



ANNUAL OVERVIEW 2018/2019

## OUR MISSION

Bright Futures Child Aid and Development Fund Australia is an Australian based Christian aid and development agency committed to providing a simple, direct, and effective means for Australians to contribute to the sustainable alleviation of poverty.

Bright Futures works in partnership with established community-based agencies in developing countries in providing vital education and development programs which address the causes of poverty and offer prospects of a better life.

## GOVERNANCE & LEGAL

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*Front page photo:  
Women training at BCM Vocational  
Training Centre in Bangalore, India  
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**Yes, time surely flies and as we approach Bright Futures 15<sup>th</sup> birthday we reflect with gratitude on all that has been achieved as we have worked with our partners in India, Pakistan, Uganda and Kenya to help lift men, women and children out of poverty.**

Equally though, we excitedly look forward to how we can uniquely contribute to making the world a place in which dignity, security and opportunity can be found for all people. Over the past year we have been excited to see the growing support for our work with the development of the Uniting Dynamic Women initiative and a major gift from a family charitable trust to help cover much of our administration costs so that more of every donation can be applied to projects. We have been blessed with donations both great and small and we know that with this comes responsibility.

In India the Bangalore City Mission team has worked tirelessly in providing educational opportunities for more than 1,000 children each day and development programs in communities. Their hopes of gaining approval for a Pre-University College were not realised but that journey continues. They are masters in perseverance!

In Uganda we celebrated the completion of the Maternity & Birthing Unit and upgrading at Lukodi Health Centre. Support for the education of South Sudanese refugee children also increased.

In Pakistan our partners continued to face difficult security issues as they cared for many children detached from their families and provided schooling for hundreds. We admire their great courage.

In Kenya our partner's work empowering women and educating children in Mararui & Mathare slums continues to grow. A recently announced grant from the Australian High Commission will enable a project to be established to help empower mothers of children with disabilities.

On the home front many new friends and supporters have joined the Bright Futures 'team' through the Uniting Dynamic Women initiative designed to connect supporters to a shared vision of empowering women. We know from experience that when a woman is empowered, educated and making an income, the whole family benefit. While our quest for accreditation under the ANCP scheme was not successful this time around, we value what we learned in the process and know that it will strengthen our operations for the future.

We were delighted to recently have Jane Thuo, leader of Dorcas Creation, Bright Futures partner group in Kenya, visit with us in Australia and share the story of how our partnership is leading to the transformation in the lives of women and their families. Our ongoing fundraising events such as the Paradise Walk also continued to be vital in raising support for our ongoing partners and projects.

Our wonderful volunteers continue to make a tremendous contribution to the work of Bright Futures. Whatever part you play - donor, supporter, volunteer, encourager or prayer - we want to say a huge thank you as it is only through our shared efforts that the impossible becomes possible.



Bright Futures Chair  
Sarah Spiker

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Development Partner:  
Bangalore City Mission (BCM)



Key Project Leader:  
Jonathan Sinclair Paul  
Executive Director



School based education assistance  
for 1,000 children.



Health screening and medical  
referral in partnership with  
healthcare providers.



Vocational training at seven  
village centres.



Self-help and savings groups in  
12 communities.

## Partnership History & Project Locations

Bright Futures has been working with partner group, the Bangalore City Mission (BCM) since 2005 and this work currently spans a dozen quarry villages and poor communities. The project operates with a strong focus on education, healthcare and community development.

## Reach & Impact

During the course of the year the focus was on the following activities.

Clean Water: A significant water project was undertaken with the installation of a major borewell in Hosur Bande. This entailed drilling to a depth of about 150 metres through granite to reach the water source. The borewell now provides access to water for more than 1,000 people who previously could only access water about once a month.



Vocational Training: The development of employment related skills continues to be an important empowerment activity focused on strengthening the capacity of girls and women. Areas of training include tailoring and business skills and are delivered from seven small vocational training centres located in project villages. More than 300 women received training this year.

