEALAND	\$6,681
OTHER *	\$391,055
THANK YOU!	TOTAL \$4,240,583

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



# Inspiring hearts, changing lives

In 2019, **20,150 students** were inspired, encouraged and equipped to help others through face to face visits by the Community Action team.



One of the ways the team engaged with students was through **Awareness Days**. This year's theme 'What if...' encouraged students to consider 10 key questions and their personal response to real life scenarios, such as 'What if my water made me sick?' or 'What if I was born in a refugee camp?' The day included presentations, challenges, hands-on activities, and practical action students could take in response.

The feedback from both students and teachers was positive. Student Mia said:

**"Thank you so much for coming to our school and educating us on refugees and their journey."**

**"My favourite activity was sorting out the pictures from most important to least important as it made me realise how lucky I am to have things that some people would only dream of."**

**What's My Business** continued in 2019 across eight schools. Students take a loan, develop a business plan, run their business at a market day – and donate the profits to ALWS to help people in need.

As well as visiting schools, churches and supporters, the Community Action team also held three **Asante afternoons** ('thank you' in Swahili) for supporters in Geelong, Hamilton and Canberra. Over a cuppa and afternoon tea, the team enjoyed meeting you face to face, sharing stories of those you help, and thanking our supporters for their generosity and kindness.

FACE TO FACE IN 2019	TOTAL
AWARENESS DAYS	76
SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS	95
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS</b>	<b>171</b>
STUDENTS REACHED	20,150
SCHOOLS	57
CHURCH VISITS	55
SUPPORTER VISITS	47
<b>TOTAL VISITS</b>	<b>273</b>



## Care from Calvary

In response to a visit from the Community Action team, three classes – 69 students – at Calvary Lutheran School in South Australia ran Business Market stalls, cooked a 3-course meal for their teachers, ran recess stalls throughout the year, and more...


**... and raised \$6,070! Enough to partner a village in Cambodia PLUS give pigs, goats and seeds! Great work!**



## Mind your own business!

**Grade 5s at Good News Lutheran College in Tarneit braided hair, baked cupcakes, made bookmarks and painted rocks as part of What's my business?.** The What's my business? program is supported by a generous grant from the LLL. The LLL tag-line 'finance with a mission' comes to life in a very practical way as students build their businesses to create finance for their mission to help others.





“Even though  
I cannot  
read and write,  
the LWF staff  
provide us  
with training...  
I am wanting  
to learn!”

Bhabisare Mirza

## NEPAL – POWER PROJECT

**WHO** 3,396 women

**ALWS ACTION** \$48,837  
(ALWS: \$11,962, DFAT: \$36,875)

Work with Caritas, ADRA and International Nepal Fellowship to empower women:

- train 14 Women Human Rights Defenders to work with communities to address gender-based violence
- 26 community organisations win \$43,000 from local government to support women.



# Your kindness brings love to life!

**In 2019, ALWS was blessed and humbled to be entrusted with \$7.2 million to bring love to life for nearly 300,000 people!**

**Such a wonderful result is tribute to the generosity of the 6,000+ Australian supporters who gave ALWS donations in 2019, despite the challenges of drought and local natural disasters.**

This kindness was matched with strong ongoing commitment from the Lutheran Laypeople's League and the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The 2019 funding result enabled ALWS to maintain our commitment to ten core programs, plus help people hurt by five different emergencies.

While there was a shortfall of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2019, this is due simply to a timing difference, and directing some of our reserves to help people hurt by emergencies.

ALWS takes accountability very seriously, and therefore invests the appropriate amount of resources to ensure the funds entrusted to ALWS are used properly and effectively, as well as efficiently. This includes meeting the ever-increasing costs of compliance to ensure ongoing accreditation as an aid agency.

