

UnitingWorld
connecting communities for life

RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2015 - JUNE 2016

OUR MISSION

The Relief and Development Unit of UnitingWorld mission is to connect people and church communities in Australia, the Pacific, Asia and Africa, so that the causes and consequences of poverty and injustice can be addressed through effective grassroots relief and development programs.

OUR VISION

Transformed communities, honouring God, experiencing hope and well-being, free from poverty and injustice, achieved through genuine and vibrant partnerships.

OUR VALUES

We commit to live and serve with overseas partners in God's mission, valuing:

PARTNERSHIP
We give generously and receive humbly, committing to long term change and growth.

FULLNESS OF LIFE
We believe the good news of Jesus means justice and hope for all, particularly for the oppressed and vulnerable.

MUTUAL RESPECT
We are sensitive to context, mindful of power imbalance; we recognise difference and embrace diversity.

INCLUSION
We actively seek equality for all, ensuring no discrimination due to age, culture, gender, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or social or political affiliation.

INTEGRITY
We are ethical, accountable and open in our relationships and work practices.

SUSTAINABILITY
We care for creation and build resources for the future.

"A GENEROUS PERSON WILL PROSPER; WHOEVER REFRESHES OTHERS WILL BE REFRESHED"

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

Cover Girls from Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea enjoy clean water from a tap near their homes.
Image by Jane Kennedy, UnitingWorld staff

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WHAT A YEAR

Thank you to all of our donors who have given so generously this year to UnitingWorld. Your support has helped our partner churches to continue their life changing work.

You have partnered with UnitingWorld in so many different ways through the past year, in one-off gifts, in bequests, in spreading the message in your local church, in volunteering with our partners overseas and praying for the work of our partners and the communities they serve. We are so thankful for the role you have played in transforming communities and in working towards a world free from poverty and injustice. Thank you for playing your part!

Image by Alex Baker, Solomon Islands





MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Having been a National Committee member since 2006 this last year represented my first full year as Chair of the UnitingWorld Relief and Development National Committee, a position that is a privilege and also a responsibility to hold.

I feel fortunate to be able to engage in the work of UnitingWorld Relief and Development at many different and varied levels and vantage points. From being involved with donors in our generous and supportive Uniting Church congregations, to our committed and valuable staff in the Sydney office, to our experienced and diligent board members, all the way through to our hard working and supportive partners in the countries and programs we support, it is a joy to be able to see the work of UnitingWorld in all of its many facets.

As we look to the future we have some exciting opportunities and challenges before us for the next twelve months and beyond. Significant time and effort will be invested in the renewing of our Strategic Plan and also meeting the requirements of accreditation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Each of these issues will plot a path forward for us for the next five years.

Reflecting on the last twelve months I need to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the National Committee who serve in the roles they fill. I also need to acknowledge the efforts of recently retired National Committee members and especially the many years of leadership, insight and wisdom that both Malcolm Gledhill and Ted Woodley have provided to the National Committee. Their contribution has been immense and their legacy of leadership will live on.

We also take this opportunity to thank Rob Floyd and his staff for the time, effort and investment of themselves that they give to the work of the Unit. We are very fortunate with the high quality team we have working for UnitingWorld and it gives the National Committee and I a great deal of energy, enthusiasm and optimism for the future as we all work and serve our partners together.

I commend the Annual Report to your reading and ask for your ongoing support.

Rev John Ruhle B Ag Ec, B Th, MAICD
Presbytery Minister for the Moreton Rivers Presbytery in the Qld Synod.



MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



During the last year UnitingWorld Relief and Development needed to call again upon the generosity of our Uniting Church supporters to assist us in responding to Cyclone Winston which devastated large parts of Fiji in February 2016. Our partner, the Methodist Church in Fiji, was quick to respond and UnitingWorld was pleased to provide funding for the immediate response and rebuilding.

This disaster, close on the heels of a similar cyclone in Vanuatu the year before, helped UnitingWorld to realise the need to develop our capacity to assist our partners, especially in the Pacific, to be better prepared for the disasters that are coming more frequently and with stronger intensity than ever before. UnitingWorld Relief and Development has invested in a staff position and developing policies and procedures to focus our work with our overseas partners in humanitarian responses when disasters strike and also in assisting their communities to be better prepared to survive major disasters should they happen again.

I am also delighted to note that this last year has seen significant growth in our work in gender equality and empowering women, especially in the Pacific. Working with our partners, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and our Australian donors, we have been able to grow the program and expand it across five Pacific Island nations.

