

**ANNUAL REPORT**

# **RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT UNIT**

**JULY 2014 – JUNE 2015**



**UnitingWorld**  
connecting communities for life



# OUR MISSION

The UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit works through partnerships with churches in Asia, Africa and the Pacific to call and connect the Uniting Church in Australia to active participation in enabling communities to address the causes and consequences of poverty, injustice and violence through effective 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

Informed by our Christian faith, we commit to live and serve with overseas partners in God's mission, valuing:

## PARTNERSHIP

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

## FULLNESS OF LIFE

We believe the good news of Jesus means justice and hope for all, particularly for those who are oppressed or vulnerable.

## MUTUAL RESPECT

We're sensitive to context, mindful of power imbalance; we recognise difference and celebrate diversity.

## INCLUSION

We actively promote equity 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.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR

# CHAIRPERSON



Welcome to UnitingWorld Relief and Development's Annual Report, covering the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

It is with great pleasure that I accepted the role of Chairperson for the Relief and Development Unit following Dr Sureka Goringe's move to Associate Director for our Church Connections Unit in December 2014.

I've been an active member of our National Committee since 2006 and am deeply proud of the work UnitingWorld has achieved, working alongside our overseas partners as they support men, women, girls and boys in some of the world's poorest communities – together overcoming the systems that perpetuate poverty and injustice.

This financial year saw the adoption of a new Strategic Plan for UnitingWorld, spanning 2014 - 2017. This plan builds on the work and achievements of previous years, strengthening our commitment to our partners and building their capacity for long term, sustainable development.

Our four program areas remain Education, Health, Economic Empowerment and Social Empowerment (including our Pacific based Partnering Women for Change program) with the cross cutting themes of Human Rights, Disability Inclusion and Gender running throughout all we do.

Geographically, we are committed to our long term partnerships in Africa, the Pacific and Asia, with particular focus on projects in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tonga, Indonesia, Timor Leste, The Philippines, North India, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and South Sudan.

We are committed not only to funding and supporting our partners' development programs and humanitarian responses, but to assisting the strategic planning and policies that underpin their work. In particular, we supported partners to strengthen their child protection policies, and supported regional networking opportunities to share our learning, experiences and expertise. I'm particularly proud of the regional networking that's been achieved this year, and the lead UnitingWorld has taken on promoting women's empowerment and leadership across our Pacific partners through the development of gender strategy and gender theology resources.

As always, our work with our overseas church partners has only been possible thanks to the shared commitment of our Uniting Church community here in Australia, the continued funding support we've received from the Australian Government and to the support we've received from the Australian Council for International Development.

Likewise, my heartfelt thanks to the staff at UnitingWorld, particularly the Relief and Development team led by Associate Director Matthew Tyne, to our volunteers and my fellow members of the National Committee— together we are honouring our commitment towards a fairer, more just world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ruhle'.

**Rev John Ruhle**  
Chair, National Committee



## MESSAGE FROM OUR

# DIRECTOR



Marred by conflict and natural disasters for so many of our overseas partners, the 2014/15 financial year saw significant increases in the support UnitingWorld Relief and Development was able to provide for our partners.

Due to both the urgent need of communities affected by Tropical Cyclone Pam and the generous response of Australian donors, we were able to reach more than 40,000 people in need over the period, supporting our partners on the ground to provide immediate humanitarian relief and in the rebuilding of health and education facilities.

Alongside our Disaster Recovery Response to six separate emergencies, we steadily delivered our long term development programs, working with our project partners to provide more than 3000 people in remote communities with participatory community health awareness and access to sanitation facilities. We provided over 500 people with micro-loans in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, and over 9,800 people, the majority of whom were women, with access to financial services, financial literacy training and income generation support in Zimbabwe, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, PNG and Fiji.

Despite the impact of Cyclone Pam, more than 12,000 people in remote communities throughout Vanuatu received dental and eye care treatment throughout the period, and remarkably, in-service teacher training continued for teachers, librarians and principals – many travelling from remote communities to Port Vila for planned in-service training in the weeks following the cyclone. When I need lessons on resilience, I turn to our overseas church partners. Their patience and perseverance in times of hardship never cease to inspire me.

Our Education Programs continued to strengthen, with more than 1,700 girls and boys in North India receiving education support over the period, and children with disabilities in Tonga and Sri Lanka accessing inclusive education opportunities in both specialist units and mainstream classrooms. For many of these children, this was the very first time they'd received formal education.