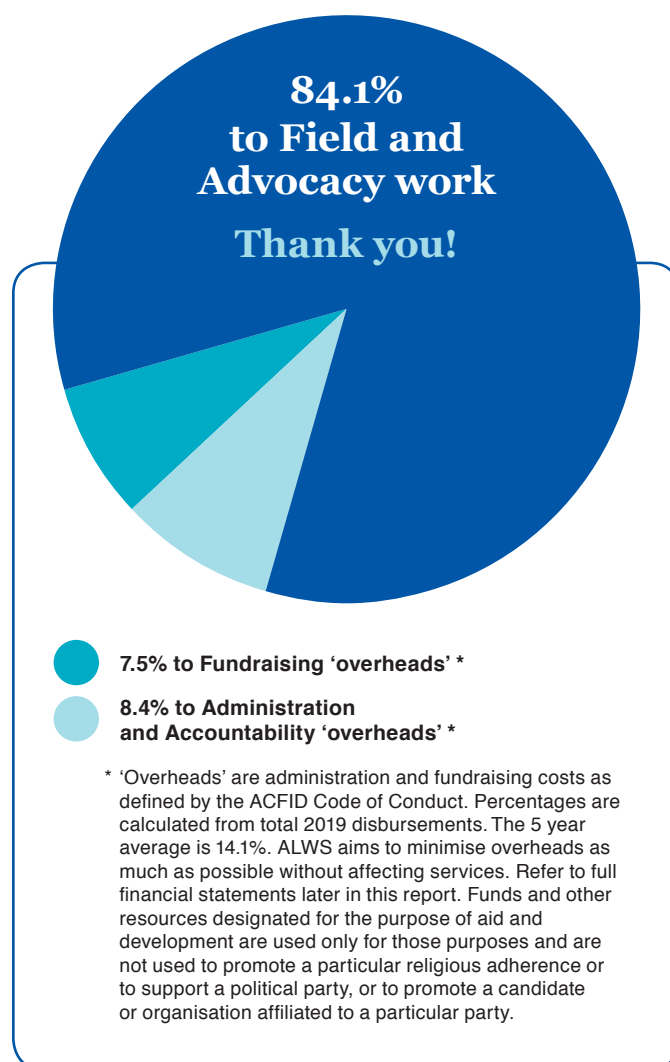
**The good news is more than 84% of the money provided by supporters, Government and investments in 2019 supported projects that help and educate people!**

Thanks to the commitment and professionalism of the ALWS team, the achievement of serving an estimated 297,498 people in 2019 was managed with an 'overheads' investment (fundraising, administration and accountability costs as defined by ACFID) of just 15.9%!

**The 5 year average for 'overheads' is only 14.1%.**

Full credit for this wonderful result must go to ALWS supporters who donate around \$8 for each \$1 invested in fundraising.

Supporter generosity, and careful long-term planning by the ALWS team, has ensured a strong store of 'reserves'. These reserves, carefully invested, support ALWS to strengthen our service to people in need. They are also



critical to ensure aid and development programs can continue even if unexpected 'shocks' (bushfires, natural disasters, COVID-19) impact planned budget income.

No matter what challenges our Australian community faces, ALWS will continue to strongly share the needs of beneficiaries with supporters and Government.

We will be innovative and flexible in our communication of those needs, and seek opportunities – such as matching grants – to grow the power of our supporters' kindness. As always, we seek to work in productive partnerships that leverage our networks and international partners.

In summary, ALWS maintains a sound financial position at 31 December 2019.

ALWS has the capacity to meet all of its obligations as and when they fall due, and retains sufficient money in reserve to meet all its legal obligations.

**THANK YOU!**

## **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 2019 as follows:

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

Rev P Hage (Chairperson)

Rev I Rentsch (Vice Chairperson)

Ms J Hoff

Mr P Renner

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 (LWF) 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 a shortfall of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2019 of \$162,059.

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

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of ALWS during 2019.

### **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.

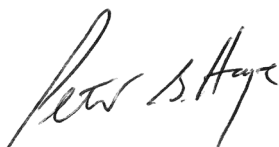
### **6. LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS**

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:



**Rev P B Hage**  
(Chairperson)



**Rev I Rentsch**  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 27 March 2020

Place: 1 Freshwater Place, Southbank, Melbourne, Victoria

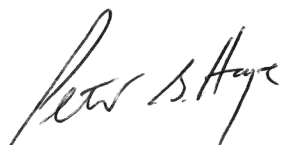


## **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The Directors of Australian Lutheran World Service declare that the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 26 to 39, are in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct and:
  - i. comply with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013; and
  - ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2019 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)



**Rev I Rentsch**  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 27 March 2020

Place: 1 Freshwater Place, Southbank, Melbourne, Victoria

*The attached 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 website available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)*

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of Australian Lutheran World Service, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Lutheran World Service has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), the ACFID Code of Conduct and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

## Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the registered entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act and are also consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the organisation's constitution and the ACFID Code of Conduct. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act, the ACFID Code of Conduct and the needs of the Board. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of responsible entities' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**MRL GROUP PTY LTD**  
Chartered Accountants



**Mark LeCornu**  
Registered Company Auditor  
Adelaide, 27th day of March 2020

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## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	NOTE	2019	2018
		\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations and gifts			
- Monetary		3,855,768	3,910,581
- Non-monetary		0	0
Bequests & Legacies		384,815	426,587
Grants			
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)		2,692,246	2,304,503
- Other Australian		127,000	110,800
- Other Overseas		0	58,374
Investment Income		143,589	128,610
Commercial Activities Income		0	0
Other Income		39,682	6,006
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>7,243,100</b>	<b>6,945,461</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>			
International Programs			
- Funds to International programs	9	5,170,673	5,010,455
- Program support costs		542,763	575,130
Community Education		488,067	498,510
Fundraising costs			
- Public		548,771	443,210
- Government, multilateral & private		9,697	12,066
Accountability & Administration		623,955	513,786
Non-monetary Expenditure		0	0
<b>Total International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>		<b>7,383,926</b>	<b>7,053,157</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure		21,233	600
Commercial Activities Expenditure		0	0
Other Expenditure		0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>7,405,159</b>	<b>7,053,757</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(162,059)</b>	<b>(108,296)</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(162,059)</b>	<b>(108,296)</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTE	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		7,310,635	7,339,984
Trade and Other Receivables	2	18,238	19,951
Inventories		0	0
Assets Held for Sale		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>7,328,873</b>	<b>7,359,935</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade and Other Receivables		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	13,714	18,631
Investment Property		0	0
Intangibles	4	12,522	19,910
Other Non-Current Assets	5	2,263	23,546
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>28,499</b>	<b>62,087</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>7,357,372</b>	<b>7,422,022</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	6	59,232	46,573
Borrowings		0	0
Current Tax Liabilities	7	39,708	26,522
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	8	348,207	262,777
Other		0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>447,147</b>	<b>335,872</b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings		0	0
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	8	38,216	52,082
Other		0	0
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>38,216</b>	<b>52,082</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>485,363</b>	<b>387,954</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>6,872,009</b>	<b>7,034,068</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
General Reserves		0	0
Restricted Reserves		0	0
Retained Earnings		6,872,009	7,034,068
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>6,872,009</b>	<b>7,034,068</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	RETAINED EARNINGS	TOTAL
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of period	7,034,068	<b>7,034,068</b>
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	<b>0</b>
Items of other comprehensive income	0	<b>0</b>
Excess / (Shortfall) of revenue over expenses	(162,059)	<b>(162,059)</b>
Other amounts transferred (to) from Reserves	0	<b>0</b>
<b>BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>6,872,009</b>	<b>6,872,009</b>

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	NOTE	2019	2018
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Government grants and other income		7,447,797	7,694,616
Interest receipts		143,589	128,610
Operating Expenses		(7,606,355)	(7,407,697)
Net cash (used) generated from operating activities	12	(14,969)	415,529
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net proceeds from loans		701	(4,706)
Proceeds from sale of office equipment		0	0
Payments for office equipment		(15,081)	(37,839)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(14,380)	(42,545)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(29,349)	372,984
Cash at the beginning of the year		7,339,984	6,967,000
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	12	<b>7,310,635</b>	<b>7,339,984</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these 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 the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities preparing special purpose financial statements under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Section 60.30 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013, and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the entity.

**(b) Plant and equipment**

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 on a straight line basis using appropriate rates as determined by management.

**(c) Intangibles**

Intangibles are recognised where spending on digital and electronic assets carry some value for future periods. These assets are amortised on a straight line basis using appropriate rates as determined by management.

**(d) Employee entitlements**

Provision is made for the entity's liability for employee benefits arising from employment obligations as at balance date. The entity provides fully for annual leave entitlement payable to employees and for long service leave entitlements for employees that have reached five completed years of service.

**(e) Income policy**

Grants and donations received are recognised as revenue upon receipt.

**(f) Value of volunteers**

The work of Australian Lutheran World Service is supported by a large number of volunteers each year. The value of services provided by volunteers is not included in revenue or expenditure because of the practical difficulties involved.

