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ActionAid Australia Annual Report 2012





Supporters show their plates and gather outside the Nepathya concert to celebrate ActionAid's Hunger FREE campaign in Kathmandu, Nepal. Photo: Brian Sokol/ActionAid

ActionAid supports women living in poverty to stand up and claim their human rights by collectively confronting the injustices they face.

We support women to understand their rights, reflect on the people and systems that oppress them, and harness their power to act with others to change their lives and positions in society.

With over 15 million supporters worldwide, we work collectively at a local, national and international level, creating a powerful movement for change.

OUR MISSION

To work with poor and excluded people to eradicate poverty and injustice.

OUR VISION

A world without poverty and injustice in which every person enjoys the right to a life with dignity.

OUR VALUES

Mutual respect, requiring us to recognise each person's innate worth and the value of diversity.

Equity and justice, requiring us to work to ensure equal opportunity for every person, irrespective of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, HIV status, color, class, ethnicity, disability, location and religion.

Honesty and transparency, requiring us to be accountable at all levels to ensure the effectiveness of our actions and open in our communications with others.

Solidarity with the poor, powerless and excluded will be the only bias in our commitment to the fight against poverty.

Courage of conviction, requiring us to be creative and radical, bold and innovative in pursuit of making the greatest possible impact on the root causes of poverty, without fear of failure.

Independence, from any religious or political affiliation.

Humility, in our presentation and behaviour, recognising that we are part of a broader alliance, all fighting against poverty.

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The Hon John Dowd AO QC
President



Archie Law
Executive Director

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We welcome you to our Annual Report for 2012. This snapshot of our year shows how we have linked activism with government lobbying, and amplified the voices of women, men and youth living in poverty to achieve change.

With your support we have made great things happen. In this report we are proud to show you some powerful examples of what we achieved towards ending poverty and injustice, and to show how we are learning lessons from what went well, and what didn't.

In 2012, we transitioned from our strategy, Rights to End Poverty, to our new strategy, Changing the Rules. The new strategy has a massive emphasis on connecting and mobilising people to bring change by shifting values and changing attitudes.

Internally, 2012 was a year of huge change for ActionAid Australia, as our Board and Staff worked together to build the foundations required to bring Changing the Rules to life.

We now support programs directly and work in conjunction with other members of the ActionAid International Federation. For example, we are working with ActionAid Myanmar to support the changes taking place and empower people to claim their human rights.

Despite the foundation building, our work surged ahead. We reached thousands of people, from women farmers struggling to grow enough food in Cambodia, to women who are fighting to end violence against women in Kenya and enabling the people of Myanmar to engage with the dynamic change happening in their country.

We congratulate our dedicated staff and volunteers on their many achievements in 2012, and look forward to an exciting year ahead. We recognise

and appreciate the hard work of Bill Armstrong AO, our former Vice-President, particularly for his work at the international level. We welcome to the Board Maree Blake who brings with her a vast experience in government and charitable organisations. We also welcome the energy of Tom O'Connor who brings with him considerable experience of youth movements and the dynamics of social change.

Our primary audience for this report is our supporters and the general public. Our exciting new website provides additional and accessible information about our work.

We hope you will feel proud of the work in this report, and enjoy reading the stories of change. We hope they will inspire you and show how people's action can change the rules and end poverty.

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MISSION OBJECTIVE 1:

ENABLE POOR AND EXCLUDED PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY WOMEN, TO SECURE ACCESS TO, AND CONTROL OVER, THE PRODUCTIVE RESOURCES AND DECISION MAKING PROCESSES ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVING THEIR LIVELIHOODS.

Our work focused on enabling women to understand and claim their rights to food, water, land and other productive resources essential to improving livelihoods.


In 2012, ActionAid Australia continued to work with partners around the world to develop and implement programs based on our human rights based approach to poverty eradication. Our work focused on enabling women to understand and claim their rights to food, water, land and other productive resources essential to improving livelihoods. Through enabling women to address the unequal and unjust power relations that cause them to remain in poverty, our work yielded powerful and sustainable change in communities around the world. We also worked to hold governments (local and national) accountable for the impacts their policies have on the lives of people living in poverty.

With ActionAid Australia's financial and technical support, 7,100 smallholder farmers, 4,800 of them women, in Cambodia, Uganda and Kenya developed their knowledge on sustainable agriculture techniques and received seeds and new water sources to

improve family food security and diversify their crops and increase their incomes. Working together, they developed their confidence and skills and built networks across communities to take action to demand what is rightfully theirs from governments, land holders, and other officials.

For men and women living in Oddar Meanchey, northern Cambodia, growing enough food to eat and sell is a daily challenge due to lack of resources, increasingly unpredictable weather patterns and lack of infrastructure. Additionally, they struggle against threats to their land and community forests through illegal logging and land grabs.