Finally, working with our local partner Maha Bhoga Marga, we have opened a small office in Bali, Indonesia to better serve our partners in South East Asia. Our staff in Bali will assist our near neighbouring partners to share with and learn from each other, to develop stronger programs and to implement, monitor and evaluate our work more thoroughly and effectively.

I continue to be humbled by the care and concern you have shown to our partners and the work we undertake with them on your behalf. Your generous support continues to allow us to work with some of the poorest communities in the world. Thank you for your partnership with us in this important, transformative work.

Rob Floyd



OUR OVERSEAS PROGRAMS

The UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit works alongside our overseas development partners to bring about sustainable change in communities experiencing poverty and injustice. For change to take place, local communities need to be resourced so that the underlying causes of poverty can be addressed. It is crucial that the most vulnerable become the priority. UnitingWorld believes that supporting local partners undertaking grass-roots projects is the best way to see long term change. We work alongside our partners in four main program areas- Education, Health, Economic Empowerment and Social Empowerment. Over the past year we have also provided emergency relief in response to a number of disasters.

EDUCATION

We believe that all children have the right to a quality education in their local community. We are committed to helping our partners train teachers and librarians, to making sure children are equipped with the resources they need to learn and to raising community awareness of the importance of education. Education is a key factor in promoting sustainable change in local communities.

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

32 TEACHERS IN VANUATU
received leadership training

1,577 CHILDREN IN INDIA
received education support

106 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
in Sri Lanka gained access to education in mainstream schools

58 STUDENTS IN VANUATU
received training to become a librarian

13 VILLAGES IN NORTH INDIA
have participated in activities raising awareness of the importance of education

PROJECT STORY • EDUCATING FOR CHANGE

Community Development Program, Diocese of Durgapur, Church of North India

Can you imagine denying these two bright six year olds a place in school?

That's what happened recently to Samar and Sayna* in West Bengal. The girls had been eagerly attending a local education support centre run by our partner the Church of North India and were looking forward to starting at the local primary school. However when their parents were unable to produce their birth certificates, they were denied enrollment. Samar and Sayna are part of the Dalit community, where record keeping is difficult. The Caste system is still very present in parts of India, and while it is illegal to discriminate against the Dalit community, the school was able to use the lack of birth certificates as a reason to exclude these girls.

Community Development workers, trained through our partner, the Church of North India were able to step in and advocate for the girls. On the basis of the project staff recommendation, both the girls have now been admitted to the local school, where they are enthusiastically attending full time.

Our partner, the Church of North India was able to work alongside the local community to see grass-roots change take place. Our hope is that all children in West Bengal will have the same opportunity that Samar and Sayna have been given.

*Names have been changed.



Samar and Sayna attend school in West Bengal with the support of our partner, the Church of North India.
Image by Nita Pyne, North India Durgapur staff

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Economic Empowerment is a crucial ingredient for seeing grassroots change in communities. By supporting income generating activities, financial services and financial literacy our partners seek to empower poor people to leave behind the cycle of poverty. Empowering families economically, can also lead to long term improvements in health and education.

MICROFINANCE **MARY AND HER LITTLE...GOATS**

Mary lives in Muzarabani, Zimbabwe and is a member of one of the local goat rearing income generation groups.

When asked about the most significant change she has experienced as a result of her participation in the group Mary responded, "Ever since I joined the goat project my family has never lacked food and my children are attending school every term. I can now pay for their school fees and buy school stationery without any problems. My household income is now better. This change in my household livelihood started when I joined the goat project. I started to have a renewed mind and things became better."

The project began when UnitingWorld partner MeDRA identified the most vulnerable in the community through local community consultation. Those invited to participate in the group began by undertaking training in the REFLECT methodology which opened a new way of thinking. The group analysed their communities and identified the best small group business for their context. MeDRA then assisted the group to construct the necessary livestock shelters, supplied the initial livestock and feed, while also facilitating technical support in goat rearing and small business management.

Mary's group keep goats, care for them as they grow and then sell a proportion at market while ensuring good stock is retained for breeding purposes. "When we have done the sells, we calculate our gains and share equally among the group members the profits." All members of the group access an equal proportion of the profits regardless of gender, age or other factor.

"The change has brought peace in my life. I am a proud mother who can easily take care of my family without any major challenges. I have continuous income from the project," says Mary.



Woman who is part of an income generating group in Muzarabani, Zimbabwe. **Image by** Bronwyn Fraser, UnitingWorld staff

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

413 **PEOPLE IN SRI LANKA**
have participated in vocational or income generating training

68 **WOMEN IN INDONESIA**
received a micro credit loan

113 **PEOPLE IN SRI LANKA**
have received a micro credit loan, including 25 war widows.