In relation to volunteers used directly for the support of international projects and community education, the economic value of volunteers is calculated to be \$15,326 for the year ended 31 December 2019 (\$11,833 for the 2018 year). This amount is considered recognised development expenditure for the purpose of assessing entitlement for government funding.

**(g) Comparative information**

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

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	2019	2018
	\$	\$

**NOTE 2 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES**

Prepayments	17,474	18,151
Debtors - Other	764	1,800
	<b>18,238</b>	<b>19,951</b>

**NOTE 3 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT****(a) Summary**

Office Equipment, at cost	53,129	118,954
Less Accumulated depreciation	(39,415)	(100,323)
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>13,714</b>	<b>18,631</b>

**(b) Reconciliation of movements**

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	18,631	15,938
Plus Additions	10,871	37,839
Less Disposals	0	0
Less Movements in asset class	0	(21,522)
Less Depreciation	(15,788)	(13,624)
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>13,714</b>	<b>18,631</b>

**NOTE 4 INTANGIBLES**

Intangible assets	24,824	21,522
Less Accumulated amortisation	(12,302)	(1,612)
	<b>12,522</b>	<b>19,910</b>

**NOTE 5 OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS**

Gross loan amounts outstanding	22,263	39,699
Less provision for doubtful debts	(20,000)	(16,153)
	<b>2,263</b>	<b>23,546</b>

**NOTE 6 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Creditors	34,232	31,573
Funding held in advance	10,000	0
Accruals	15,000	15,000
	<b>59,232</b>	<b>46,573</b>

**NOTE 7 CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES**

Current Tax Liabilities	39,708	26,522
	<b>39,708</b>	<b>26,522</b>



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	2019	2018
	\$	\$

## NOTE 8 PROVISIONS

Long Service Leave	131,731	103,991
Annual Leave	254,692	210,868
	<b>386,423</b>	<b>314,859</b>
Current Liability	348,207	262,777
Non-Current Liability	38,216	52,082
	<b>386,423</b>	<b>314,859</b>

## NOTE 9 DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS

COUNTRY	PROJECT	ALWS	DFAT	TOTAL
<b>DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</b>				
<b>Burundi</b>	Community Empowerment Project	311,160		311,160
<b>Cambodia</b>	Livelihood Enhancement Actions Programme (LEAP)	214,581	780,966	995,547
<b>Disability Inclusive Development</b>	Capacity Building for Disability Inclusive Development	23,809		23,809
<b>Child Protection</b>	Building Child Safe Organisations		17,348	17,348
<b>India</b>	Grihini Community College	102,548		102,548
<b>Indonesia</b>	Disaster Risk Reduction Through Rights Based Empowerment of Communities	243,686	215,046	458,732
<b>Indonesia</b>	Rights based empowerment of people with disability through community based rehabilitation	57,585		57,585
<b>Kenya</b>	Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project	212,000		212,000
<b>Kenya</b>	Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project	50,000		50,000
<b>Kenya</b>	Education and Protection for Refugee Children in Djibouti	80,000		80,000
<b>Kenya</b>	Support for Ministry of Education of Jubaland (Somalia) to Rebuild the State's Education Sector)	20,125	111,875	132,000
<b>Regional</b>	Asia Zone Emergency & Environment Cooperation Network (AZECON)	33,382		33,382
<b>Regional</b>	Graduation Guidelines Review and Tool Development	21,287	5,045	26,332
<b>Regional</b>	Complaints Response Management Training	1,738		1,738
<b>Regional</b>	Partner Capacity Building (LWF Kenya Djibouti Somalia)	15,000		15,000