ActionAid Cambodia, together with local partners worked to support villagers in vulnerable areas to learn about their rights and entitlements, thereby putting the power back into their hands so they could protect themselves and enjoy a more secure future.



Agnes Engokoke is a member of the Kitos Farmer Field School, Kenya. Through the project she has learnt about diversifying crops and here she shows us produce from her paw paw tree. Photo: Lani Holmberg



Through the Kitos Farmer Field School, women are engaging in agroforestry. Photo: Lani Holmberg

During the course of the year, training was undertaken by communities on land use planning, which enabled villages to make submissions to local government to secure land; forests were protected from illegal logging through forestry patrols by Community Forestry Committees and local officials; and community members strengthened their understanding of the importance of documenting land use.

In Africa, as part of the AusAID African Australian Community Engagement Scheme (AACES) we continued our work with ActionAid Kenya and ActionAid Uganda in supporting women and men to build strong and vibrant farming communities, increase productivity and diversify income streams, and create links between farmers with networks or civil society groups so they have a strong and more informed base from which to claim their rights. With the support of ActionAid, small-holder farmers (both women and men) also began to understand what government support and resources they are entitled to and began demanding their rightful entitlements.

In Kwozir and Kapteret communities in eastern Uganda, ActionAid Uganda proved the power of land ownership for 300 internally displaced women. Traditionally blocked from owning land in their own right, the women were supported to seek the title over a small plot. They now own the land collectively. With training in sustainable agriculture and marketing, the provision of drought-tolerant seeds and a water source, they have succeeded in improving their productivity and income.

Throughout the year, awareness of rights increased around issues such as health, agriculture, environmental management

and education. Women were trained in tracking and monitoring government expenditure; and links between women's groups at local and district levels were strengthened, contributing to increased discussion and solidarity around issues such as national land policies and female genital mutilation.

In Australia, we worked to ensure the Australian Government continues to keep the issues affecting people living in poverty front and centre. With ongoing human rights abuses around land grabbing in Cambodia, ActionAid Australia joined with other non-government organisations to lobby Foreign Minister Bob Carr to address the issue. Minister Carr responded by reiterating the Australian Government's commitment to addressing rights violations in Cambodia. AusAID has indicated a renewed focus on this issue will be reflected in their next strategy for engagement with Cambodia.

ActionAid Australia also worked to engage supporters and the wider Australian public on the challenges and issues faced by women living in poverty, as well as showcasing the power women have within them to change their own circumstances. In partnership with AusAID and AFAP (Australian Foundation for the Peoples of Asia and the Pacific) ActionAid Australia brought the reality of Kenyan women farmers' lives to Australia through a photography competition and exhibition - "*Exposing Hunger: Capturing Solutions*". The photos and stories collected by competition winner Lani Holmberg, were shown at an exhibition on World Food Day. The photographic competition attracted 6,000 supporters and 1,000 people voted in the people's

choice awards. The exhibition was launched successfully with more than 200 people attending various events and good press coverage.

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Photo: Lani Holmberg

SEEDS OF CHANGE

Susan Nduku lives in a small village in the district of Mbeere in Southern Kenya. She is 36 years old, married with four children, all boys, and knows what it's like to fight for survival.

Mbeere district has been subject to drought for many years, and subsequent crop failure has left Susan, and many others in her community, without food and has wiped out their stocks of traditional seeds to plant for future harvests.

Susan was particularly vulnerable as she had a lack of appropriate farming skills, a lack of access to water for irrigation and limited knowledge on what government support services were available to her. She has also had to contend with poor roads, which affected access to markets and had limited alternative income streams to support her children, parents and mother-in-law, who also depend on Susan and her husband.

With no crops to sell or to feed her family with, Susan faced the stark reality of starvation and has been forced to rely on handouts for survival.

Things started to look up for Susan in February 2012, when her community rallied around her and recognised she was one of the most vulnerable in their community. She was chosen to join the Ndikomaa Farmer Field School (FFS). There, with the support of ActionAid Kenya and the government, Susan received seeds of drought tolerant crops and training on appropriate farming techniques, such as water conservation and irrigation techniques, marketing and new varieties of seed.



The training is practical and covers things such as preparing the land, good agricultural techniques and using all the produce from different crops.

Additionally, ActionAid worked with the farmers to understand their rights and entitlements around access to market support to sell their crops and livestock and the ability to lobby for increased public funding for agriculture.

Susan says, "The benefits of being a member of Ndikomaa FFS are many. Key among them is the training we have received on appropriate dry-land farming techniques. The training is practical and covers things such as preparing the land, good agricultural techniques and using all the produce from different crops.

