



ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022

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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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STAFF TEAM

Jack Snelling, Chief Executive Officer
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AUDITOR

BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd, Adelaide

BANK DETAILS

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

CODE OF CONDUCT WORLD RELIEF AUSTRALIA

Bright Futures is committed to transparency, good development practice and the protection of children and vulnerable people. As a signatory to the World Relief Australia (WRA) Code of Conduct we undertake WRA annual review of activities and practice.

Cover Photo:

Girls in at school supported by Bright Futures in Youngson Abad, Pakistan



The Chair Reports - 'Familiar Friends & Leap of Faith'



Sarah Spiker, Chair

The past year has been one of 'familiar friends and a leap of faith'. In a year of uncertainty we found a new normal as pandemic conditions abated and saw a remarkable \$300,000 raised to enable our partners overseas to serve their communities and in the process touch and transform the lives of tens of thousands of people. Those our partners serve are from some of the most needy situations in our world - families in quarry communities in Bangalore, women in slums in Nairobi, children and youth in Pakistan and vulnerable young people in Uganda. We also saw our community of supporters grow in lots of areas with the Sandy Running Festival engaging many young people in raising funds for vulnerable mothers and babies.

In a big step forward the Bright Futures Board in May 2022 appointed Jack Snelling as our first CEO. It has been great to see Jack engage with our partners overseas as he has visited the projects in Uganda, Kenya and India. Jack's impact and influence is already opening up many opportunities. We were also deeply honoured to have The Hon. Hieu Van Le AC, much loved and respected former Governor of South Australia, accept our invitation to become Bright Futures patron. We excitedly look forward to the year ahead, hearts full for the gratitude for the Bright Futures journey we share together.

Chief Executive Officer

It seems hard to believe that we are already approaching the close of 2022 and it has been 6-months since I started at Bright Futures. What an honour it has been for me to visit our partners in Uganda, Kenya and India and witness the amazing work being done bringing economic empowerment to families and communities suffering such extreme disadvantage.

Our donors have responded so generously allowing the completion of the new health clinic in Lukodi, along with specialised birthing units. In Kenya generous donors have funded a new women's empowerment centre in the slums of Nairobi, with construction due to begin. All this has been on top of the regular giving which has provided education to children from southern India to sub-Saharan Africa.



Jack Snelling, CEO

Our partners have exciting plans to grow the reach of their work and we are keen to help them expand. Bright Futures since 2005 has been able to operate largely because of the generous investment of time of a number of key volunteers. We are now getting to the point where to continued growth will require the creation of a small professional office. We are committed to keeping our overheads low so as much as possible reaches those who need it most. 2023 will be an exciting year with some significant developments to ensure we can continue supporting the work of our amazing partners.

Our Patron: The Hon. Hieu Van Le AC



Hon. Hieu Van Le AC

We were thrilled to recently announce that the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC has accepted the role of Patron of Bright Futures. Mr Hieu was Governor of South Australia from 2014 to 2021. Mr Hieu and his wife Lan are widely known for their kindness, encouragement and hospitality toward people from all walks of life.

Bright Futures Chair, Sarah Spiker said, "We are deeply honoured that Mr Hieu has accepted this position. His deep compassion for those who are marginalised and suffer, borne of personal experience and a life of community service, will provide insight and understanding that will greatly enrich the life and work of Bright Futures."

INDIA PARTNER

BANGALORE CITY MISSION



Jonathan Sinclair Paul,
BCM Executive Director

"An important key to improving lives for children lies in strengthening the capacity of their families to care and provide for them."



Commencing in 2005, Bright Futures has been working in partnership with Bangalore City Mission (BCM), to support and deliver development projects in more than a dozen poor and quarry village communities. The project, which has a focus on education, healthcare and community development touches the lives of tens of thousands of people each year.



Pandemic Impact and Response

The 2021/2022 year began as the previous year had ended with the areas in which BCM works devastated by the deaths of tens of thousands of people from Covid.