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

#### NOTE 9 DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS (continued)

COUNTRY	PROJECT	ALWS	DFAT	TOTAL
<b>DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (continued)</b>				
<b>Global</b>	Capacity Building for Gender Analysis and Action	25,070	66,080	91,150
<b>Regional</b>	Fighting Fraud Training	2,782		2,782
<b>Myanmar</b>	A Rights-Based Advocacy Approach for Advancing Land, Legal Identity and Women's Rights in Myanmar	90,000		90,000
<b>Nepal</b>	Nepal Development Program	118,620	385,488	504,108
<b>Nepal</b>	Promotion of Women's Empowerment and Rights Targeting Rural Women (POWER)	11,962	36,875	48,837
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	Church Partnership Program		849,188	849,188
<b>South Sudan</b>	Needs Assessment for Co-funding	9,742		9,742
<b>South Sudan</b>	Strengthening integrated livelihoods strategies and peaceful co-existence capacities for conflict affected returnees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDP), Host Communities and at risk communities in Jonglei State	600,000		600,000
<b>EMERGENCY &amp; REFUGEE RESPONSE</b>				
<b>Regional</b>	Good Practice in Emergencies	20,512		20,512
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	Mt Ulawun Volcanic Eruption Response	20,000		20,000
<b>Indonesia</b>	Emergency Assistance to People Affected by the Earthquake and Tsunami in Central Sulawesi	25,000		25,000
<b>Bangladesh</b>	LWF RDRS Emergency Program	56,103		56,103
<b>Jordan</b>	Humanitarian Response for People Affected by the Syrian Conflict	50,000		50,000
<b>Mozambique</b>	Emergency Response to Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe	26,749		26,749
<b>South Sudan</b>	Response to Flooding Crisis in South Sudan	35,000		35,000
<b>Uganda</b>	Ebola – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene prevention program in Kyangwali Settlements , South-West Uganda along the DRC border	4,500		4,500
<b>MATCHING GRANTS</b>				
<b>Myanmar</b>	Education Assistance to Children in Rakhine: Education for Change	100,000		100,000

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**NOTE 9 DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS (continued)**

COUNTRY	PROJECT	ALWS	DFAT	TOTAL
<b>GLOBAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT</b>				
	DWS Coordination	42,840		42,840
	DWS Program Support / Communications / Accountability	30,600		30,600
	DWS Audit Unit	15,300		15,300
	DWS Resource Mobilization	15,300		15,300
	DWS PMER	15,300		15,300
	DWS Monitor & Evaluate	421		421
	International Banking Fees	60		60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,702,762</b>	<b>2,467,911</b>	<b>5,170,673</b>

**NOTE 10 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 Director and Deputy Executive Director 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	Rev I Rentsch	Mr P Renner
Ms M Brookes	Ms J Hoff	

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

ALWS is a Related Agency to the Lutheran World Federation, Department for World Service. ALWS paid funds totalling \$2,379,604 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2019.

**(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 \$76,749 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2019.

**(e) Contracting of associate**

During the year ended 31 December 2019, a family member of an employee of ALWS was engaged to provide multimedia design services on a contractual basis. The services were to produce a video clip for educational material consistent with core activities of ALWS. The services were engaged on an arm's length basis on regular commercial terms and were subject to external audit including compliance assurance with ALWS policy.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, an employee of ALWS provided accommodation on commercial terms to another employee. The accommodation was provided on an arm's length basis on regular commercial terms and was subject to external audit including compliance assurance with ALWS policy.

## **NOTE 11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

### **INTEREST RATE RISK**

	FLOATING INTEREST RATE	FIXED INTEREST RATE MATURING 1 YEAR OR LESS	FIXED INTEREST RATE MATURING 1 to 2 YEARS	FIXED INTEREST RATE MATURING 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	7,310,535					7,310,535	7,310,535
Bank term deposits						0	0
Receivables					18,238	18,238	18,238
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,310,535</b>			<b>18,338</b>		<b>7,328,873</b>	<b>7,328,873</b>
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>							
Trade and other payables					98,940	98,940	98,940
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>				<b>98,940</b>		<b>98,940</b>	<b>98,940</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,310,535</b>			<b>(80,602)</b>		<b>7,229,933</b>	<b>7,229,933</b>

Weighted average interest rate for financial assets approx. 1.75%



## **NOTE 12 CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

### **(a) Reconciliation of cash**

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

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	7,310,635	7,339,984
Term Deposits	0	0
<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>7,310,635</b>	<b>7,339,984</b>

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

Surplus (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenditure	(162,059)	(108,296)
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#### **NON-CASH FLOWS IN OPERATING SURPLUS:**

Depreciation	27,386	15,236
Change in Provision for Doubtful Debts	3,847	0
Bad Debt Write-Offs	16,318	0

#### **CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:**

Movement in trade and other receivables	1,713	581,547
Movement in other assets	417	0
Movement in trade and other payables	25,845	(27,342)
Change to Provisions for Long Service and Annual Leave	71,564	(45,616)

<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(14,969)</b>	<b>415,529</b>
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# ALWS Board of Directors

## Rev Peter Hage, BTh GradDipMin – Chair

Peter is Parish Pastor at St John's Lutheran Church in Perth, Western Australia. He has also served in parishes in Queensland and South Australia, and was a Missionary/Pastor and Seminary Lecturer in PNG for 10 years. He currently serves as Council member for LCA International Mission, and has visited ALWS projects in PNG, Cambodia, Nepal, Burundi and South Sudan.