Last season would have been bad had it had not been for the seeds and skills support we received from ActionAid.

I learnt to prepare my land early enough and planted before the onset of rains. As taught at the field school, I practiced timely weeding and controlled pests and diseases. The results of these efforts

are great. For instance from the two kilograms of green gram seed I planted, I harvested 120 kg. This has encouraged me so much and my husband really appreciates the role I am playing in food security and in increasing household income."*

Susan continued, "Training on water harvesting techniques and other production skills has benefited the entire FFS group. With facilitation from ActionAid, government officers have been visiting us at the field school and offering us training in skills to suit our needs."

Susan and her family no longer rely on handouts for survival. With the support of ActionAid Kenya Susan has been able to reclaim her dignity, increase her knowledge of agricultural systems and build a more secure and stable future for herself and her family.

"I am now able to feed my family and have enough seeds stored for next season. I will sell some of the produce once the prices improve to take care of some of the family needs," she concludes.

Note: Susan is part of the "Food for thought, rights for action" program, where ActionAid Australia works in partnership with the Australian Government (AusAID) to address food insecurity in Kenya and Uganda as part of AACES (Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme).

**Mungbean is a new crop introduced to the area as part of the AACES program.*



Photo: ActionAid

SMALL BEGINNINGS

Saroun is a 33-year-old widow, with a 10-year-old son who lives in a small village in Oddar Meanchey province in Cambodia, one of the poorest areas in the country. Saroun moved here after she lost her husband to a tragic traffic accident that left him disabled and seriously ill, circumstances that eventually lead to his death.

Feeling sad and physically depleted, Saroun worried constantly about how she could provide for her young son – she was unable to continue working as a construction worker and had no extended family she could rely on. Despite the small amount of savings Saroun had scraped together, she was not able to purchase or borrow land to eke out a living for herself and her son.

Finally, Saroun decided to move back to her hometown so she could be close to her mother and family. She said, “My life is a lot easier than in Siem Reap. My mother can help take care of the baby and I can borrow relatives’ farm lands to grow vegetables and other crops”. With her savings, Saroun was able to buy a small piece of land from her aunt where she built a small house. Yet she continued to struggle to make ends meet.

Saroun’s life really changed when she was identified by her community as one of their most vulnerable, and was introduced to ActionAid Cambodia’s local partner, Children Development Association (CDA). Through the program Saroun received training on how to make fertilisers, grow seasonal and market demand vegetables, and rear and feed

animals like chickens and pigs. She also received training on women’s health issues, some vegetable seeds and equipment to start her garden.

Saroun said, *“Before, I knew nothing about the market and appropriate techniques to grow vegetables, but after I got training in both concept and skills from CDA, I am very interested in vegetable growing techniques and I wanted to test my knowledge.”*

“So at the beginning, I started with a small garden. I was worried a lot but I try and commit to implement the learnings from day to day. Now, I always smile and am happy with the vegetable yield. In fact, the techniques are very easy to apply. I can make money. I no longer buy vegetables from outside. My family members live healthier.”

“Many people in my village are happy to learn from me and are encouraging me to grow more vegetables so they can keep buying from me.”

She smiles and adds, *“By selling vegetables I can earn around 80,000 Riel (AU\$20) per week, and I can have vegetables for my family all the time and sometimes I give some to my relatives and neighbours.”*

Saroun’s home is now surrounded with many kinds of vegetables, including eggplant, Chinese cabbage and other greens, mustard, chili, tomato, kale, spring onion and bindweed (morning glory). She also raises fish in a community pond cleaned and restored by CDA.



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With the support of ActionAid Cambodia and CDA, Saroun’s confidence and belief in herself has grown – she is able to provide for her family, her community recognises her as a leader, and she is earning enough to send her son to school. She has also become an active member of a local farmer group and shares her knowledge and skills with her neighbours. Saroun’s life has changed; she has built a stable and secure future for her son and herself.

MISSION OBJECTIVE 2:

PROTECT WOMEN'S RIGHTS BY PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DURING DISASTERS AND CONFLICTS.

Women are often the first to respond to disasters, but whenever security is compromised, particularly through conflict, but also after natural disasters, women experience appalling rates of rape and other forms of gender based violence.

This year saw ActionAid Australia preparing to join and strengthen ActionAid International's work to take action strategically to respond to violence against women during disasters and conflicts. Working alongside communities affected by conflict and natural catastrophes, ActionAid witnesses the impact on the lives of women around the world.

Women are often the first to respond to disasters, but whenever security is compromised, particularly through conflict, but also after natural disasters, women experience appalling rates of rape and other forms of gender based violence. Yet they are frequently excluded when agencies and government step in and develop 'solutions' without seeking their views or recognising women's rights and needs. ActionAid Australia is seeking to change this by ensuring women have the space and power to raise their voices, and lead humanitarian efforts to ensure their needs are never forgotten in times of crisis.