Having now spent over 18 months in the role of National Director (moving from Associate Director of UnitingWorld Relief and Development in April 2014) it has been both an inspiring and challenging year. I have met with representatives of many of our 35 overseas church partners; sharing our stories and experiences.

Just after the financial year in July 2015, we were able to repay some of the hospitality so often shown me, by hosting around 40 overseas guests at the Uniting Church in Australia's Triennial Assembly in Perth. As always, I was reminded of the strength we have when we work together.

More than ever, I'm convinced that our partnership approach – the genuine connection between the Uniting Church in Australia and our overseas church partners and our shared vision of peaceful, inclusive communities – is a strong one.

Thank you for your role in this unique partnership – for supporting us financially, for talking about our work in your congregations and community, displaying our brochures, sharing our videos, holding Everything in Common Gift Stalls and participating in Lent Event. For all that you do to support the work of our overseas partners and the UnitingWorld team – please accept my heartfelt thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rob Floyd'.

**Rob Floyd**  
National Director

# 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.

We are committed to providing assistance to communities where help is most needed, regardless of their religious background, political and cultural beliefs. Working side-by-side with our partners enables us to help build their capacity and this maximises the impact for communities.

Our four program areas are Education, Health, Economic Empowerment and Social Empowerment. In July 2014 – June 2015, we also supported our overseas partners and other ACT Alliance members to respond to disasters and conflicts through six emergency relief efforts.

## EDUCATION

Access to education is a fundamental human right, yet many children around the world, particularly those with disabilities, do not receive the education they deserve.

We are committed to providing access to education for children and young people living in marginalised communities and to raise community awareness about the importance of education. Our education projects focus on training teachers, principals and librarians, enabling them to improve the education of their students.

*From July 2014 - June 2015:*

- **861 girls** and **720 boys** in **India** were provided with tutorial assistance and educational materials
- Education was made available to **98 children** with disabilities through inclusive education units and mainstream schools across **Sri Lanka**
- In **Tonga**, **four** Professional Development Workshops were conducted to support teachers in capacity building and various educational skills
- In-service training was provided to over **70** teachers, principals and librarians in **Vanuatu**





## EDUCATION FOR WHOLE COMMUNITIES - KNOWING AND ACHIEVING BASIC RIGHTS

In rural parts of North-West India, ethnic and religious minorities rarely own land and are forced to work as daily wage labourers.

Their income is insecure and many are discriminated against by village leaders and government officials. This long history of disempowerment has led to low levels of education; few understand their rights or the government services to which they are entitled.

UnitingWorld's partner, the Church of North India, works among these communities as part of their commitment to serve the most marginalised, regardless of ethnicity, religion or caste.

Recognising the central role education can play in breaking the poverty cycle, the project provides education support to marginalised children and works closely with parents to help them prioritise their children's education.

This has seen a significant decrease in school drop-outs over the past year. Locally based community organisers also support youth and women to form and run awareness raising campaigns to inform community members about their rights and the types of services and schemes available to them from government.

In early 2015 one of the villages flooded due to issues with drainage. With sewage and dirty water filling the streets, the villagers tried to get help from the local village government, who did not respond. Supported by the project staff, the community together approached higher authorities for help. The higher authorities took notice and within a month a new sewerage pipeline was installed. Because the



community understood their rights and were supported to approach the government and hold their leaders to account, the village is now cleaner and more hygienic, benefitting everyone who lives there.







## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Access to financial services can be integral to breaking the cycle of poverty, particularly for women.

We work closely with our partners to strengthen community incomes by providing financial literacy training and coordinating income generating activities, such as access to micro loans. Our economic empowerment programs aim to help community members grow their own small businesses to transition out of poverty. Training in livelihood skills and specific vocational courses are also part of the program. In addition to economic benefits, we have noted an increase in school enrolments and improvements in health outcomes when families are empowered economically.

*From July 2014 - June 2015:*

- In **Zimbabwe**, business management and technical skills including goat-raising and bee-keeping, were provided to **174 women and men** in remote communities
- In **Bali, Indonesia**, **213 people** participated in income generating activities by focusing on the sale of agriculture products and pig-breeding
- Micro loans were provided to **396 people** in **East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia**
- New Women's Cooperatives were established in **four** communities in **Maluku, Indonesia**
- **70 women** from rural communities in **Fiji** accessed financial literacy training and were provided with an opportunity to access financial services

## MICROFINANCE LOANS - INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

UnitingWorld's partner Tanaoba Lais Manekat Foundation (TLM) is a microfinance institution in **East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia** that aims to improve the lives of people experiencing poverty through access to financial services and training.

