



ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

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 AND LEGAL

Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia Ltd ABN 76 803 488 074 is a company limited by guarantee and an ATO approved Deductible Gift Recipient – Item 1 (DGR1) under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme. Bright Futures is registered and a reporting entity with the ACNC – www.acnc.gov.au

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Paul Madden, Executive Officer
Deb Mugford, Finance Manager
Gary Martin, Project Coordinator

Auditors

BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd, Adelaide

Bank Details

Acc: Bright Futures Australia - Overseas Aid Fund
Westpac BSB: 035-002 Acc: 392116

ACFID Code

Bright Futures is a member of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct.



Front page photo – Students in Bangalore quarry district receiving medical screenings arrangement by Bangalore City Mission.



Bright Futures Chairman
Roger Bryson

On one occasion, Jesus said to his followers, *'If you give even a cup of water to one of my little ones, you will surely be rewarded'*. At Bright Futures, we know that it is not the size of a donation that makes a difference, but the intention with which it is given and the surety that the kindness reaches the right people.

Over recent years we have received a number of donations from a church group in Adelaide towards water projects that provide fresh water to schools, health centres and local communities. Their actions have provided countless cups of fresh, clean water to children and families. The name of that group is 'Love in a Cup'!

As Bright Futures continues to support our four overseas partners in their critical help to children, women, families and communities, the analogy of the value of the *'cup of water'* applies in the following ways.

In Lukodi in northern Uganda, our funds will assist in sinking a deep bore and providing header tanks and water pumps between the health centre and the primary school to provide fresh water to both those facilities. Meanwhile in the township of Gulu nearby, many school-leavers have been assisted at the Bishop Onono Onweng Foundation vocational school as the facilities have improved and the courses have expanded.

In Bangalore in southern India, the *'cup of water'* is the support of the school alongside a quarry area in which 200 village children are now participating. As well, seven village based vocational training centres are developing the skills of women. In the last year more than 5,000 people have benefitted from medical screening and health centres organised by the Bangalore City Mission.

In Youngsonabad, with funds provided by Bright Futures, the Christian Fellowship of Pakistan (CFP) has developed an agriculture project providing wheat for more than 200 children who are educated at the CFP school. As well, all the children have received immunisation against diseases as part of the health program.

Finally, in Nairobi in Kenya, the numbers of women involved in self-help groups involved in small businesses has increased to over 360, while a further 108 women have undergone additional skill improvement programs in the last year. So successful has this program been, Dorcas Creation is now offering the same program to children, with 55 now participating. With young people dropping out of school, 10 girls have received support to return to school.

Without the support of the Bright Futures family providing these *'cups of water'*, these exciting stories could not be told. As Jesus rightly said, we are *'surely rewarded'* in different ways for our efforts.

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Roger Bryson
Chairperson



Development Partner: Bangalore City Mission (BCM)
Key Project Leader: Jonathan Paul Raj, BCM Executive Director

Bright Futures / Bangalore City Mission (BCM) have been working together for more than a decade to alleviate poverty and build the capacity of impoverished villages and urban communities in the wider Bangalore area. A mutually developed Development Plan provides a framework for action and evaluation. A highly competent and committed leadership team, headed by Executive Director, Jonathan Paul Raj, leads the work and the workers on the ground comprise teachers, development workers, social workers, vocational trainers and administrators.

Reach & Impact

Education, health care, vocational training and self-help groups are at the core of development activities undertaken in a dozen communities across the Quarry Cluster and the Village Cluster. This year the continued development of the BCM Sinclairs School was a key focus as the school provides not only a place of education, it is also the base from which development activities reach out into supported communities. Work has begun on a new Development Plan for the period 2018-2020. This plan will inform and guide development activities undertaken with a focus on capacity building for both the assisted communities and the development partner. Some key statistics:



Students at work at BCM Sinclairs School

Insights to inform future direction

- A shared vision and a strong sense of partnership is essential in accomplishing shared goals.
- Capable and knowledgeable local leadership is a key success factor.
- Project visits are not only important in having a clear understanding about the work being undertaken and the quality of that work, but are critical to strengthening working relationships.
- Helping the local delivery organisation develop its capacity to be self-sustaining is essential to the continuation and growth of the development work being undertaken.



Development Partner: Christian Fellowship of Pakistan
Key Project Leader: Nathaniel Barkat, CFP Project Leader

Since 2009, Bright Futures and the Christian Fellowship of Pakistan (CFP) have been partnering to support education and development activities in the village of Youngsonabad and areas beyond. Like many rural villages in Pakistan, access to healthcare is limited and the economy is poor. Many households derive their income from farming as either labourers or small landholders. Limited access to clean water is a serious problem, and the health problems this creates, is a serious burden on the community and results in lives being lost.

Reach & Impact

The CFP school in Youngsonabad continues to provide a hub for community engagement and development activities and is the base from which more than 250 children in primary and secondary education are supported. The project partners, being fully aware of both the development impact and empowerment potential consider the education of girls to be very important. We are therefore delighted that 45% of students are girls and there is a desire to grow this percentage. The security situation looms large in the region and presents a challenge to the safety of staff and students at the CFP.