Carol Angir, a specialist in Protection for Women and Girls, joined ActionAid Australia in 2012. She brings her energy, skills and experience working alongside women, feminists and civil society in Africa and around the world, to have the voices of women suffering gender-based violence during disasters and conflicts heard in Australia.

Already ActionAid Australia has become a leading voice on this issue, raising awareness of the complexities by speaking at public events organised by Praxis and Amnesty International and lobbying the Australian Government to strengthen Australia's policy related to protection for women and girls in conflict.



One Billion Rising campaign, ActionAid Bangladesh Photo:ActionAid



People celebrating the One Billion Rising (OBR) campaign, New Delhi, India. OBR is a campaign organised by V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence against women.

In December, ActionAid Australia gave evidence at the Australian Government's Senate Inquiry on Australia's programs in Afghanistan in the context of the 'Transition Decade'. ActionAid Afghanistan's Country Director, PV Krishnan, attended the inquiry to highlight the challenges facing women and girls in Afghanistan.

During the year we co-chaired the ACFID Protection Working Group with Act for Peace, with the aim to increase the coordination of humanitarian protection activities undertaken by Australian non-government organisations; and we advocated for a stronger women's perspective in AusAID's approach to sexual gender based violence. We also provided a leadership role in coordinating the working group in the creation of a Protection Framework developed by AusAID (a policy that guides Australia's commitment to addressing protection during humanitarian emergencies).

Preventing and responding to gender-based violence against women during

conflicts and disasters will be a focus of our work in 2013. With an emphasis on Afghanistan, the Great Lakes region of Africa particularly Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), ActionAid Australia is preparing to take on this complex problem through various projects including conflict sensitivity training in Kenya, community campaigns against female genital mutilation in Kenya, and women's legal services in Afghanistan. We will also develop community engagement programs in Australia that shine a light on violence against women during conflict and disasters.

In December, ActionAid Australia gave evidence at the Australian Government's Senate Inquiry on the administration, management and objective of Australia's overseas development programs in Afghanistan in the context of the 'Transition Decade'.



Women raise their voices in Goma, DRC, calling for peace and protection. This placard says, "We don't want to be raped anymore. Stop the violence." Photo: Jenny Matthews/ActionAid



We women came to realise the state of being landless was a serious human rights issue and we had to find solutions. We now have access to land under WORIA project and have control over the produce and income from it. We now have the choice of whether or not to sell our produce and how much to sell. Sulaika Kissa, involved in ActionAid's Women's Rights in Agriculture (WORIA) project, Kenya.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY (oPt)

Program budget: \$6.37 million

Women in the oPt experience daily rights violations due to traditional views and practices that restrict their behaviour and opportunities, and the political situation, which affects every aspect of their lives. ActionAid supports women's opportunities for economic empowerment through micro-finance and business training, and for social and personal empowerment through strengthening their role and visibility in the community. Community-based organisations are now recognising the value of women's participation. They are providing opportunities for women to seek leadership positions, and are offering more services to meet women's needs.

- 148 women received loans to start a business for the first time or expand an existing enterprise
- Women gained greater status within the community, and held 53% of all CBO board positions



UGANDA & KENYA

Program budget: \$7.2 million
Areas of work: women's rights, climate resilient sustainable agriculture, livelihood training

PAKISTAN

Program budget: \$426, 522
Areas of work: livelihood support and disaster relief and recovery

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ETHIOPIA

Program budget: \$31,000
Areas of work: livelihood training and support

UGANDA

KENYA

ZIMBABWE

Program budget: \$80,000
Areas of work: water and sanitation

MALAWI

Program budget: \$70,740
Areas of work: Water and sanitation



MYANMAR

Program budget: \$156,000

In Myanmar, the 'change-maker' fellowship program has become a central approach to bringing people together to achieve peace, cohesion and development. By training young people and enabling them to work with their own marginalised communities to analyse the causes of their poverty and to identify strategies to overcome these, men and women around Myanmar are seeing real change take place in their lives. During 2012, 46 fellows were trained and began work alongside 93 village volunteers.



CAMBODIA

Program budget: \$583,040

Areas of work: food security and livelihood support, disaster relief and recovery, education, human rights awareness, emergency flood response

NEPAL

Program budget: \$30,000

Areas of work: education and leadership training

BANGLADESH

Program budget: \$40,000

Areas of work: scholarships, business training, gender-based violence and youth leadership

INDONESIA

Program budget: \$6.75 million

During the year, ActionAid Australia partnered with Keumang Foundation (to improve the competitiveness of the Aceh Cocoa value chain); and local communities in two tsunami affected districts, rehabilitated and reclaimed devastated land for farming. Highlights included:

- 564 (186 women) vulnerable community members established new cocoa plantations on their own land and benefited from increased incomes
- 408 tsunami affected families now have access to land for farming, and received packages of tools

In 2012, ActionAid Australia ended its current operations in Indonesia.