Recognising that people with disabilities are often the most disadvantaged in the poor communities in which they work, TLM has recently focused on targeting their services to people with disability.

Joni, 54, is one of the people who has benefitted from this new approach.

"Currently, I'm living with my late brother's wife and children," says Joni.

"I have a responsibility to support them, even with my limitations. I work hard to get cash to share with them."

As a delivery man, Joni visited the local newspaper agent early each morning to purchase 50 papers, which he then delivered straight to his customers' doors. Joni earned between \$2.50 and \$5 a day, up to half of which he had to use to pay for transport.

Joni has an entrepreneurial spirit and saw an opportunity to grow his income.

"I knew if I could buy more newspapers and buy them directly, I could earn more," he says.

But with no savings or collateral, Joni struggled to access a loan that would

enable him to increase the quantity of his order and purchase straight from the supplier.

Then, earlier this year, Joni made an important sale. A TLM loan officer bought a newspaper from Joni and told him about the special loan TLM was trialling for people with disability. After screening, Joni's application was approved and he received a loan for \$100.

"This loan has helped me grow my business," Joni says. "Now I don't have to rely on the newspaper agent, but buy the papers and magazines from the printing office myself. This has made a big difference to my life."





## SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT

**Inequality, injustice and exclusion from decision-making are key elements in the cycle of poverty.**

Across Indonesia, The Philippines, Zimbabwe, India, Sri Lanka and all Pacific Partners, our program supports ethnic minorities, indigenous people, poor families, women and people with disabilities to engage with local issues and challenges, including conflict, family violence, institutional inequality and local corruption and to understand their rights. Together with our partners, we are committed to enabling people to reclaim their rights, live in safety and to influence and participate in the decisions that impact their lives.

*From July 2014 - June 2015:*

- In **Sarenga and Durgapur India**, **110** community members accessed government schemes and pensions with the help of local community organisers who were trained to build awareness about available Social Security Schemes
- Also in **Sarenga and Durgapur India** **120** community members participated in awareness and training on local self-governance and **1,500** community members participated in Community Health Awareness camps
- **48** young leaders who are deaf participated in leadership camps which focused on personal development and decision making skills in **Sri Lanka**
- In **Bali, Indonesia**, **1,216** people from **14 villages** attended workshops to identify key issues and priorities for women and people with disabilities to be included in rural planning

## EQUALITY FOR WOMEN IN THE PACIFIC

**Gender inequality is a major issue in the Pacific, with women and girls experiencing violence at high levels and females under-represented in all aspects of leadership and community life.**

UnitingWorld's Partnering Women For Change program seeks to address this issue, working with local Pacific churches to transform traditional views of gender and institutionalised inequality using resources developed within the Pacific. With more than 90% of Pacific people identifying as Christians, this approach takes the influence of Christian theology seriously. Church partnerships are vital because Christian theology has the potential to lead the transformation of Pacific experiences of gender inequality and gender-based violence.

Pastor Sophie is the only female Pastor in the Ambrym Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu (PCV). She's just been elected to one of the Church's most influential positions – Clerk of the Presbytery. Nominated by two men, the election took place one week after members took part in a workshop on Gender and Leadership in Ambrym, facilitated by UnitingWorld. The very first female to ever hold the role of Presbytery Clerk in the PCV, Pastor Sophie will become the leading Minister for all sessions and congregations within the Presbytery. UnitingWorld with our partner are now committed to mentoring Pastor Sophie so that she can fulfil the role with confidence.

In her role, Pastor Sophie will continue to support the work of Gender Equality Workshops, which have already found:

- A genuine lack of knowledge about what constitutes violence against women especially among young males, including surprise in hearing that physically "disciplining" sisters and wives is unacceptable and against Family Protection Law.
- Gender equality theology is a new faith perspective and enables 'permission' to engage in difficult conversations.





## HEALTH (INCLUDING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE)

Poor health and lack of access to sanitation can trap communities in poverty. UnitingWorld is committed to increasing access to quality healthcare, particularly for people living in remote communities.

Over the past 12 months we've worked alongside our partners to provide increased access to quality healthcare, train health care professionals and organise community activities to raise the overall awareness of sanitation and healthcare.