Communities were devastated and it was BCM was continually under pressure in responding with emergency relief and healthcare responses. As the year wore on and the intensity of the emergency abated, BCM began to focus on the resumption of education, vocational training and other community programs. In recognition of the courageous work BCM in responding to those in need during the pandemic the Karnataka (State) has granted land to BCM to further its compassionate work. .

Vocational Training

There was great excitement when recently more than 100 women who completed their vocational training at BCM graduated. (See picture above) Our CEO, Jack Snelling, was on hand with other BF supporters to celebrate the event and present certificates.

School Based and Early Education

Emergence from the pandemic has been a huge boost for the many students who were able to return to school in 2022. Loss of loved ones, online classes and living in fear all had a devastating effect. A return class to be with their friends has been positive for their wellbeing and school numbers are now increasing again.

Health Care

Over the past year BCM has partnered with a wide range of health services to assist getting vaccinations to needy communities. As the severity of the emergency reduced general health screening and health awareness programs were able to be resumed to the benefit of the communities.

Child Care & Clean Water

The BCM Child Care Centre is a safe place for children whose parents are stonebreakers in the Hosur Bande quarry. The centre is also the base for an important water source established by BCM & Bright Futures which provide clean water for hundreds of families.

PAKISTAN PARTNER FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTRE INTERNATIONAL

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. Security challenges are ever present and access to clean water and medical care is difficult. In 2021, with responsibility for the in-country oversight of the program transferring from Pastor Nathaniel Barkat to his son Ps Cecil Barkat, a new partnership agreement was signed between Bright Futures and Faith Christian Centre International (FCCI).



Project Leader,
Cecil Barkat



'The help you have given is such a blessing to the people of Youngson Abad as they face great hardship. Thank you.'

Vocational Training Centre Opens

Following a year of research and planning it was with great excitement that FCCI & Bright Futures opened a new Vocational Training Centre in Youngson Abad. The Centre will provide young women with the means to gain skills to secure jobs or self-generated income. Young women without these skills are at great risk of being drawn into domestic service where conditions are harsh and abuse is prevalent.

Pandemic Impact

The impact of the pandemic continued to be felt in Youngson Abad and beyond throughout the year causing great hardship for people in the project area. While school was able to resume toward the end of 2021 the wider impacts on health and household poverty were sharply felt. FCCI continued to be engaged in emergency food assistance as resources allowed.

School-based Education

The school at Youngson Abad supported by Bright Futures and run by our partner FCCI was closed for significant periods of time as the waves of Covid came and went. The 2021 school years started well and with 255 students in attendance in years 1-9. What was particularly pleasing is that around 60% of students are girls. Support from Bright Futures donors enabled further important maintenance work to be undertaken on the school campus along with essential equipment.



Clean Water and Health

Provision of clean water continues to be an important activity of the partnership with up to 12,000 litres of clean water per day supplied to the community. The provision of clean water is an important health initiative benefitting students and many families.



KENYA PARTNER

DORCAS CREATION KENYA

Founded in 2012, the Bright Futures / Dorcas Creation partnership focuses on empowering women, men and children living in impoverished communities in Nairobi through access to vocational and business skills training and education for children. The partnership has a focus on building community capacity. In the 2021/2022 financial year expansion of disability services through Nawiri Mama has been significantly expanded.



Founder & Project
Leader: Jane Thuo

*'We thank God
for the
privilege of
helping people
in their quest to
break free of
poverty.'*



Nawiri Mama Project

Growth in the Nawiri Mama (Flourishing Mother) program is making a very significant difference in the lives of mothers of children with disabilities and the children themselves. Thanks to the support of Bright Futures donors, the program has been expanded for the next two-year providing opportunities for hundreds more women to receive basic therapy skills training so they can better assist their child's physical and cognitive capacity. A special highlight of the year was the presentation of certificates by the Australian High Commissioner to those mothers completing the program.

Dorcas Creation Empowerment Centre

Plans for the construction of the Dorcas Creation Empowerment Centre on land purchased in 2020 are well underway. Commencement of instruction is expected in the second half of 2022.