AUSTRALIA

Supporters helped us raise more than \$3 million through appeals, major gifts, and community fundraising, bringing our total revenue to \$11.3 million; 4,584 hours were donated by volunteers; more than 200 people attended World Food Day events.

MISSION OBJECTIVE 3:

TAP INTO POSITIVE VALUES THAT ENCOURAGE AUSTRALIANS TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO AND CRITICALLY EVALUATE HOW THEIR LIVES AND CHOICES AFFECT PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY.

If we are serious about solving global poverty, then we must tackle these issues of injustice, not just debate how much aid to give.

All too often, support for people living in poverty is framed as a matter of charity, as if poverty was caused by misfortune or, worse still, laziness on behalf of the poor.

ActionAid's experience working with people living in poverty for more than 40 years, shows poverty is more often the result of systematic injustices made possible by the unequal power between the rich and poor.

Public debate in Australia about aid and development, however, tends to ignore these injustices and instead focuses on how much aid to provide to poorer countries.

This ignores the many impacts, both positive and negative, that Australians can have on people living in poverty unrelated to our aid program, such as through our government's policies, such as unfair trade agreements, corporate behaviour such as tax avoidance in poor countries and individual lifestyles and choices, such as purchasing products made in sweatshops.

But if we are serious about solving global poverty, then we must tackle these issues of injustice, not just debate how much aid to give.

In 2012, ActionAid worked with a selection of supporters, other international organisations and the media to develop new frames to guide the way we discuss our work. In 2013, we will launch our new brand and a new regular giving product that better reflect our approach to ending poverty and injustice.

We also established the Common Cause Australia network with the Australian Conservation Foundation and Shift Space. The purpose of the network is to support likeminded individuals and organisations to reflect on the way they do their work and ensure our collective engagement with the Australian public serves to strengthen universalistic values such as social justice and equality, rather than more self-interested values such as wealth or power.

Launched in June, the network attracted staff and volunteers from organisations including Oxfam, Cancer Council, Youth Food Movement, World Wildlife Fund, and the Smith Family. The network held a number of workshops and informal gatherings attended by more than one hundred people in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

MC, Claire Hooper, at photo exhibition "Exposing Hunger: Capturing Solutions". Photo: Gemma Pitcher/ActionAid



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LEGACIES

We gratefully acknowledge the kind and thoughtful gifts received from those who have supported ActionAid Australia after they've passed away. These extraordinary contributions will help make a difference in the lives of people living in poverty for many years to come. During 2012, we received generous bequests from the estates of:

Alan Russell Murray
Eileen Clare Langford
Jeanne Johanna Blom
Joyce Etta White
Neal John Jackson
Stanley John Fallows
Thomas Evan Henley

Host, Tracey Spicer, with international guest speaker, Bijay Kumar, at World Food Day panel discussion. Photo: Gemma Pitcher/ActionAid



OUR BOARD

The Hon John Dowd AO QC LLB (Syd) President

John Dowd was appointed Protection Ambassador for Austcare in 2005, elected Vice-President in November 2008 and President in October 2009. John has held the positions of NSW Attorney General and Leader of the House, Consul-General for the Cook Islands to Australia, NSW Supreme Court judge, and Australian government delegate to Palestine to monitor the Palestinian Legislative Council Elections.

Bill Armstrong AO GradDip Community Education Vice President (Retired)

Bill Armstrong is a former CEO of Australian Volunteers International and former President of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). Bill joined the Board in 2003 and was appointed Vice President in 2009. He was Chair of the Governance and Board Committee. Bill retired from the Board in May 2012.

Margaret Alston LLB (Melbourne) Dip ED (Melbourne) Vice President

Megs joined the board in June 2011, and is a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Formerly a solicitor and a teacher, Megs has worked in senior management roles in international development for more than 25 years, with Community Aid Abroad/Oxfam, Australian Volunteers International and Save the Children Australia. She is now an independent consultant in the development sector with a focus on planning, monitoring and evaluation.

Maree Blake GAICD, FCSA, FCPA B.Bus Grad Cert in Management

Maree joined the Board of ActionAid in November 2012, and is Chair of the Finance and Fundraising Committee. She has several not for profit non-executive directorships, and positions on governance, risk and compliance and finance and audit board committees. Maree previously held senior executive positions in the private and public sectors, most recently as ASIC's Queensland Regional Commissioner. She has experience across a diverse range of organisations in governance, strategy and risk management, financial and general business management, and stakeholder liaison.

