

PARTNERS IN AID LTD

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MISSION STATEMENT

Formerly known as Action Aid Australia

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November 27th, 2009

Dear Friends of Partners in Aid,

Please find enclosed our Annual Report for 2009, which is a summary of the information presented at our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday October 6th, 2009.

As we continue to make every effort to keep administration costs to a minimum, we have provided you with this summary. Should you wish to receive a complete copy of the individual project reports, or Audited Financial Statements, please visit our website at www.partnersinaid.org.au (reports section) or contact the office.

Directors of Partners in Aid for the coming year are:

Chairperson:	Ms Anne-Marie Maltby
Deputy Chairperson:	Dr Roger Hughes
Secretary:	Ms Kristin Burdett
Treasurer:	Mrs Andrea Pickering

Committee Members:	Mrs Glenys Hughes
	Mrs Lyn Pickering
	Mr Ian Pickering
	Rev Chris Pittendrigh
	Ms Amanda Stone
	Dr Graham Moore
	Ms Mary Dunne

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Kristin Burdett
Honorary Secretary

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1. To undertake local community and economic development projects directed at improving the standard of living in rural areas in developing countries through environmentally sustainable approaches; and
2. To provide an opportunity for donors who wish to sponsor a child in a developing country to do so in a way that provides some direct assistance to the most disadvantaged families in a chosen rural community, but also facilitates development in the community as a whole.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The last 12 months has seen us continue our support of the two child sponsorship programs at SEDS and ABWU, and our project work in Bangladesh, India and Phillipines. For more specific information in relation to these programs and projects, please refer to the reports given at the AGM by the relevant co-ordinators, which are on our website (www.partnersinaid.org.au) and in the December newsletter.

India:

SEDS – Child Sponsorship Program
SEDS – Watershed Management and Community Development Project
ABWU – Child Sponsorship Program

Bangladesh:

TTIS – Technical Training and Information Support Project
Jamuna River Sandbar Peoples Development Project

Phillipines:

Sinangpad Healthy Village Project

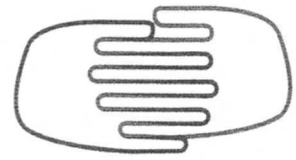
YOUR BOARD

Executive 3009/10

Honorary Chairperson:	Dr Anne-Marie Maltby
Honorary Deputy Chair:	Dr Roger Hughes
Honorary Secretary:	Ms Kristin Burdett
Honorary Treasurer:	Mrs Andrea Pickering

Board Members

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Honorary Chairperson's Report 2009

It is with great pleasure that I present the Partners in Aid Honorary Chairman's report for 2009. It has been a busy, at times frustrating, but ultimately rewarding year. We continue to pursue our goal of empowering disadvantaged communities through community development, education, skills training and enhancing the status of women.

Name Change

Much of the last year was spent in lengthy negotiation with Austcare and ActionAid International (AAI) regarding the name Action Aid Australia.

Many of you will know that we have used the name Action Aid Australia since the early 1980s when we entered into a partnership with ActionAid UK. Although the partnership has long finished, we had retained the use of the name since that time.

More recently, ActionAid UK formed partnerships in a number of other countries and eventually several amalgamated to become AAI. Some years ago we were approached by AAI to join the global network. This would have required us to become a larger, more bureaucratic organization with many paid staff and the board took the view that this was not the direction in which we wanted to go, nor the type of organisation that would suit our supporters.

As a result of our decision, AAI approached other Australian NGOs to join them, and Austcare agreed to an affiliation. For this purpose they wished to use the name ActionAid Australia.

As we had been established in Australia under our name for more than twenty years, we were initially extremely reluctant to relinquish the name, but recognised that this would stand in the way of AAI achieving a truly global presence. AAI and ourselves share the same aim – eradicating poverty and improving the lives of others but we work only at the grassroots level with local communities. AAI place more emphasis on influencing governments and international institutions, which we are clearly not in a position to do in any formal way.

We reached an amicable agreement with AAI whereby we gave up the rights to the name based on the 'greater good', rather than our personal attachment to the name.