*From July 2014 - June 2015:*

- In **Zimbabwe**, **184 hygienic toilets** were constructed for **1,014 women, men and children** (including 73 people with disabilities)
- **25 wells** were upgraded, resulting in **1,050 people** gaining access to improved water sources in **Zimbabwe**
- **20 students** from **South Sudan** continued their training in midwifery in **Kenya**, completing practical placement in the Kakuma Refugee Camp
- In **Bali, Indonesia**, **884 people**, the majority of whom were women, from **20 villages** attended **12 health promotion activities** focusing on hygiene and sanitation, sexual health and HIV and AIDS awareness
- **6,464 people** gained access to clean water in **Papua New Guinea**
- In **Vanuatu**, more than **12,000** people mostly from remote communities accessed medical treatment through dental and eye services
- **100 patients** in **Fiji** received cataract surgery
- A new tuberculosis (TB) ward was opened at the Walihole HIV Clinic in **Papua Province, Indonesia** to improve care of patients with HIV and TB

## MIDWIVES SAVING LIVES ACROSS BORDERS

UnitingWorld's partner in South Sudan, the Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency, continues to support the development of a school to train much-needed midwives in spite of continued conflict in South Sudan.

The relocation of the school in December 2013 across the border to Lokichoggio, Kenya was successful, although there are challenges regarding travel during break times with uncertainty around the location of student's families in South Sudan. 20 midwives are now in their final year of the program.

With the school located so close to Kakuma Refugee Camp, positions were secured for the midwives to carry out their practical placements in the Kakuma International Rescue Committee (IRC) hospital. Kakuma is home to 640,000 refugees from neighbouring Ethiopia, Somalia and South Sudan.

During a routine placement in the maternity ward, a referral from the IRC hospital was admitted with a diagnosis of antepartum hemorrhage and foetal distress. It became evident that the woman needed an emergency caesarean to save her life and that of her unborn child. After taking her history, staff realized that the patient could only understand Dinka language and were able to call on one of the student midwives, Deborah, to speak to the patient in her own language. Deborah talked to the patient and her family about the necessity of the operation. On the birth of her daughter, the recovering mother was so grateful for the trainee midwife's support that she named her child Deborah.





## EMERGENCY RELIEF

From July 2014 to June 2015, thanks to the generosity of our Australian supporters, we were able to respond to six natural and humanitarian disasters.

*We assisted our church partners in :*

- **Vanuatu (Tuvalu and Kiribati)** in response to Tropical Cyclone Pam in **March 2015**
- **India and Sri Lanka** responding to devastating floods in **September and October 2014**
- **South Sudan** following renewed conflict resulting in 1.5 million displaced civilians



### TROPICAL CYCLONE PAM, VANUATU (TUVALU AND KIRIBATI)

Tropical Cyclone Pam, a destructive category 5 cyclone, hit Vanuatu in March 2015, destroying 15,000 homes and affecting 188,000 people. Communities in Tuvalu and Kiribati were also impacted.

UnitingWorld responded immediately, sending program staff to provide operational and psycho-social support and Disaster Recovery training. As the largest denomination in the country, our partner the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu took a strong lead in response and recovery efforts. Working closely with the Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office, they've re-established health and education services and are working collaboratively with local groups to share training, resources and to 'build back better'. We are continuing to support our partner with long term rebuilding efforts and to assist them with ongoing risk reduction strategies and disaster preparedness training.

*We provided financial assistance through ACT Alliance to :*

- **Nepal** when a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck in **April 2015**
- **Liberia** following the Ebola virus resulting in death, trauma and stigmatisation across the country in **March 2014**
- **South Sudan** for additional relief in regions our partner was unable to access

### NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

In April 2015, a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal resulting in 8,678 deaths and 18,000 injuries. 542,864 houses were destroyed and a further 308,787 partially damaged.

UnitingWorld launched an appeal – raising over \$200,000 to support fellow ACT Alliance member the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), who were well established in Kathmandu. LWF distributed tarpaulins, hygiene kits and food to families in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, and clean water, medication and emergency shelter in the weeks following. Local press in Nepal reported that more than 45,000 families had received life-saving assistance through shared ACT Alliance efforts.



Photo: Act Alliance



## EFFECTIVENESS AND LEARNING

We are committed to refining the effectiveness of our programs through continual learning and improvement. Monitoring and evaluation are critical components in this.

In the past year, our Relief and Development Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Framework was finalised, committing us to continuous learning across our overseas programs and focussing particularly on gender and disability inclusion, child protection and human rights. The Unit also recruited a specialist effectiveness and learning program manager to lead our work in this area. Our program managers worked closely with our partners to identify and respond to lessons learned through monitoring visits together analysing the effectiveness of our programs and sharing expertise to strengthen our partners' Monitoring and Evaluation capacity.