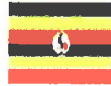


Student assembly in CFP school in Youngsonabad

As the economic base of Youngsonabad and the surrounding regions is low, the CFP farm program is considered to be vital in improving nutrition for children in the school and in the adjacent children's home. It also provides an important base for agriculture based training. The provision of clean water from the school to the community was halted during the course of the year due to security risks. It is hoped that this service can recommence in 2018.

Insights to inform future direction

- Security is a challenging issue and great care is required in relation to communication, visits and visible action.
- Succession planning is necessary to ensure future continuity.
- Cultural sensitivity is required in both development of the work and communication between partners.
- While service delivery is important, so too is strengthening the capacity of the in-country partner group.



Development Partner: Bishop Onono Onweng Foundation (BOOF)
Key Project Leader: Opiro Nyerere Onono, CEO BOOF & Project Manager

The partnership between the Bishop Onono Onweng Foundation (BOOF) and Bright Futures is now in its seventh year. Commencing in 2011, the initial focus of the project was on lifting food production and economic activity in the Lukodi area in Northern Uganda. A treaty in 2006, which ended the 20-year civil war, resulted in people moving back into the Lukodi area to re-establish their lives.

The project initially focused on agricultural production and this was followed by a broadened focus on childrens' schooling, vocational training and healthcare. The generous support of the Driver family was central to the development of these initiatives and aided by contributions from a range of Bright Futures' supporters.

Reach & Impact

In January 2016 a small clinic, known as the Lukodi Health Centre, opened and the range of health services offered has gradually expanded. Support from USAid enabled birthing services to be extended in this area where infant mortality and maternal death rates have historically been high. Demand is driving a need for further extension of the centre. During the course of the year it was decided that Bright Futures would concentrate its support and efforts on the Lukodi Health Centre through the Bishop Onono Onweng Foundation while Lukodi Development Foundation would focus on education and other development initiatives.



Travel on foot is the norm for most in the Lukodi area

Insights to inform future directions

- The formation of the Lukodi Development Foundation has provided an opportunity for the project partners to narrow their areas of focus.
- Activities in the 2018/2019 development plan will focus on supporting and developing Lukodi Health Centre, supporting the education of South Sudanese refugee students and community development.
- Maintaining close communication with partner group leadership is essential to development of the project.



Development Partner: Dorcas Creation
 Key Project Leader: Jane Thuo, Director

Founded in 2006, Dorcas Creation Womens' Empowerment programs are based in slum communities in Nairobi. Over the past five years Bright Futures and Dorcas Creation have worked in partnership to create a pathway out of poverty for women living in extreme poverty. The focus is on skills development, confidence building and holistic strengthening of their capacity to care for themselves and their families.

Reach & Impact

During the course of the year an average of 360 women were engaged in self-help Groups and savings groups at a given time. Concerned that many women were closed in and were not being reached, Dorcas Creation adopted a strategy of going out to where the women are instead of waiting for them to come to the project. As a result more women have been engaged with 108 in skills programs and six new groups formed. Through capacity building women have also been equipped with entrepreneurial skills and they have been able to start small businesses. The empowerment of many women has led to more girls continuing their education and additionally helped in some domestic situations where trouble and domestic violence has arisen.



Women at Dorcas Creation Business Skills Training

Insights to inform future directions

- Many women in slum communities are isolated in their homes for reasons of disability, feelings of shame or domestic violence. Dorcas Creation, in forming ADSEP – the At Doorstep Empowerment Program – has found a way of engaging the women in their homes, building relationships with them, and drawing them into training and the company of others. This approach will become a key feature of future work.
- The production and self-help groups give confidence to believe that women from even very poor circumstances can become small business entrepreneurs, thereby generating income to support themselves and their families.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - 2015 / 2016

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

<u>Income</u>	2016/2017	2015/2016
Donations & Gifts	\$ 301,243	\$ 348,047
Other income	\$ 1,037	\$ 38,063
	<u>\$ 302,280</u>	<u>\$ 386,109</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
International Programs	\$ 257,089	\$ 267,531
Accountability & Administration	\$ 43,518	\$ 40,856
	<u>\$ 300,607</u>	<u>\$ 308,387</u>
Excess/(Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenditure	<u>\$ 1,672</u>	<u>\$ 77,722</u>

**Rounded to nearest dollar.*

The full audited financial report, prepared by BDO Audit (SA), is available as follows:

Bright Futures website – www.brightfutures.com.au

Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) website

On request to Bright Futures Office on 08 7225 7175 or email: office@brightfutures.com.au

YOUR VIEWS MATTER

Bright Futures invites your feedback about any matters related to our operations and conduct that give you cause for concern. Our full Complaints Policy can be found under "Policies" on the Bright Futures website.