97 **PEOPLE IN ZIMBABWE**
participated in income generating activities such as raising pigs and goats



JESUS IS THE WORD MADE FLESH.
IN HIM SPEAKING AND ACTING WERE ONE.
Henri Nouwen

Nethmi* is making a living sewing clothing in Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka. Our partner, the Methodist Church of Sri Lanka, work alongside women with disabilities to create livelihoods. (*name changed) **Image by** Dan Buckingham, UnitingWorld staff

SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT

To make a lasting change to the lives of people living in poverty, issues of inequality, injustice and powerlessness must be addressed. The programs we support through our partners in the Pacific, Asia and Africa are engaging ethnic minorities, indigenous people, families, women and people with disabilities, to empower the powerless. Social empowerment can lead to real change as people are able to gain control over their lives now and into the future.

PARTNERING WOMEN FOR CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC

UnitingWorld's Partnering Women for Change (PW4C) Program is an innovative program that seeks to address gender inequality through working with churches. It challenges and transforms traditional views of gender and inequality by engaging with churches from a shared faith perspective and through long-term relationship. Gender Equality Theology (GET) is being shared with church leaders and communities. The PW4C program is empowering women through leadership, confidence building and economic independence. The positive and influential role that churches play in the Pacific is being used to break down gender barriers and engage in life changing dialogue with local communities. The ground breaking nature of the PW4C program has also been recognised by the Australian government, opening up more opportunities for funding into the future.

STORY OF CHANGE • PS SOPHIE BREAKING NEW GROUND IN VANUATU



Ps Sophie is part of the PW4C Program in Vanuatu. **Image by** Bronwyn Fraser, UnitingWorld Staff

On the small, remote Island of Ambrym in Vanuatu, UnitingWorld Partners the Presbyterian Women's Mission Union (PWMU) facilitate a Gender and Leadership workshop with the representatives from across all the communities on the Island as part of the Partnering Women for Change (PW4C) Program. In the region there was one female Pastor, Ps Sophie. Ps Sophie is one of a handful of female Ministers in the whole of the Presbyterian Church Vanuatu. The workshop raised awareness of violence against women and challenged the community to move towards gender equality by opening opportunities for women to hold roles of leadership within the church and community. At the end of the workshop, the regional presbytery met and elected Ps Sophie as their new leading Minister, nominated and seconded by two of the male church Ministers who attended the training. Ps Sophie is the first female Minister in the PCV to even hold a position of leadership at this level. In a training event with the PCV on the Gender Equality Theology facilitated earlier this year, Ps Sophie commented that she had been training women in her community in preaching and leadership and that the training that she had just received would support and enable her to plan and implement similar training in her communities, continuing to break ground in gender equality.



Women near Sarenga, West Bengal gather to tell stories of the way Self Help Groups are increasing income, improving health and encouraging ongoing education for all. **Image by** Cath Taylor, UnitingWorld Staff

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

228 **WOMEN IN KIRIBATI** participated in training about gender equality and healthy relationships

64 **CHURCH LEADERS IN THE PACIFIC** participated in Gender Equality Theology (GET) Training

IN SARENGA AND DURGAPUR, NORTH INDIA **121** people accessed government schemes and pensions

IN SRI LANKA **170** people with disabilities were provided with leadership training and self–reliance skills development

HEALTH, WATER AND SANITATION

Improving health conditions and access to sanitation is a key part of eliminating poverty in communities. UnitingWorld remains strongly committed to helping our partners work with their local communities to make this happen. Through the past year UnitingWorld has worked alongside our partners to increase access to quality, long term health care, train health care professionals, organise community led activities to raise awareness of the links between sanitation and health and to improve water supplies in remote communities.



STORY OF CHANGE **WASH CAMPAIGN**

This year, our partners the United Church in Papua New Guinea worked with the International Water Centre to develop a Behaviour Change campaign based on handwashing with soap as the behaviour in focus. A local artist was engaged and four remote communities consulted in the process of creating the campaign that includes songs in local languages, posters and training. Behaviour Change as an approach is different to education alone as it seeks to attach health messages to triggers such as routines or daily habits and factors such as community leaders modelling the changes and reinforcing their importance.

The resource and accompanying toolkit was acknowledged as being a fresh and innovative approach at the International WASH Conference in Brisbane in May 2016. The roll out of the campaign has begun and will continue into next year. The hope is that through this campaign there will be a reduction in hygiene related illnesses that can be debilitating and have a significant impact on health.