*From July 2014 - June 2015, we conducted four project evaluations :*

- The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Papua New Guinea
- The Livelihoods and WASH Project in Zimbabwe
- Community Livelihoods Project in the Philippines
- Peacebuilding and Women's Empowerment Project in Indonesia

## BUILDING OUR PARTNERS' CAPACITY

As a partner-driven agency, one of our priorities is to support our partners in building their capacity to better serve their communities. Our partners have a strong knowledge of local issues. When we assist them to develop the skills they need, the impact for marginalised communities is maximised.

We continued to develop our partners' capacity, particularly in the areas of project design and implementation, financial management, child protection and disability inclusion. We:

- Assisted the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu to be better prepared in natural disasters by jointly developing and implementing a replicable disaster risk reduction strategy
- Increased focus on regional partners by holding two regional learning and networking events in Fiji for Pacific partners and in Sri Lanka for South Asia partners





## ENGAGING AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES WITH OUR OVERSEAS PROGRAM

We remain committed to building relationships with the Uniting Church in Australia community, providing opportunities for Uniting Church schools and congregations to spend time with overseas partners, developing educative communications, videos and events to raise awareness about the issues facing our partners and resourcing the Australian community to advocate for our partners.

Our External Relations team works alongside our Overseas Program team to keep donors and the wider Australian community updated on our overseas development projects, providing resources and exploring concepts of good development and social justice. Lent Event, our annual Lenten program, resources and encourages people to explore issues of poverty and injustice from a Christian perspective and gives a unique insight into the lives and experiences of some of our overseas partners and the communities in which they work.



*From July 2014 to June 2015:*

- Our One World WonTok Youth Poverty and Development Conference reached more than **430** students from **39** church schools across Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria
- Over **330** congregations participated in our annual Lent Event, raising over **\$230,000** and accessing resources to connect with the work of our overseas partners
- **1,300** people downloaded our new Lent Event App
- Over **\$22,000** was raised by **ONE** church community in Brisbane, through a fundraising trek to North India
- **124** church groups held Gift Stalls in the lead up to Christmas, directly raising **\$63,000** and promoting our programs to the wider church community
- UnitingWorld staff and partners shared stories of our overseas projects with over **100** congregations, groups, synods and presbyteries across Australia

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to our donors for your generous support and to all who volunteer and pray for our overseas partners and their life-changing work.

Thank you also for your response to our Emergency Appeals this year in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Pam, Kashmir floods and the earthquake in Nepal. Your donations of over \$700,000 enabled our partners to provide immediate humanitarian aid and longer term rebuilding and recovery assistance to hundreds of affected communities.

We are especially thankful to those who give regularly to our work and to the growing numbers planning to leave a gift to UnitingWorld in their wills.

This year, almost half of our funding was made up of supporter donations - you are incredibly important partners in all we do.





**1 AUSTRALIA**  
Development Awareness Raising

**2 FIJI**  
**Pacific Office**  
Partnering Women for Change  
Methodist Church in Fiji  
Health – Eye Care

#### INDIA

**3 AMRITSAR | Church of North India**  
Amritsar Diocese  
Education  
Emergency Relief – Floods

**4 DURGAPUR | Church of North India**  
Durgapur Diocese  
Education

#### INDONESIA

**5 MALUKU | Maluku Ambassadors**  
for Peace  
Peacebuilding

**6 MALUKU | Protestant Church**  
of Maluku  
Women's Empowerment  
Peacebuilding

**7 BALI | MBM | Protestant Christian**  
Church in Bali  
Social & Economic Empowerment

**8 PAPUA and WEST PAPUA**  
| Evangelical Christian Church  
in the Land of Papua  
Social & Economic Empowerment  
and Health

**9 EAST NUSA TENGGARA | TLM**  
| Evangelical Christian Church  
in Timor  
Economic Empowerment: Microfinance

**10 KIRIBATI | Kiribati Uniting Church**  
Partnering Women for Change

**11 PAPUA NEW GUINEA**  
United Church in Papua New Guinea  
(UCPNG)  
Church Partnership Program  
Health - Village Water  
Joint Project with Anglican Board of  
Mission and Mother and Child Support  
Peacebuilding and Advocacy



# OUR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT WORK AT A GLANCE



**12 THE PHILIPPINES**  
United Church of Christ  
in the Philippines  
Social & Economic Empowerment

**13 SOLOMON ISLANDS**  
United Church in the  
Solomon Islands  
Partnering Women for Change,  
Mobile Health Clinics

**14 SOUTH SUDAN**  
Presbyterian Relief & Development  
Agency | Presbyterian Church of  
South Sudan  
Midwifery Training School  
Emergency Relief