## Mr Ian Rentsch, BA, Dip Ed, B Soc Admin, MBA, MA (Theology) – NSW/ACT Director

Ian's background is in the management of non-profit/community sector organisations, including Lutheran Community Care (South Australia). In June 2014, he resigned to take up full time study in theology. He now works for the Lutheran Church of Australia as Coordinator of the Church's Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Campaign and is now an ordained pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Belconnen, ACT. Ian has visited the ALWS project in Nepal.

## Mr Peter Renner – VIC/TAS Director

Peter is a retired bank executive with a 39-year career, with the last 15 years in Human Resources. Peter is currently the chairman of two residential body corporate organisations. He has been a member of Ringwood Lutheran Church for the past 39 years, and is the chairman of the parish, congregation and retirement village. Peter also serves on LCA Victorian District subcommittee and Good News Lutheran College Board, and has visited our work in Indonesia.

## Ms Jodie Hoff, B Teach (P-10), BEd, GradDipEd (Theology), MEd Leadership – QLD Director

Jodie Hoff is the Principal of LORDS (Lutheran Ormeau Rivers District School) in Pimpama, QLD. She has a passion for service-learning and embedding it into school culture (in curriculum through building partnerships locally and globally). Jodie has worked regionally and nationally to develop resources to support schools with their service-learning journey for Lutheran Education Australia. She has had the opportunity to see ALWS' work first-hand in Cambodia, Kenya and Mozambique.

## Ms Morgan Brookes, BA BEd Middle/Secondary (Honours) – SA/NT Director

Morgan is a Secondary Science teacher at Cornerstone College, Mount Barker. She has been the leader of a school educational service trip to the Kalahari Desert, South Africa, for several years. In 2013 she visited ALWS' project in Indonesia and has served on the Board since 2011.

*The ALWS Board met in March, April, October and December 2019.*

*The Administrative Committee convened in December 2019.*

ALWS has a Complaints Policy which can be found at [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au) To lodge a complaint regarding ALWS, contact Executive Director Jamie Davies at [jamied@alws.org.au](mailto:jamied@alws.org.au) or **02 6021 5329**, or if the complaint is against the Executive Director contact Board Chair (appointed March 2020) Ms Jodie Hoff [principal@lords.edu.qld.au](mailto:principal@lords.edu.qld.au) or **07 5540 8888**.

## Board Advisory Group

The Board Advisory Group comprises a body of individuals who are 'on call' to the Board and Executive Director when matters arise requiring assistance in specific areas of expertise. It is not a decision-making body, nor one which meets as a group. The members and their areas of expertise are as follows:

### Finance:

**Mr Ron Asquith**, CPA, BA Comm – Director, ATS Accountants

### Human Resources:

**Mr Don Elder**, BBus(HRM/IR) JPNSW – Human Resources Manager, Lutheran Aged Care

### Risk & Accountability:

**Ms Yung Nietschke**, MA(Ed), BA/BSc – Consultant

### Legal:

**Mr Fred Kleinschmidt**, BA/LLB – Solicitor

### Education:

Vacant

### Programs:

**Geoff Robinson**, BAppSc – Expert Disaster Risk Resilience, Senior Program Manager, Act For Peace

**Anthony Sell**, MCouns, BA – Director of International Programs, Baptist World Aid Australia/Transform Aid International





# Positive Partnerships



## Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA)

The LCA seeks to bring love to life, and has tasked ALWS to implement this as the church's Overseas Aid and Development Agency. ALWS Chair Rev Peter Hage is a member of the LCA International Mission's Board.