Susan Brennan BA/LLB (Hons)

Susan joined the board in February 2011, and is a member of the Governance and Board Development Committee. Susan has been actively involved in women's and community organisations, serving as President of the World YWCA from 2007 to 2011. She is a barrister specialising in town planning and environment law.

Nicola Davies LLB (Hons), BSc (ANU) (Retired)

Nicola Davis is a Barrister at Law, and has held senior positions at Greenpeace International, ACT Conservation Council, and the Australian Conservation Foundation. Nicola joined the Board in 2010, and was Chair of the Finance and Fundraising Committee. She resigned from the Board in April 2012.

Thomas O'Connor BA/LLB (Melbourne)

At 25, Thomas recently finished a three-year stint as Chief Executive Officer at the Oaktree Foundation, Australia's first and largest youth-run international aid organisation. He is currently completing a double degree in Arts (Political Science) and Law at the University of Melbourne. Thomas was also the Co-Editor and a contributing author for *The Future by Us*, an anthology of essays presenting ideas for Australia's future beyond 2020. Tom joined the Board in 2012, and is a member of the Governance and Board Development Committee.

Tuong Quang Luu AO BA/LLB (Saigon) LLB (ANU)

Tuong Quang Luu joined the board in 2007, and is Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. He was Head of SBS Radio from 1989 to 2006, and was named "Australian Achiever of the Year" in 2002. Quang Luu was a senior executive of the Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and has served as the Department's State Director for NSW in Sydney.

James Pyne B.E. Hons (Sydney) M.B.A (Insead)

James joined the board in 2010. He has spent almost two decades working within corporate organisations, both as a strategy consultant and in various senior management positions in Australia, the UK and Asia. He is an Engineer by training and is also an MBA graduate from INSEAD. James is a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Gordon Weiss MA (Int. Relations, Security)

Gordon Weiss joined the board of ActionAid in June 2011. He is an international affairs analyst and author, specialising in strategic communications and risk mitigation. He has worked as an international public sector executive with many organisations, think-tanks, and public leaders since 1996, in complex security environments. He was the UN's communications advisor and spokesperson in Sri Lanka during the closing years of the civil war. Gordon is a member of the Finance and Fundraising Committee.

Sonia Zavesky Graduate A.F.T.R.S

Sonia joined the Board in November 2009, and is a member of the Governance and Board Development Committee. She has worked in media in Australia and internationally for two decades. A former ABC Radio journalist and Chief of Staff, Sonia also headed up communications teams at Greenpeace. She now runs her own media and communication training and advice company based in Sydney Australia.



AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements to the members of Actionaid Australia

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2012, the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended and the directors' declaration, are derived from the audited financial report of ActionAid Australia for the year ended 31 December 2012. We expressed an unmodified auditor's opinion on that financial report in our report dated 11 April 2013.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards for a general purpose financial report. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of ActionAid Australia.

Directors' responsibility for the summary financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis set out in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of ActionAid Australia based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of ActionAid Australia for the year ended 31 December 2012 are consistent, in all material respects, with the financial report from which it was derived. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit, this auditor's report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the financial report.

KPMG

Cameron Roan
Partner
Sydney

11 April 2013

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OUR FINANCES

During 2012, ActionAid Australia's revenue grew by 15% to \$11.3 million enabling the organisation to strengthen its work overseas and continue to build its foundation in Australia to bring its strategy *Changing the Rules* to life. Revenue growth was mainly in AusAID and overseas grants, as well as an investment from ActionAid International.

Public funds raised totalled \$3.5 million and comprised 31% of income for the year, compared to 37% in the previous year. Public funds included donations and gifts received from the Australian public as well as non-monetary income, such as volunteer or pro bono services. In 2012, ActionAid Australia also received funds from