**15 ACT Alliance**  
Emergency Relief

**16 SRI LANKA**  
Methodist Church Sri Lanka  
Social & Economic Empowerment  
(Department of Social Responsibility)  
Disability Inclusion (DEAFLINK)  
Emergency Relief - Floods

**17 TIMOR LESTE**  
FUSONA | Protestant Church  
in Timor Leste  
Health Clinics

**18 TONGA**  
Education Department  
| Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga  
Early Childhood Education

**19 VANUATU**  
Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu  
Post Church Partnership Program  
Partnering Women for Change  
Emergency Relief – Tropical Cyclone Pam

**20 ZIMBABWE**  
Methodist Development and Relief  
Agency | Methodist Church in Zimbabwe  
Social & Economic Empowerment  
Water, Health and Sanitation

**21 NEPAL**  
ACT Alliance  
Emergency Relief – Earthquake

**22 LIBERIA**  
ACT Alliance  
Emergency Relief – Ebola



# THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE



**Rev John Ruhle**

BAgEc BTh

**Chair of the National Committee**

**Appointed: 2006**

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 minister of The Gap Uniting Church in Brisbane.



**Ms Margaret Watt**

BA (Hons) DipEd

**Chair of the International Program Committee**

**Appointed: 2012**

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.



**Mr Ted Woodley**

BSc BE (Hons1) Dip

CD FAIM FAICD FIEAust

**Chair of the Governance and Compliance Committee**

**Appointed: 2006**

Ted has worked as a CEO and Director in various business,

government and community service organisations and has undertaken volunteer governance and strategic planning projects in Australia and the Pacific. He serves on the Standing Committee of the NSW/ACT Synod and is an active member of Willoughby Uniting Church.



**Mr James Batley**

BA (Hons); PSM

**International Program Committee and Governance and Compliance Committee**

**Appointed: 2014**

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 in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at the Australian National University.



**Mr Max Blacker**

BE (Civil)

**International Program Committee and Governance and Compliance Committee**

**Appointed: 2012**

Max is a consultant engineer with 35 years' experience in the

planning, implementation and evaluation of infrastructure and institutional strengthening projects in developing countries. He has managed and provided technical inputs in international transport infrastructure projects on behalf of bilateral and multilateral donors in South East Asia and the Pacific. Max has lived and worked in 17 countries in Africa, South East Asia and the Pacific and is a member of Balgowlah Uniting Church.





### **Ms Alison Cooke**

*BTh.*

**International Program Committee and External Relations Advisory Group**

**Appointed: 2014**

Alison is a strategy, marketing and business consultant with over 15 years' experience in senior marketing

and fundraising roles within the NGO sector. Currently she is the International Director of Partnerships for Overseas Council of Australia and manages an extensive major donor, marketing and events portfolio. Over the last decade, Alison has worked widely throughout the Majority World including South East Asia, South Asia, Africa, Pacific and Middle East. She is presently completing her Honours Degree in Theology and Community at Charles Sturt University. Along with her husband and three children, Alison attends a Uniting Church faith community in the Blue Mountains.



### **Mr Malcolm Gledhill**

*BA LLB*

**Governance and Compliance Committee**

**Appointed: 2005**

**Resigned: 2014**

Malcolm has been legal adviser to several overseas aid organisations and served in Papua New Guinea. He is

a longstanding member of the Assembly Legal Reference Committee and was a member of Uniting Church Assembly Standing Committee for 12 years. He has been a member of Assembly world mission committees and agencies undertaking overseas relief and development projects for terms of more than 20 years. When he was chair, he represented the UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit at ACFID Council.



### **Ms Wendy Suma**

*BTh DipCC*

**International Program Committee**

**Appointed: 2009**

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.



### **Ms Bonita Maywald**

*BA (Hons), MA- Pacific History, International Relations*

**International Program Committee**

**Appointed: 2012**

**Resigned: 2014**

Boni worked for AusAID (now DFAT) from 1996 to June 2014 and has

extensive policy and program management experience in Australia's aid program. Boni and her husband were the first volunteers sent overseas after the Uniting Church was formed and are active members of Queanbeyan Uniting Church.



### **Rev Terence Corkin**

*BA BTh Blegs*

**Minister of the Word and current General Secretary of the UCA**

**Appointed: 2001**

After ordination Terence served as a Minister in rural NSW for 20 years – twice in congregational ministry

and finally as a Presbytery Minister. Exercising ministry as Assembly General Secretary allows Terence to be involved in supporting the church in a very broad way. Terence has had wide exposure to Uniting Church overseas partner churches and the challenges they face.