Australian Government

## Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

ALWS is accredited by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), responsible for managing Australia's aid program. To maintain accreditation, ALWS' systems, policies and processes are rigorously reviewed by the Australian Government. In 2019, ALWS received support through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) for the programs in Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal and Somalia, along with projects in Child Safeguarding, Gender, and work on graduation with partners. Through the PNGAusPartnership, the Australian Government also supported the Church Partnership Program in PNG. ALWS gratefully acknowledges DFAT's support for these programs.



## Lutheran World Federation/Department for World Service (LWF World Service)

LWF World Service is the main implementer of overseas aid for ALWS. It has a global program embracing developing countries in Africa, Central America, South-East Asia and the Middle East. It is certified by the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and is the world's seventh largest partner to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). ALWS Executive Director Jamie Davies is a member of LWF World Service's governing body, the Committee for World Service.



## Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance)

ACT Alliance is a network of 135 churches and affiliated organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance and development. ACT Alliance works in over 120 countries in its work for a just world. ALWS is a member of the ACT Alliance and its Pacific Australia and New Zealand Forum. ALWS is the chair of the ACT Alliance Child Safeguarding Community of Practice.



## Lutheran Laypeople's League (LLL)

The LLL provides generous support for ALWS' work, in the areas of: community education (What's My Business? program), community action (Walk My Way) and administration (including interest on funds held in perpetuity). ALWS gratefully acknowledges LLL's generous support.



## National Council of Churches Australia (NCCA) – Act for Peace

The NCCA has its own overseas aid agency, Act for Peace, now separately incorporated. ALWS Executive Director Jamie Davies is a member of the Act for Peace Board.



## Church Agency Network (CAN)

The CAN is a group of 11 Australian church-based aid and development agencies. The network is an opportunity to work together and to share experiences and practice, recognising that together we can achieve much more. ALWS is actively engaged in all CAN groups, which include CEOs, Program Managers, Program Effectiveness and Finance Managers. In 2019, Programs Director Leah Odongo continued her role as chair of the CAN Disaster Operations (CAN DO) Steering Committee.



## Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

The ACNC is the independent national regulator of all Australian charities. The ACNC has been set up to maintain, protect and enhance public trust and confidence in the sector through increased accountability and transparency. ALWS is registered with ACNC and adheres to all requirements of an Australian not-for-profit organisation.



## Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

ALWS is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. ACFID is the umbrella organisation for Australian overseas aid and development 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. ALWS staff are also members of various ACFID committees.

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

**W:** [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au) / **E:** [acfid@acfid.asn.au](mailto:acfid@acfid.asn.au) / **T:** (02) 6285 1816 / **F:** (02) 6285 1720



# Vision, Mission, Passion

## Our Mandate

We love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). Jesus said, “For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me... Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers or sisters of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me.” (Matt 25:35, 36, 40).

## Our Vision

ALWS envisages a world where love comes to life (cf 1 John 4: 9-12). A world where all people live in just societies, where we are all empowered to achieve our full potential, uphold our rights and the rights of others for a life with peace and dignity; and where we are all inspired to remember, welcome and support those who suffer from poverty and injustice. (cf Gal 2:10 & Lev 25:35)

## Our Mission

ALWS reaches out in love, for justice. We bring together people willing to work in service to help end suffering. As partners, we work openly and accountably, supporting programs which welcome, respect and bring hope through care to those fleeing from, or hurt by, disaster, poverty and oppression. We add our voice to those of the unheard and the excluded, together crying out for justice so that we can all live in just and sustainable communities.

## Our Approach

Poverty and injustice are the result of other people's greed, and so we inspire and equip people to support work which is rights-based, integrated and empowering. Our work is unconditional. It focuses on communities that are disadvantaged or displaced, through trusted partners in Asia/Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa. We utilise and invest in the skills of our people and those around us. We approach everything we do in an accountable, transparent and reflective way.

### Our Goals

#### Help...

**through partners** to ensure people live in more just and sustainable communities through long-term development programs, and that people affected by emergencies receive life-sustaining care.

#### Inspire...

and enable the Lutheran family to **reach out in love for justice**.

#### Improve...

to enable us to **best serve** people, communities and supporters.

#### Strengthen...

as an organisation to ensure we are **transparent and accountable** to people, communities, partners and supporters.

#### Partner...

to leverage wider change and **increase our impact**.

#### Resource...

with the **people, funds and time** needed to sustain the work of the organisation.