School Based Education: The education of children continues to be a core activity of the project with over a thousand children assisted in education through the BCM operated Sinclairs High School and through provision of a teacher at the government school at Hosur Bande (Quarry). A childcare centre is also operated by BCM at Hosur Bande to enable children to be safely cared for while their mothers work in the quarry.

Health Care: In the course of the year more than 4,000 people in the project areas were beneficiaries of health screening and medical care. Screenings covered areas including diabetes, TB, heart disease and eye and dental assessment.

Savings and Self-help Groups: Savings and self-help groups operated across all of the project villages with more than 200 women involved during the course of any given year.

## Insights & Future Directions

- Training and development of staff continues to be critical to developing capacity and improving outcomes.
- In the area of education curriculum development is an important area for focus in 2020.
- The creation of a social enterprise centre to foster micro-businesses and develop business skills is being considered as a job creation opportunity.

**Partnership History & Project Location**

In 2009, the Bright Futures / Christian Fellowship of Pakistan (CFP) partnership came into being in response to the need to support education for children in the village of Youngson Abad. Access to education had long been a problem in this area and historically the education of girls had been limited. Access to clean water has also been a longstanding problem. At an early stage in the partnership testing of household wells in the village, which has a population of about 8,000. Testing revealed high levels of water contamination, e.coli in particular, and this has had serious impacts on public health. While widespread access to clean water continues to be a challenge the project has made recent progress in this area and it will be a key focus for 2020.

**Reach & Impact**

Activities of the past year include:

Education: The continued provision of school-based education was central to the operation of the project throughout the year with 220 children in classes ranging from the education of around 200 children with this number expected to grow in the coming year. Classes range from Nursery to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard. The security environment in the area continues to present challenges and during the year a significant upgrading of security was necessary. Safety training is provided to both children and staff.

Healthcare: Medical screening and care is provided by local doctors arranged by CFP to provide care to students and children living in the adjacent children’s home. The most common diseases detected and treated are viral infection, fever, ‘flu, diabetes, malaria and diarrhea.



**Insights & Future Directions**

- Security is a major consideration and upgrading of security facilities at the school was undertaken during the year.
- In the coming year there will be a significant focus on the provision of clean water with a reverse osmosis filtration unit to be installed in the school. It is hoped that sufficient funds can be raised to provide a larger filtration unit to serve the community.



Development Partner:  
Christian Fellowship of Pakistan



CFP Founder & Project Leader:  
Rev Nathaniel Barkat



School based education and support for 200 children.



Health screening and medical treatment for school children.



Limited supply of clean water to the community of Youngson Abad.



Development Partner:  
Bishop Onono-Onweng  
Foundation (BOOF)



Founder/President:  
Bishop Nelson Onono-Onweng

Project Leader:  
Opiro Nyerere Onono, CEO  
BOOF



General and maternal health  
care and birthing services  
Lukodi Health Centre



Education support for  
children of  
South Sudanese Refugees



Prenatal and postnatal support  
for mothers in the Lukodi area  
in partnership with USAid.

### Partnership History & Project Location

The Bright Futures / Bishop Onweng-Onono Foundation (BOOF) partnership has been in operation since 2010. In the early years of the partnership the focus was, of necessity, on food production (eg seed, milling and stock) to sustain households and stimulate economic activity. At the time people were returning to the area following the end of the civil war. The village of Lukodi in Northern Uganda is the primary location from which the partnership operates. Lukodi was the site of an unofficial displacement camp for those displaced by the war and was the scene of a terrorist attack by the Joseph Kony led LRA in May 2004 in which 50 men, women and children were murdered. While the initial focus of the partnership was on economic and food production the focus began to shift to other areas of need, in particular to supporting school based education, and in 2018 the primary focus moved to improving healthcare in the wider community.