### **Mr Rob Floyd**

**Governance and Compliance Committee and International Program Committee**

**Appointed: 2014**

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.



### **Mr Peter Uhlmann**

*BCom, MCom, GCDevPract, MA (Pub&ContxtTh)*

**Treasurer and Governance and Compliance Committee**

**Appointed: 2015**

Peter has over 30 years professional experience in a range of financial and

accounting roles, which compliment his commerce degrees. He also has post graduate qualifications in Development Studies and Public and Contextual Theology. He currently serves as a board member of Scripture Union Queensland, an employer of over 600 school chaplains. Peter's affiliation with the Uniting Church reaches back to 1979 and he is a member of Emmanuel Uniting Church, Enoggera QLD.



# FINANCIALS



## HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2015 financial year marks the first year of UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit's transition to a 30 June reporting year-end. As indicated in last year's Treasurer's report, this change of financial year brings the Unit in line with our funding and project cycles. As a consequence, the prior period comparatives reflect only a six-month period.

The Unit delivered a strong result for the financial year 2015, underpinned by a modest increase in revenue on a year-on-year basis. Notably, supporters generously responded to the Vanuatu Cyclone Pam and the Nepal Earthquake appeals to allow the Unit, in conjunction with our partners, to provide critical assistance in the

recovery efforts. The uplift in bequest and legacy income has provided an opportunity to expand on how we enable communities to address the increasing effects of poverty, injustice and violence. We express our heartfelt gratitude to those supporters, past and present, who have graciously elected to make a difference through their estate planning.

The Unit endeavours to be accountable and transparent in reporting how this revenue reaches beneficiaries. Total direct program expenditure represented 87% of all expenditure in 2015. Of this, overseas projects received \$4.62 million and \$0.75 million funded project management costs and education in Australia. Staffing represents a significant component of these costs. This year the Unit strengthened its staffing resource to meet the exigencies of our new Development Framework and to prepare for DFAT re-accreditation in 2017.

We expect that future opportunities to fund effective relief and development programs will continue to exceed our financial resources so we remain resolute in building a focused, efficient and sustainable organisation. To this end we will strengthen our fund raising capacity with the aim of growing revenue and remain intentional in our efforts to undergird our organisational capacities to better serve our partners and communities.

The condensed financial information that follows has been extracted from statutory financial statements. It is consistent in substance with these statements notwithstanding the technical language and contents. The statutory financial statements have been audited and are available on request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Uhlmann', written in a cursive style.

**Mr Peter Uhlmann**  
Treasurer



# 2014-2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

UnitingWorld Relief & Development

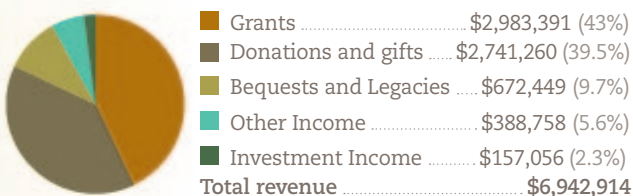
## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2015

|   | 12 months<br>to 30 June<br>2015 (\$) | 6 months<br>to 30 June<br>2014 (\$) |   | 12 months<br>to 30 June<br>2015 (\$) | 6 months<br>to 30 June<br>2014 (\$) |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>  |                                      |                                     | <b>Expenditure</b>  |                                      |                                     |
| Donations and gifts   |                                      |                                     | <b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>       |                                      |                                     |
| Monetary  | 2,741,260                            | 1,343,339                           | International programs  |                                      |                                     |
| Non-monetary  | -                                    | -                                   | Funds to international programs                                     | 4,619,231                            | 1,768,490                           |
| Bequests and Legacies   | 672,449                              | 3,216                               | Program support costs   | 734,050                              | 368,660                             |
| Grants  |                                      |                                     | Community education   | 15,230                               | 13,480                              |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade                                       | 2,983,391                            | 434,062                             | Fundraising costs   |                                      |                                     |
| Other Australian  | -                                    | -                                   | Public  | 377,858                              | 208,853                             |
| Other overseas  | -                                    | -                                   | Government, multilateral and private                                | -                                    | -                                   |
| Investment Income   | 157,056                              | 84,074                              | Accountability & administration                                     | 388,479                              | 184,719                             |
| Realised gain on sale of financial assets                                     | -                                    | -                                   | Non-Monetary Expenditure  | -                                    | -                                   |
| Other Income  | 388,758                              | 51,114                              | <b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b> | <b>6,134,848</b>                     | <b>2,544,202</b>                    |
| Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs | -                                    | -                                   |   |                                      |                                     |
| <b>Total revenue</b>  | <b>6,942,914</b>                     | <b>1,915,805</b>                    |   |                                      |                                     |