We then needed to find and implement a new name for our organization, which encompassed our values and goals. The upside to this whole process was that we were able to take on a name that is a true reflection of who we are and what we do. It also removes us from the regular confusion where people associate us with the Action Aid international network, and therefore expect us to be a different type of organization.

We held several discussion groups with supporters with the aim being to understand supporter perceptions and identify related words and names.

In general terms, we found that what appeals to our supporters is that we are small and personal, focused on direct and tangible results and work effectively with our partners at the grassroots in their local communities. Supporters also like the fact that donations go directly to people in need rather than being used in Australia for unnecessary overheads.

The outcome of the process was our new name Partners in Aid which came into effect on 1st July. We have had excellent feedback from our supporters and overseas partners who believe this name reflects who we are and what we do.

We'd like to express our thanks to everyone who provided feedback, whether by attending discussion groups or writing, phoning or emailing with comments and support.

We are in the process of obtaining Trademark Registration for the name and logo.

New Board Member

Another great outcome from the name change process was the introduction of our newest board member Mary Dunne. Mary is a specialist in marketing and research and initially became involved when she volunteered to help with the name change process. We are immensely grateful for this as we had little expertise in this area. To our great relief, Mary was able to give us guidance and manage the process so that we achieved, not only a successful outcome with the name change, but a clearer understanding of our organisation's strengths and goals.

We have successfully persuaded Mary to remain with us as a board member and I would like to welcome her and look forward to continuing to take advantage of her experience and expertise.

Projects

Our projects are all going well as can be seen from the reports by our project coordinators. They have all provided their reports for project activities and achievements over the last year but I am including a very brief summary here.

The Sinangpad Healthy Village project in rural northern Philippines continues to assist communities to improve the environmental health conditions in their villages. Since its inception in 2007, 46 villages have taken part and currently 40 villages are successfully involved in the project. As well this year, a schools education program has been introduced to reinforce health messages to school children.

We have two projects in Bangladesh. The Technical Training and Information Support (TTIS) project continues to run very well. The aim of the project involves providing vocational skills (sewing, embroidery or hairdressing skills) to participants, empowering them in general, improving their socio-economic status and health. The emphasis is on providing direct assistance to women but the project is not exclusive to women. The project at the moment is working at encouraging stability in the training centres that already exist but the number of training centres continues to expand in accordance with the plan presented last year.

The Jamuna River Sandbar Peoples Development Project (JRDP) also continues to run successfully. The project operates in difficult conditions on a moving sandbar island in the Jamuna River with erosion at the upstream end of the island and deposition at the downstream end. The project maintains a relocatable school on the island. It also aims to produce cooperation within the community, predominantly through the formation of cooperative groups, which also function as savings groups. A TTIS centre operates on the island. Greater efficiency in coverage by the school, and when necessary in its relocation, could be achieved by increasing the number of schools on the island and it is hoped that such an expansion will be achieved in the coming years. During this year both these projects were visited by one of our Board members.

SEDS managed to arrange for 3 tanks to be desilting this year due to high levels of villager support and unexpected rains. They have continued to support women's self help groups and to promote health awareness through these village based organisations. The children sponsorship program is still going well. The project co-ordinators plan to visit SEDS in January 2010.

Projects and the child sponsorship program for the All Bengal Women's Union are doing well. They provide substantial assistance for the support, rehabilitation and vocational training of residential children and older girls. This year we have 86 sponsorships and, from this income and other donations, have been able to allocate monies for a number of their requirements in addition to their vocational training projects. In particular, we are pleased to have provided funding for a remedial teacher and for a professional trainer for the bakery project. Joy Handley will visit ABWU in March 2010.

Finances

We maintain a healthy and well monitored financial position which can be seen in the Treasurer's report.

General Activities

Website. To go with our new name, we have a new website which will be an increasingly valuable source of information and we hope to make it as comprehensive as possible. Our old website is maintained as a redirection site for us and the new ActionAid Australia. I would like to thank our board member, Kristin Burdett, for the enormous amount of work that she does with this on top of her position as our secretary.

Fundraising. Our main social fundraiser this year was the annual lunch in Bright run by Joy Handley which was again very successful and raised almost \$2,000. The World Food Day dinner has been postponed until March next year due to the arrival of Andrea and Geoff Pickering's new baby girl. I would like to congratulate them on the birth of Jasmine and thank them for bringing a second Partners in Aid member into the world. Given the amount of work required for the treasurer's position, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Andrea for doing this on top of running a business and caring for two young children.