9,728 PEOPLE
in remote communities in Vanuatu accessed dental and eye health services

1,300 PEOPLE
in Bali and Zimbabwe received access to clean water through the construction of 32 wells

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

20
SOUTH SUDANESE
women completed training to become registered midwives

154
ventilated improved pit latrines improved sanitation for people in Bali and Zimbabwe



Image by Alex Baker, Durgapur, India

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Over the past year UnitingWorld has assisted our partners support their local communities through a number of natural disasters and emergencies. We have significantly increased the way we have been able to respond to our partners needs through both the appointment of a new staff member to manage this area of our work, as well as through working more closely with other local partners and ACT alliance members. As well as helping our partners in the aftermath of disasters UnitingWorld is also assisting our partners to build their own capacity to respond.



Women from the Methodist Church in Fiji packing boxes of supplies in Suva to be sent to areas affected by Cyclone Winston.

Cyclone Winston disaster recovery planning.

Provided by The Methodist Church in Fiji, authorized by Rev. James Bhagwan

CYCLONE WINSTON DEVASTATES FIJI

Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Winston cut a path of destruction across Fiji in February 2016. 43 people died and many more were injured. 62,000 people were displaced, needing shelter and assistance. UnitingWorld's goal was to assist our partner, the Methodist Church in Fiji , in providing them with initial resources for the emergency response, as well as longer term assistance to repair and rebuild damaged health, education and community facilities.

Some of the activities UnitingWorld has been able to assist with are:

- Providing tools and materials to re-establish subsistence livelihoods
- Appropriately disposing of cyclone debris
- Repairing and rebuilding schools and health clinics

$632, 839 has been raised through the Cyclone Winston Emergency Appeal

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

UNITINGWORLD PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO OUR PARTNERS THROUGH A NUMBER OF EMERGENCIES OVER THE PAST YEAR.

These emergencies included;

- Floods in Tamil Nadu state, India – December 2015
- Tropical Cyclone Pam, Vanuatu
- El Nino Famine, Papua New Guinea
- Cyclone Winston, Fiji

"AT THE HEART OF PARTNERSHIP IS RELATIONSHIP. IT IS ABOUT GIVING AND RECEIVING"

Sef Carroll, UnitingWorld

Image by Alex Baker, Solomon Islands

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT - BUILDING CAPACITY

In each way that UnitingWorld engages with our partners, we aim to build capacity. Our goal is for our partners to continually improve how they are able to serve their local communities. We are committed to improving the way we monitor and report throughout all our work as well as to improving the way our programs incorporate the key areas of child protection, human rights, and gender and disability inclusion.

A WIN FOR INCLUSION IN ZIMBABWE

UnitingWorld has continued to partner with Methodist Development and Relief Agency (MeDRA) in Zimbabwe. MeDRA is continuing to work with local communities to increase access to improved water sources and sanitation facilities in very remote areas. Through the support of our partnership, project staff at MeDRA participated in a four-day capacity building workshop, with a focus on report and proposal writing skills for local staff. Through this partnership, MeDRA has embraced an inclusive approach to all of their work. All aspects of projects now include disability friendly outcomes, such as the building of disabled toilets where needed and there is a greater than ever representation of women being involved in MeDRA's work.

EVALUATION – PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

We believe that ongoing monitoring and evaluation is crucial to the success of all our projects and partnerships. Over the past year, seven project evaluations have been undertaken;

- Mother and Child Support Service in Port Moresby
- PNG Church Partnership Program Phase 2
- Evaluation of United Church PNG systems and processes
- Vanuatu Church Partnership Program
- South Sudan Midwives Training Program
- Deaflink in Sri Lanka
- Beyond Barriers in Sri Lanka

BUILDING OUR PARTNERS' CAPACITY

We are a partner driven agency. It is our partners that know their local communities the best; they have the best understanding of local issues, have the trust of the local people and know what is most needed. By building our partners capacity we firmly believe that the impact for marginalised communities can be maximised. Some of the ways this has happened is by:

- A Regional Partners' workshop was held in Durgapur, India in March 2016. Partner churches have reported that as a result of the workshops there is an increased understanding of the importance of child protection and inclusion policies, as well as increased project management skills
- Four regional learning and networking events in Fiji and Sri Lanka, as UnitingWorld increases its focus on working regionally with our partners



Indian woman from livelihood project in West Bengal, India
Image by Alex Baker

ENGAGING AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES

Through growing engagement and support UnitingWorld is empowering Australian communities and people within the Uniting Church especially, to be effective global partners in the fight against poverty, injustice and inequality. Through building relationships and facilitating opportunities for learning we hope to encourage people to think about how they can respond as people of faith to our partners overseas and the communities in which they work.