Vocational & Business Skills Training

Vocational and business skills training programs continued to be central to the empowerment initiatives of the partnership. While Covid impacted the delivery programs it also gave rise to the urban farming training and training of young people as self-reliance and sustainable food production became of critical.

Savings & Self-Help Groups

Meeting in groups of 20 women, these economic and social empowerment groups build confidence and economic capacity for more than 400 women each year.

School-based Education

Support for the education of children in the Mathare slum through WestWood School with 172 eager learners taking their first steps on the road to an education capable of changing their lives.



UGANDA PARTNER

BISHOP ONONO-ONWENG FOUNDATION



Founder/President:
Bishop Nelson
Onono-Onweng



Opiro Onono
CEO, BOOF

The Bright Futures / Bishop Onono-Onweng Foundation (BOOF) partnership was formed in 2010 at a time when people were returning to areas in Northern Uganda following the end of the civil war. The Lukodi region is the primary area from which the partnership operates. The village of Lukodi was an unofficial displacement camp during the war and the scene of a terrible terrorist attack in May 2004.



New Lukodi Health Centre

The Lukodi Health Centre (LHC), led by a Clinical Officer Chris, and supported by midwives moved into the new facilities in June 2022. The centre (pictured) provides primary health and maternity services in this area where historically many people die of preventable disease. Malaria, dengue and respiratory issues are prevalent. The new centre, provides both adult and paediatric wards and improved access and capacity.

Vaccinations

Vaccination programs through Lukodi Health Centre reach hundreds of adults, children & newborns each year. Treatment is also provided for HIV/AIDS patients.

Education

The support of Bright Futures donors continues to enable 24 children of South Sudanese refugees to receive secondary school education, clearly assisting their future life prospects.

Birthing Services

The maternity and birthing unit at LHC continues to provide a safe birthing environment for over 200 mothers and their babies each year. Babies receive vaccinations at birth and gains in survival rates for birthing mothers and babies continue to be seen.

Pandemic Impact

A significant impact of the pandemic has been the closure of schools with Uganda having one of the longest mandated school closures in the world. The danger presented by the pandemic has been great due to poor medical infrastructure and resources. Provision of personal protective equipment to health centre staff and food distributions have been significant parts of the emergency response.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia Ltd

ABN 76 803 488 074

Income and Expenditure Statement

	FYE 2022	FYE 2021
Revenue		
Donations and gifts - monetary	321,767	322,271
Grant Income - Australian Government stimulus	0	38,800
Investment income - interest	19	48
Other Income	2,337	5304
Total Revenue	324,123	366,423
Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	233,815	291,050
Program support costs	6,004	-
Fundraising costs - Public - newsletters/signage	7,747	1,964
Accountability and Administration	18,556	15,963
Commercial Activities	3,760	60
Employee Costs	38,971	52,086
Rent Expense	6,068	3,508
Depreciation	0	205
Other Expenses	0	0
Total Expenditure	314,921	364,836
Excess of revenue over expenditure	\$9,202	\$1,587

*The full audited financial report prepared by BDO Audit (SA) is publicly available on the Bright Futures website - www.brightfutures.com.au - and on the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) charity portal at www.acnc.gov.au
Copies also available by request to Bright Futures Office - P: 08 7225 7175 E: office@brightfutures.com.au*

WE WELCOME FEEDBACK

Bright Futures invites your feedback about any matters concerning our governance or operations. If there is a matter of concern to you our Complaints Policy can be found under "Policies" on the Bright Futures website. To lodge a complaint or provide other feedback, please contact Bright Futures Board Chair, Sarah Spiker M: +61 (0) 423 027 912 or CEO, Jack Snelling M: 0457 528 800 E: jack.snelling@brightfutures.com.au



A Journey & Blessing Shared

At Bright Futures we know only too well that the work we share with our partners can only be achieved thanks to the kindness of those who care and express that care. God bless you for your compassion and care which brings hope and opportunity to many in need.