### Reach & Impact

The key activities of the partnership over the past year are as follows:

**Health Care Services & Vaccinations:** As recently as 2016 about 1,000 people were living in Lukodi and the eleven surrounding villages and the wider area population was about 8,000. At the time there were no local health/medical facilities and many died of preventable disease, with malaria and other mosquito borne disease being most prevalent. Pregnant women, babies and the elderly were at particular risk. In 2016 Bright Futures, together with our partner group, established the Lukodi Health Centre and in the past year a Maternity and Birthing Unit was constructed.

**Vaccinations:** A solar direct vaccine fridge was installed in the new centre and this is enabling important access to vaccines thereby improving health outcomes. In addition to providing the means for vaccination of children and newborns, vaccinations can now be provided for those living with HIV/AIDS.



Photo: Parents and children at the new birthing and maternal care centre

**Education:** In the area of education the focus of the partnership is on supporting school-based education, particularly high school, for the children of Sudanese refugees. About 40 children are supported through this program.

### Insights & Future Directions

- The experience of the project continues to affirm the importance of community engagement and input in the development of programs.
- A paediatric centre is planned as the next stage of development in the delivery of health services in Lukodi.

## Partnership History & Project Location

The Bright Futures / Dorcas Creation partnership was established in 2012 and focused on supporting and delivering vocational training, mentoring and micro-business skills to empower women living in poverty in the vast Marurui slum in Nairobi, Kenya. The Marurui slum has a population of about 10,000 people living in substandard housing and an unhealthy physical environment. The project also provides foundational education for children living in the nearby Mathare slum.

## Reach & Impact

The Dorcas Creation program operates from an empowerment model that aims to draw marginalised women together to learn vocational training skills, receive mentoring and support, and develop mutually supportive relationships. More than 1,500 women have been through the Dorcas program to date with many going on to develop micro-businesses.

In the past year the project has undertaken the following activities:

**Education:** West Wood School, started by a graduate of Dorcas Creation, operates in the Mathare slum and now has more than 120 students aged up to 8 years of age. The focus is on providing a foundational education for children whose parents are living in very poor circumstances, with an intention to give them the best start to their education possible.



**Empowerment & Savings Groups:** Over the year more than 700 women from the Marurui and Mathare communities, and beyond, were engaged in self-help and savings groups which had an empowerment focus. The savings groups enabled many women to purchase items essential to improving the quality of life experienced by them and their children.

**Vocational & Business Skills Training:** More than 300 women were engaged during the course of the year with vocational and business skills training. Beadmaking, tailoring, detergent and food preparation skills enabled many of the women to start micro businesses.

## Insights & Future Directions

- The experience of the project is that people engaging with the projects often have more capability than they themselves believe and that with encouragement, support and training they can achieve more than they ever thought possible.
- Purchase of a base for the Dorcas Empowerment Centre is a key objective for 2020 to provide a stable base for the future.



Development Partner:  
Dorcas Creation



Founder & Project Leader:  
Jane Thuo



Vocational and business  
training for women in the  
Marurui slum.



School based education for  
children in the Mathare slum.



Womens' empowerment and  
savings groups for 700+  
women.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY – 2018/2019

Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia Ltd, ABN 76 803 488 074

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	FYE2019	FYE2018
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Donations and gifts - monetary	296,489	275,136
Investment income - interest	206	171
Merchandise sales	<u>15,667</u>	<u>10,224</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>312,363</u></b>	<b><u>285,531</u></b>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	172,608	228,754
Program support costs	13,032	14,774
Fundraising costs – Public - newsletters, signage	3,737	1,969
Merchandise purchases	6,870	8,056
Accountability and Administration	61,373	62,308
Depreciation	<u>1,611</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>259,231</u></b>	<b><u>315,861</u></b>
<u>EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>\$51,132</u>	<u>(\$30,330)</u>

*The full audited financial report prepared by BDO Audit (SA) is publicly available on the Bright Futures website – [www.brightfutures.com.au](http://www.brightfutures.com.au) - or on the website of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC). You may also request a copy by contacting the Bright Futures Office on 08 7225 7175 or email: [office@brightfutures.com.au](mailto:office@brightfutures.com.au)*

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