Joy Handley

This year marks a milestone for us as it is the 25th year that Joy Handley has worked with Partners in Aid. She first became involved as the office manager with 'For Those Who Have Less' was part of the transition to 'Action Aid Australia' and continues as an Honorary Advisor.

Joy has been a tireless worker for us and for ABWU where she regards all and sundry as 'her girls' and it is obvious that she has also inspired much love, affection and gratitude from them. She has achieved great results in increasing the profile of our organisation and publicising the essential work of ABWU. Thanks to Joy's efforts, the Bright community have become significant contributors to ABWU and are held in very high regard by the volunteer women who care for the destitute girls at the home.

Joy has recently been honoured with a well deserved Rotary 'Caring and Sharing' award for her many years of devotion to helping others.

Many, many thanks Joy and also thank-you to the Bright Community for all of your support.

Board Changes

I have already mentioned Mary's appointment. Jess Fliegner has recently moved to the UK for a year with her new husband and, as result, has tendered her resignation. I would like to thank Jess for all of her hard work with the website and producing the newsletter and wish her all the best for her time overseas.

Thanks to All

I would also like to thank the many people who have helped us this year, whether it be folding newsletters, stuffing envelopes, donating their professional services or providing them at preferential rates. Without this support, it would be very difficult for our organisation to make such a positive impact in the overseas communities where our projects are located.

Given that the global financial situation has put many Australians' finances under pressure, I would particularly like to thank all of our members and supporters for their continued loyal support.

I would also like to thank all of the board for their hard work over the last year. I know that we all feel rewarded by how much is achieved by a small group of volunteers and their supporters, despite little corporate or government support.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Graham D.N. Dace F.C.A.
Ken K. Y. Kwong C.A.
Simon A. Eccles C.A.

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REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITORS

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Partners in Aid Limited.

SCOPE

We have audited the summarised financial report of Partners In Aid Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2009 in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the annual statutory financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members dated 24th September 2009. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report.



WATERS DACE PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants



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DANDENONG VIC 3175

Dated this 24th day of November 2009.

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2009**

	2009 \$	2008 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts	179,793	172,831
Legacies and bequests	0	0
Grants		
* AusAID	0	0
* Other Australian	0	0
* Other overseas	0	0
	1,120	1,745
Investment Income	25,000	0
Other Income	<u>205,913</u>	<u>174,576</u>
Total Revenue		
 EXPENSES		
Overseas projects	198,553	116,816
* Funds to overseas projects	0	0
* Other project costs	0	0
Domestic projects	0	0
Community education	0	0
Fundraising costs		
* Public	544	1,011
* government and multilaterals	0	0
	19,531	8,759
Administration	<u>218,628</u>	<u>126,586</u>
Total Expenses		
 Excess of revenue over disbursements (shortfall) from continuing operations	<u>(12,715)</u>	<u>47,990</u>

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT JUNE 30TH, 2009**

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	80,708	91,453
Financial Assets	10,000	10,000
Other	521	222
Receivables	65	0
Non Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	516	826
Total assets	<u>91,810</u>	<u>102,501</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and borrowings	3,023	999
Provisions	0	0
Non Current Liabilities		
Payables	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Liabilities	<u>3,023</u>	<u>999</u>
Net Assets	<u>88,787</u>	<u>101,502</u>
EQUITY		
Reserves	0	0
Funds available for future use	88,787	101,502
Total Equity	<u>88,787</u>	<u>101,502</u>

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2009**

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total
Balance at 30/6/08 (commencing balance)	101502	0	101502
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	-12715	0	-12715
Amount transferred (to) from reserves	0	0	0
Balance at 30/6/09 (year end balance)	88787	0	88787

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD
CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2009**

Not applicable for 2008/09

	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at end of year	Comments
Designated Purpose or Appeal A*					
Designated Purpose or Appeal B*					
Total for Other Purposes					
TOTAL					

**No single appeal or other form of fund raising for a designated purpose generated 10% of more of
total income for the period under review**