This year:

- 355 congregations participated in Lent Event 2016
- 1,516 people participated in Lent Event 2016
- $292,630.30 was raised for the work of UnitingWorld through Lent Event 2016
- Our Annual One World WonTok Youth Poverty and Development Conference reached 505 students from 45 church schools
- 120 church groups held gift stalls in the lead up to Christmas
- Staff and partners shared the work of UnitingWorld at more than 60 speaking events
- A nine year old UnitingWorld supporter raised over $2,500 to purchase four wells in Zimbabwe and was interviewed on Channel 10's 'The Project'

> "THERE WILL BE A COST, YET IT IS BY LIVING IN THIS COSTLY WAY OF LOVE THAT WE WILL BE DRAWN INTO THE HEART OF GOD."
>
> With love to the World, Vol 14.6
> Rev Michael Earl

SCHOOL STUDENTS PASSIONATE FOR CHANGE

Uniting Church schools and school communities are deeply motivated to act against injustice and help alleviate poverty around the world. Our aim is to help Uniting Church schools achieve this and for students to become young advocates for effective global development.

Over the past year, 12 Uniting Church schools contributed $16,431 towards alleviating poverty around the world. The generosity and legacy of this group is encouraging to see.



Students at Wontok youth conference on poverty and global development May 2016
Image by Marcus Campbell, UnitingWorld Staff

WHERE DO WE WORK



EDUCATION PROGRAM

1 **Early Childhood Education**, Tonga
2 **Tribal Education**, India-Amritsar
3 **Tribal Education**, India-Durgapur

HEALTH PROGRAM

4 **Mobile Health Clinics**, Solomon Islands
5 **Eye Care**, Fiji
6 **Health Clinics**, Timor
7 **Midwifery School**, Kenya
8 **Village Water, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project**, PNG

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

9 **Community Livelihood**, Philippines
10 **Microfinance – NTT**, West Timor
11/12 **Papua Livelihood/ Walihole HIV Clinic**, West Papua
13 **Women's Empowerment**, Indonesia
14 **MAP Maluku**, Indonesia-Maluku
15 **GPM Maluku**, Indonesia
16 **Beyond Barriers towards Social Cohesion**, Sri Lanka
17 **MCSL Deaf Link Inclusive Education and Vocational Training**, Sri Lanka
18 **MeDRA Livelihoods, WASH and Peacebuilding**, Zimbabwe

PARTNERING WOMEN FOR CHANGE (PW4C) PROGRAM

19 **Women's Livelihoods, Health & Wellbeing**, Solomon Islands
20 **Gender, Health and Women's Wellbeing**, Vanuatu
21 **Women's Empowerment and Wellbeing**, Fiji
22 **Pilot Gender Project**, Tuvalu
23 **Kiribati Nutrition, Income and Food Security Project**, Kiribati
24 **Pacific Regional Program,** Various Pacific
25 **Pacific Office,** Various Pacific

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

26 **DFAT Church Partnership**, PNG
27 **DFAT CPP Mother and Child Support Program**, PNG
28 **Vanuatu Program (post CPP)**, Vanuatu
29 **CAN / SICA Collaboration**, Solomon Islands

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

30 **TC Pam**, Vanuatu
31 **PNG Famine**, PNG
32 **Cyclone Winston**, Fiji

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE



JOHN RUHLE BAgEc, BTh, MAICD

John is a former rural bank manager and lay education and discipleship facilitator. John spent time as a volunteer in central India and has since been involved with exposure and monitoring and evaluation visits to UnitingWorld projects in Asia. He is the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Minister in Queensland.



MARGARET WATT BA (Hons.), DipEd

Margaret has been Chief of Staff to three politicians over 17 years including the Hon. Bob McMullan when he was Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance from 2007 – 2010. Margaret currently serves on several boards and has been Chair of the Church Council at Canberra City Uniting Church, where she has been an active member for more than ten years.



ROB FLOYD BSci (Hons.) DipEd, GradDipEd, GradDipIntlDev, GAICD

Rob has been National Director of UnitingWorld and Director of the Relief and Development Unit since May 2014. Previously he was the Associate Director Relief and Development, a role which saw his overseeing all of UnitingWorld's emergency relief and community development programs.