To lodge a complaint with Bright Futures contact:

Bright Futures Child Aid and Development Fund Australia Ltd, PO Box 3071 Rundle Mall, SA 5000

Phone: (618) 7225 7175 Email: office@brightfutures.com.au

Bright Futures Board: Chair, Roger Bryson M: 0478 614131 E: rmbryson@aapt.net.au or

Executive Officer: Paul Madden, M: 0411 740549 E: paul.madden@brightfutures.com.au

To lodge a complaint with the Australian Council for International Development:

Complaints should be marked 'confidential' and emailed to:

Chair, ACFID Code of Conduct Committee E: code@acfid.asn.au or posted to:

Chair, ACFID Code of Conduct Committee, Private Bag 3, Deakin ACT 2600



BRIGHT FUTURES CHILD AID & DEVELOPMENT FUND AUSTRALIA LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

BRIGHT FUTURES CHILD AID & DEVELOPMENT FUND AUSTRALIA LTD.

**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Income			
Bright Futures Overseas Aid - Admin fees		-	35,841
Merchandise		699	1,901
Donations		301,243	216,932
Donation - The Trustee for Bright Futures Overseas Aid Fund Trust		-	131,115
Interest received		338	321
		<u>302,280</u>	<u>386,109</u>
Expenditure			
Audit fees		1,895	2,050
Administration costs		4,827	2,257
Bank & credit card charges		1,247	1,280
Depreciation - Office furniture & equipment		-	104
Donation to Overseas Aid fund		-	1,266
Computer Expenses		1,822	1,009
Contractors		8,384	-
Equipment & Maintenance		-	133
Insurance		1,808	1,637
Merchandise		-	650
Overseas program funding		257,089	267,531
Subscriptions		2,840	2,849
Superannuation		1,111	929
Telephone & internet		348	1,447
Wages		14,473	21,956
Other expenses		4,764	3,291
		<u>300,607</u>	<u>308,387</u>
Operating Surplus/ (Loss)		<u>1,672</u>	<u>77,722</u>

The above income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BRIGHT FUTURES CHILD AID & DEVELOPMENT FUND AUSTRALIA LTD.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	70,816	90,690
Other debtors		14,208	7,433
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>85,023</u>	<u>98,123</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Office furniture & equipment	3	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>85,023</u>	<u>98,123</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other creditors	4	7,155	21,927
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,155</u>	<u>21,927</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>77,868</u>	<u>76,196</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		77,868	76,196
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>77,868</u>	<u>76,196</u>

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BRIGHT FUTURES CHILD AID & DEVELOPMENT FUND AUSTRALIA LTD.**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017****NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the Board of Directors' financial accountability requirements under the Company's constitution. The Directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical cost.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements:

Accounting Policies**(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.

(b) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the revenue can be reliably measured.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets in the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST)

(c) Office Furniture and Equipment

Office furniture and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Office Furniture and Equipment	37.5%
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BRIGHT FUTURES CHILD AID & DEVELOPMENT FUND AUSTRALIA LTD.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Baptist Investment - Trading Account	1,752	5,223
Westpac - Community Solutions Account	7,063	591
Westpac - Community Cheque Account	8,762	5,100
Westpac - Community Cash Reserve	53,239	79,776
	<u>70,816</u>	<u>90,690</u>

NOTE 3 OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Office furniture and equipment	7,337	7,337
Less accumulated depreciation	(7,337)	(7,337)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 4 OTHER CREDITORS

Wages and on-costs payable	392	855
Other creditors/Employee benefits	6,763	21,072
	<u>7,155</u>	<u>21,927</u>

NOTE 5 COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

Bright Futures Child Aid and Development Fund Australia Ltd
1 Collingrove Avenue
BROADVIEW SA 5083

BRIGHT FUTURES CHILD AID & DEVELOPMENT FUND AUSTRALIA LTD.

STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS


The members of the Board have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that these special purpose financial statements should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board members:

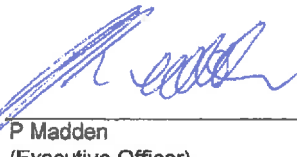
- (a) The financial statements set out on pages 1 to 4 present fairly the financial position of Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia Ltd. as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

- (b) As at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia Ltd. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



R Bryson
(Chairman)
Dated this 30 day of November 2017



P Madden
(Executive Officer)
Dated this 30 day of November 2017



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRIGHT FUTURES CHILD AID & DEVELOPMENT FUND AUSTRALIA LTD

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial report of Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia Ltd (Entity), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2017 and the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by committee members.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for qualified opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1.

Basis for qualified opinion

Donations are a significant source of income for the Entity. The Entity has determined that it is impractical to establish control over this income prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding income from these sources was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records amounting to \$301,243. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether donations the entity recorded are complete.

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 Entity in accordance with 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 our 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 qualified 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 to assist the Entity to meet the requirements of the Entity's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Entity's constitution and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the 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 management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

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 this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd

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Paul Gosnold

Director

Adelaide, 13 December 2017