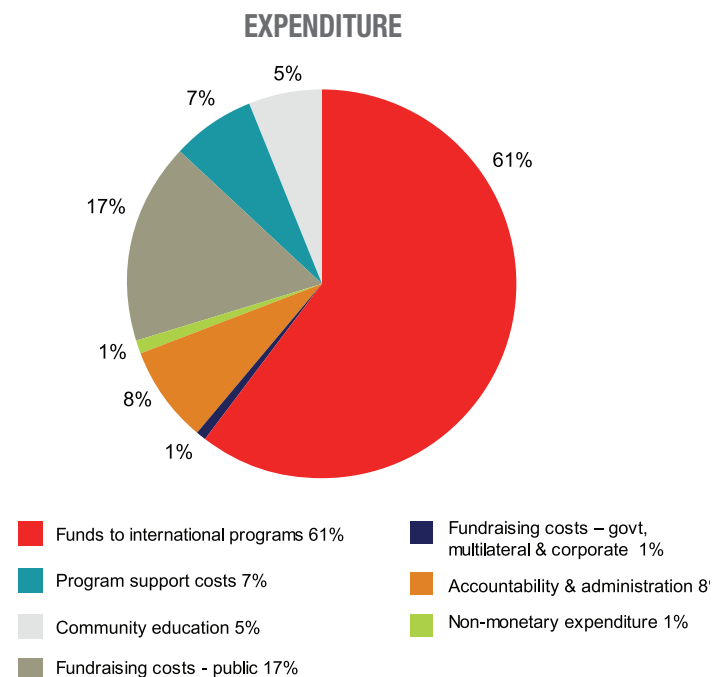
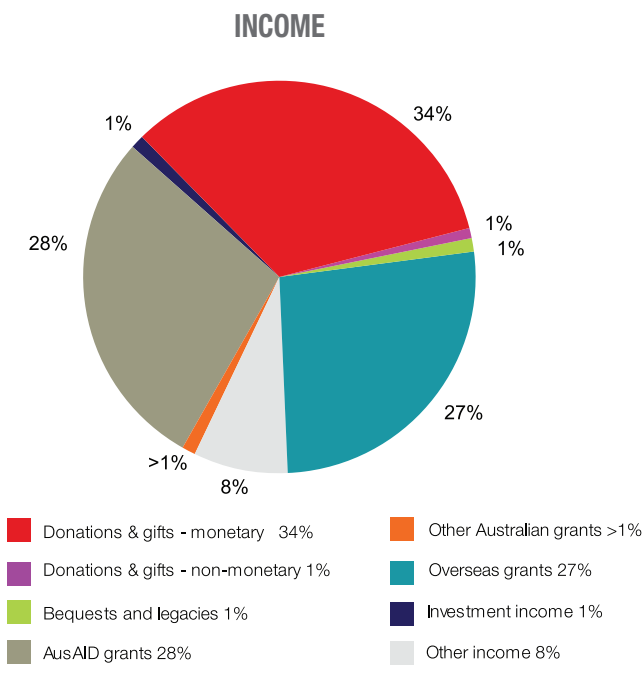
donors who left gifts in their Will's, totalling \$122,622.

Grant income contributed to 61% of total income at \$6.8 million. Of this, \$3.8 million came from AusAID and \$3.0 million from other Australian and overseas sources. Interest income received was \$68,226 (shown in investment income) and ActionAid International contributed \$900,213 (shown in other income) towards ActionAid Australia's investment in public and institutional fundraising.

Our total program expenditure was 73% of expenditure for 2012, an increase from 68% in 2011. Of this, overseas projects received \$6.9 million (61%), \$767,290 (7%) funded

project management costs in Australia and \$637,131(5.5%) funded campaigns and community education in Australia. Program expenditure includes ActionAid Australia's programs overseas as well as the costs of public campaigning in Australia.

Fundraising accounted for 18% of total expenditure, a 3% decrease from 2011. As previous years' investment in ActionAid's face-to-face fundraising program gathered momentum, there was less investment needed in developing the program; \$874,602 Accountability and administration costs as percentage of total expenditure remained unchanged at 8%.



The full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2012 is available on request or on the ActionAid Australia website at www.actionaid.org/australia

The Summary Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Year ended 31 December 2012 \$	Year ended 31 December 2011 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts		
- Monetary	3,219,491	3,276,946
- Non-monetary	129,306	219,413
Bequests and legacies	122,622	168,347
Grants		
- AusAID	3,795,342	3,078,247
- Other Australian	20,651	56,709
- Other overseas	3,038,286	2,645,703
Investment income	68,226	116,460
Other income	900,213	247,841
International political or religious adherence promotion program revenue	-	-
Total revenue	11,294,137	9,809,666
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
- Funds to international programs	6,965,135	5,763,832
- Program support costs	767,290	780,691
Community education	637,131	694,033
Fundraising costs		
- Public	1,999,432	2,179,117
- Government, multilateral & private	69,045	69,110
Accountability and administration	874,602	961,185
Non-monetary expenditure	129,306	219,413
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	11,441,941	10,667,381
International political or religious adherence promotion program expenditure	-	-
Domestic programs expenditure	-	-
Total expenditure	11,441,941	10,667,381
Excess of expenditure over revenue	(147,804)	(857,715)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income / (loss)	(147,804)	(857,715)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2012

ActionAid Australia's reserves have decreased by \$147,804 over the year and we ended 2012 with a total reserve of \$2,216,363. ActionAid Australia does not distribute all funds immediately so it can ensure the funds are best used for long-term, sustainable outcomes.