DAVID HODGES BA, BLEG, LLM, GDipEd, GAICD, JP

Following a public service career of approximately 15 years David worked for almost two decades as a lawyer in private practice principally in the commercial, corporate and government enterprise sectors, including over six years as a partner with a leading national firm. Subsequently David served as a director in the agribusiness sector, taking a particular interest in governance, strategy setting and policy development. An active member of various UCA congregations for over 30 years, David currently serves on the NSW/ACT Synod Risk Oversight Committee and the Board of Margaret Jurd College.



COLLEEN GEYER BTh, GCELead, DipTeach, Cert IV WTA

Colleen Geyer has worked for the Uniting Church and its agencies since 1995 holding positions at state and national level, including Director of Mission at UnitingCare Queensland, Associate Director at UnitingCare Australia, and National Consultant for the Assembly Gospel and Gender Unit.

Since becoming Assembly General Secretary, Colleen has sought to improve national cooperation and resource-sharing across the Uniting Church.



PAUL WAIT MA

Paul is a transport economist with some 40 years' experience consulting in Australia and overseas. He has been responsible for the economic assessment of a number of large infrastructure projects and for providing strategic and regulatory advice in numerous jurisdictions. His experience in some dozen developing countries has involved multiple agencies and governments in Asia, the Pacific region, the Middle East and the Caribbean. He graduated in philosophy, politics and economics from the University of Oxford. Before he retired, Paul was a director with PwC and before that, a director with Saha International and a Technical Director with Booz Allen Hamilton. Between 2004 and 2006, he was a board member of Employment Plus, the Salvation Army's government-funded employment agency. Paul is a member of Killara Uniting Church.



MARGARET HARVIE BA AppSc

Margaret is a Director of a consultancy that provides planning and community engagement advice and services to government and the private sector. She is an Associate at the University of Technology Sydney and an Associate of the Civil Service College, Singapore. She trains others in the skills to effectively communicate and encourage the public to participate in creating plans for services, infrastructure and land use. In addition to her work in Australia she has been involved with projects to assess social, economic and planning impacts on communities in China, Malaysia, Laos and has delivered training in Singapore, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea.



JAMES BATLEY BA (Hons.), PSM

James has over 30 years' experience in international diplomacy and development including positions such as Deputy Secretary of DFAT; Deputy Director-General of AusAID; Australian High Commissioner to Fiji (and Permanent Representative to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat); Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands; Special Coordinator of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI); Australian Ambassador to East Timor; as well as diplomatic positions in Beirut, Lebanon; Jakarta, Indonesia; Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea; and Port Vila, Vanuatu. He graduated from the University of Sydney in 1982 and was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2002. He currently works at the Australian National University.



WENDY SUMA BTh, DipCC

Wendy has worked in community development programs in Australia and overseas including women and children's' protection, education and refugee support and humanitarian entrant housing. Wendy also brings a grassroots perspective to the National Committee through her current role as Community Building Programs Manager at the Uniting Church's Wayside Chapel in Sydney, through which she serves people with complex needs.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The financial year July 2015 to June 2016 was another strong result for UnitingWorld Relief and Development.

We were pleased to see that our partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) remains strong, and our DFAT funding grew in this financial year with support for a new initiative in the Pacific addressing violence against women and gender equality.

Donations from our Australian constituency remained strong. As in the previous year when we responded to Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu and the Nepal Earthquake, our humanitarian response to Cyclone Winston in Fiji saw us receive very significant support from our donors.

We continue to be most grateful to our supporters for their generous donations to our work, including those who have graciously chosen to provide for our overseas partners and programs through their estate planning.

The Relief and Development Unit endeavours to be accountable and transparent in its reporting of how we expend the funds we receive. Total direct expenditure on overseas programs was 86.3% of all expenditure for the year. A small increase in program support costs was incurred because UnitingWorld has now opened two small offices, one in the Pacific and one in South East Asia to better support our partners, provide capacity building for them and assist in monitoring their work.

We spent almost $86,000 on education in Australia, a significant proportion of which involves working with schools and other Uniting Church groups to help them become more aware of the world in which they live. We help students understand the realities of poverty, injustice and inequality and the ways we can assist communities across the world to enjoy a higher quality of life.

The balance of our expenditure, $0.76 million funded our other organisational costs.

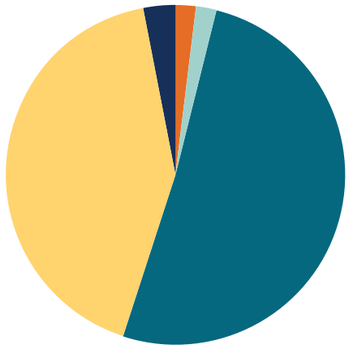
This year the Unit has further strengthened its staffing to improve our monitoring and evaluation of our work as well as to assist us in preparing for our DFAT re-accreditation in 2017.

The financial information that follows has been extracted from statutory financial statements. It is consistent with these statements notwithstanding the technical language and contents.

The statutory financial statements have been audited and are available on request.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

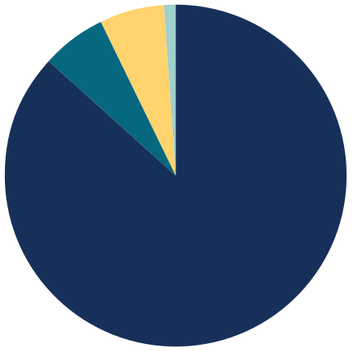
YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2016



- **51%** Grants
- **42%** Donations
- **3%** Bequest and legacies
- **2%** Investment Income
- **2%** Other Income

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2016



- **86%** International Programs
- **6%** Accountability & Administration
- **6%** Fundraising Costs
- **2%** Community Education

2015-2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

Revenue	30 JUNE 2016	30 JUNE 2015
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	2,587,124	2,741,260
Non Monetary	–	–
Bequests and Legacies	151,075	672,449
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3,163,091	2,983,391
Other Australian	–	–
Other Overseas	–	–
Investment Income	112,362	157,056
Realised gain on sale of financial assets	–	–
Other Income	134,175	388,758
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	–	–
Total revenue	**6,147,827**	**6,942,914**

Expenditure	30 JUNE 2016	30 JUNE 2015
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	4,420,352	4,619,231
Program support costs	899,672	734,050
Community education	85,850	15,230
Fundraising costs		
Public	386,849	377,858
Government, multilateral and private	–	–
Accountability & administration	370,710	388,479
Non-Monetary Expenditure	–	–
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	**6,163,433**	**6,134,848**
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	–	–
Domestic programs expenditure	–	–
Total expenditure	**6,163,433**	**6,134,848**
Excess/(Shortfall) Of Revenue Over Expenditure	**(15,606)**	**808,066**
Amounts recycled to profit and loss on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	–	(126,844)
Net fair value gain/(loss) on available-for-sale financial assets	–	47,371
Total other comprehensive income/(deficit) for the period	**–**	**(79,473)**
Total comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the period	**(15,606)**	**728,593**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

Assets	30 JUNE 2016	30 JUNE 2015
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,705,709	4,749,125
Trade & other receivables	63,741	116,417
Prepayments	23,237	10,464
Inventories	–	–
Assets held for sale	–	–
Other financial assets	–	–
Total Current Assets	**4,792,687**	**4,876,006**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade & other receivables	–	–
Other financial assets	–	–
Property, plant and equipment	15,998	21,418
Investment Property	–	–
Intangibles	–	–
Other non current assets	–	–
Total Non-Current Assets	**15,998**	**21,418**
Total Assets	**4,808,685**	**4,897,424**
Liabilities		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & other payables	44,754	139,882
Borrowings	–	–
Current tax liabilities	–	–
Other financial liabilities	–	–
Provisions	64,187	47,333
Other	–	–
Total Current Liabilities	**108,941**	**187,215**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	–	–
Other financial liabilities	–	–
Provisions	30,005	24,864
Other	–	–
Total Non-Current Liabilities	**30,005**	**24,864**
Total Liabilities	**138,946**	**212,079**
Net Assets	**4,669,739**	**4,685,345**
Equity		
RESERVES	–	–
RETAINED EARNINGS		
General fund	763,255	600,912
Designated fund	444,916	622,402
Endowment fund	150,890	105,123
Specific fund	3,310,678	3,356,908
Total Equity	**4,669,739**	**4,685,345**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Special Fund	Endowment Fund	Financial Asset Reserve	TOTAL
Balance as at 1 July 2014	**501,482**	**928**	**3,355,815**	**19,000**	**79,473**	**3,956,752**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	99,430	621,420	1,093	86,123	–	808,066
Transfers from/(to) Funds & Reserves	–	–	–	–	–	–
Amounts recycled to profit and loss on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	–	–	–	–	(126,844)	(126,844)
Net change in fair value of available for sale financial assets	–	–	–	–	47,371	47,371
Total other comprehensive income / (deficit) for the period	99,430	621,420	1,093	86,123	(79,473)	728,593
Balance as at 30 June 2015	**600,912**	**622,402**	**3,356,908**	**105,123**	**–**	**4,685,345**
Balance as at 1 July 2015	**600,912**	**622,402**	**3,356,908**	**105,123**	**–**	**4,685,345**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	162,343	(177,486)	(46,230)	45,767	–	(15,606)
Transfers from/(to) Funds and Reserves	–	–	–	–	–	–
Amounts recycled to profit and loss on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net change in fair value of available for sale financial assets	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total other comprehensive income/(deficit) for the period	162,343	(177,486)	(46,230)	45,767	–	(15,606)
Balance as at 30 June 2016	**763,255**	**444,916**	**3,310,678**	**150,890**	**–**	**4,669,739**

TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

Name of Program	Cash available at beginning of financial year	Cash raised during financial year	Cash disbursed during financial year	Cash available at end of financial year
DFAT ANCP	–	1,326,684	1,326,684	–
DFAT Vanuatu Church Partnership	–	288,328	288,328	–
DFAT PNG Church Partnership	–	1,595,093	1,595,380	9,713
Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Response	373,509	35,408	370,516	38,401
PNG Elnino Appeal	–	365,615	194,310	171,305
All other	4,375,616	2,864,544	2,753,870	4,486,290
Total	**4,749,125**	**6,475,672**	**6,519,088**	**4,705,709**

DECLARATION BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DECLARATION BY THE UNITINGWORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL COMMITTEE
for the year ended 30 June 2016

In accordance with a resolution of the UnitingWorld Relief & Development National Committee we state that, as set out on pages 3 to 23:

(a) in the Committee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Unit will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and

(b) in the Committee's opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Unit.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the National Committee made pursuant to s.60.15 of the Australian *Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.*

On behalf of the National Committee

John Ruhle
Chairperson

Sydney
27 September 2016

David Hodges
Committee Member

Sydney
27 Sepember 2016

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Alison Cooke, Director of Australian Partnerships

Deloitte.

Report of the Independent Auditor on the UWRD Summary Report to the National Committee of UnitingWorld Relief and Development and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The accompanying UWRD Summary Report (stamped for identification purposes), prepared by UnitingWorld Relief and Development, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and table of cash movements for designated purposes for the period ended 30 June 2016 is derived from the General Purpose Financial Report – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of UnitingWorld Relief and Development for the period ended 30 June 2016. We expressed an unqualified auditor's opinion on that financial report in our auditor's report dated 27 September 2016. The financial report and the UWRD Summary Report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on that financial report.

The UWRD Summary Report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards. Reading the UWRD Summary Report, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of UnitingWorld Relief and Development.

The National Committee's Responsibility for the financial information

The National Committee of UnitingWorld Relief and Development are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the UWRD Summary Report in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the UWRD Summary Report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.*

Opinion

In our opinion, the UWRD Summary Report derived from the audited financial report of UnitingWorld Relief and Development for the period ended 30 June 2016 is consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that the UWRD Summary Report has been prepared to satisfy information requirements of the National Committee of UnitingWorld Relief and Development and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As a result, the UWRD Summary Report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the National Committee of UnitingWorld Relief and Development and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or the National Committee of UnitingWorld Relief and Development.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

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David Black
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Parramatta, 27 September 2016

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD CALLS US TO WORK TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD

Rev Elenor Poulos, Uniting Justice, UCA



Solomon Islands sunset **Image by** Alex Baker



ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEMBERSHIP

ACFID MEMBER

The UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct, against which we review our compliance annually, sets high standards in relation to how we are governed and managed, how we communicate with the public and how our funds are used.

www.acfid.asn.au

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We are a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of relief and development agencies working in over 140 countries.
Membership expands our capacity to respond to humanitarian emergencies in a well-coordinated and effective way. It also increases our ability to raise and direct donations from our supporters in response to emergencies across the world.

www.actalliance.org

Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

We are fully accredited with the Australian Government as part of the Australian Aid Program. Each year we gratefully receive several grants from DFAT which are described within this report.

www.dfat.gov.au

The UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit has a process for handling complaints. Our full complaints policy appears on our website. If you would like to lodge a complaint or give any other feedback, please email complaints@unitingworld.org.au or phone (02) 8267 4456.

We are committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct. Should you wish to lodge a complaint against the UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit for breach of the Code, please email ACFID at complaints@acfid.asn.au or phone (02) 6285 1816.

The Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the 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

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