	Retained earnings \$	Restricted funds reserves \$	Unrestricted funds reserves \$	Total undistributed funds \$
Opening balance at 1 January 2011	2,322,033	849,849	50,000	3,221,882
Excess of revenue over expenditure	(857,715)	-	-	(857,715)
Total comprehensive income	(857,715)	-	-	(857,715)
Other amounts transferred to/(from) reserves	(123,513)	123,513	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2011	1,340,805	973,362	50,000	2,364,167
	Retained earnings \$	Restricted funds reserves \$	Unrestricted funds reserves \$	Total undistributed funds \$
Opening balance at 1 January 2012	1,340,805	973,362	50,000	2,364,167
Excess of expenditure over revenue	(147,804)	-	-	(147,804)
Total comprehensive income	(147,804)	-	-	(147,804)
Other amounts transferred to/(from) reserves	168,843	(168,843)	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2012	1,361,844	804,519	50,000	2,216,363

During the year ended 31 December 2012, ActionAid Australia had no transactions in the following categories specified in the ACFID Code of Conduct: adjustments or changes in equity due to adoptions of new accounting standards, changes in equity from changes in asset fair value transactions, or other.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2012

	31 December 2012 \$	31 December 2011 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,442,979	8,070,732
Trade and other receivables	446,530	227,604
Total current assets	4,889,509	8,298,336
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	575,113	609,438
Total non-current assets	575,113	609,438
Total assets	5,464,622	8,907,774
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	290,475	292,950
Borrowings	83,836	-
Provisions - employee benefits	143,700	110,448
<i>Other</i>		
- Deferred revenue	2,366,875	6,113,254
Total current liabilities	2,884,886	6,516,652
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	318,579	-
Provisions - employee benefits	44,794	26,955
Non-current liabilities	363,373	26,955
Total liabilities	3,248,259	6,543,607
Net assets	2,216,363	2,364,167
EQUITY		
Restricted funds reserves	804,519	973,362
Unrestricted funds reserves	50,000	50,000
Retained earnings	1,361,844	1,340,805
Total equity	2,216,363	2,364,167

Of ActionAid Australia's total assets of \$5.5 million, \$4.9 million was held as cash, with around half of this amount being held in short-term term deposits at banks. The organisation's largest liability, at \$2.4 million, is deferred revenue. Deferred revenue is grant funds received in advance that are yet to be used for overseas projects and the management supports costs of those projects. At the end of the year 2012, the organisation has a total borrowing of \$402,415.

The Statement Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 11–29.

At 31 December 2012, ActionAid Australia had no balances in the following categories specified in the ACFID Code of Conduct: inventories, assets held for sale, other financial assets, non-current trade and other receivables, investment property, intangibles, other non-current asset, current tax liabilities, other financial liabilities or other non-current liabilities.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2012

The cash position of ActionAid Australia during 2012 decreased by \$3.4 million; this is mainly due to advance funds from institutional donors spent for specific projects during the year.

	Year ended 31 December 2012 \$	Year ended 31 December 2011 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from appeals, donations & fundraising activities	3,342,113	3,445,293
Cash receipts from AusAID grants	3,642,254	2,936,997
Cash receipts from other grants	(203,241)	5,417,807
Proceeds from other activities	900,604	247,300
Interest received	68,226	116,460
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(3,608,037)	(3,954,837)
Cash payments for project expenditure	(8,369,555)	(7,238,557)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(4,227,636)	970,463
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets	–	21,000
Proceeds from investment in term deposit	200,000	–
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(2,532)	(35,222)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	197,468	(14,222)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	402,415	–
Repayment of borrowings	–	–
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	402,415	–
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,627,753)	956,241
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	8,070,732	7,114,491
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	4,442,979	8,070,732

TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

Projects for which funds raised during the reporting period were more than 10% of the total income of \$11,294,137.

Project/purpose	Cash available at 1 January 2012 \$	Cash raised during the period \$	Cash disbursed during the period \$	Cash available at 31 December 2012 \$
Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme (AACES)	257,713	1,750,000	1,507,628	500,085
Total for other non-designated purposes	7,813,019	6,602,371	10,472,496	3,942,894
Total	8,070,732	8,352,371	11,980,124	4,442,979

Of the cash available at balance date for all other purposes of \$3,942,894 an amount of \$2,671,309 is committed to funding a specific project or to be used for a designated purpose.

ACTIONAID AUSTRALIA DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

In the opinion of the directors of ActionAid Australia:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 28 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including;
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2012, and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (iii) complying with the ACFID Code of Conduct for non-governmental development organisations; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Sydney this 11th day of April 2013

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:



The Hon. John Dowd AO QC
President



Sonia Zavesky
Director

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