### Where the money comes from

Year ended 30 June 2015



### Where the money goes

Year ended 30 June 2015



|  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure          | -                | -                |
| Domestic programs expenditure  | -                | -                |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>   | <b>6,134,848</b> | <b>2,544,202</b> |
| <b>Excess/(Shortfall) Of Revenue Over Expenditure</b>                                  | <b>808,066</b>   | <b>(628,397)</b> |
| 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           | 5,645            |
| <b>Total other comprehensive income/(deficit) for the period</b>                       | <b>(79,473)</b>  | <b>5,645</b>     |
| <b>Total comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the period</b>                            | <b>728,593</b>   | <b>(622,752)</b> |

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 2015

|                                      | 30 June 2015 (\$) | 30 June 2014 (\$) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                        |                   |                   |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 4,749,125         | 2,939,485         |
| Trade & other receivables            | 116,417           | 81,761            |
| Prepayments                          | 10,464            | 9,656             |
| Inventories                          | -                 | -                 |
| Assets held for sale                 | -                 | -                 |
| Other financial assets               | -                 | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>          | <b>4,876,006</b>  | <b>3,030,902</b>  |
| <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>            |                   |                   |
| Trade & other receivables            | -                 | -                 |
| Other financial assets               | -                 | 1,016,169         |
| Property, plant and equipment        | 21,418            | 30,763            |
| Investment property                  | -                 | -                 |
| Intangibles                          | -                 | -                 |
| Other non current assets             | -                 | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>      | <b>21,418</b>     | <b>1,046,932</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  | <b>4,897,424</b>  | <b>4,077,834</b>  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                   |                   |                   |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>           |                   |                   |
| Trade & other payables               | 139,882           | 37,491            |
| Borrowings                           | -                 | -                 |
| Current tax liabilities              | -                 | -                 |
| Other financial liabilities          | -                 | -                 |
| Provisions                           | 47,333            | 50,666            |
| Other                                | -                 | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>     | <b>187,215</b>    | <b>88,157</b>     |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>       |                   |                   |
| Borrowings                           | -                 | -                 |
| Other financial liabilities          | -                 | -                 |
| Provisions                           | 24,864            | 32,925            |
| Other                                | -                 | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> | <b>24,864</b>     | <b>32,925</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>             | <b>212,079</b>    | <b>121,082</b>    |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                    | <b>4,685,345</b>  | <b>3,956,752</b>  |
| <b>Equity</b>                        |                   |                   |
| <b>RESERVES</b>                      | -                 | 79,473            |
| <b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>             |                   |                   |
| General fund                         | 600,912           | 501,482           |
| Designated fund                      | 622,402           | 982               |
| Endowment fund                       | 105,123           | 19,000            |
| Specific fund                        | 3,356,908         | 3,355,815         |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                  | <b>4,685,345</b>  | <b>3,956,752</b>  |



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the period ended 30 June 2014

|  | General Fund | Designated Fund | Specific Fund | Endowment Fund | Financial Assets Reserve | TOTAL     |
|--|--------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Balance at 1 January 2014  | 534,841      | 982             | 3,967,853     | 2,000          | 73,828                   | 4,579,504 |
| Operating Surplus/(Deficit)  | (33,359)     | -               | (612,038)     | 17,000         | -                        | (628,397) |
| Transfers from/(to) Funds & 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                        | -            | -               | -             | -              | 5,645                    | 5,645     |
| Total other comprehensive income/ (deficit) for the period                             | -            | -               | -             | -              | 5,645                    | 5,645     |
| Balance at 30 June 2014  | 501,482      | 982             | 3,355,815     | 19,000         | 79,473                   | 3,956,752 |
| Balance at 1 July 2014   | 501,482      | 982             | 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 at 30 June 2015  | 600,912      | 622,402         | 3,356,908     | 105,123        | -                        | 4,685,345 |

## TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

for the period ended 30 June 2015

| 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                               | 30,000  | 1,188,537                         | 1,218,537                            | -                                       |
| DFAT Vanuatu Church Partnership         | -   | 212,302                           | 212,302                              | -                                       |
| DFAT PNG Church Partnership             | -   | 1,327,332                         | 1,327,332                            | -                                       |
| Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Response            | -   | 653,068                           | 279,559                              | 373,509                                 |
| Total for other non-designated purposes | 2,909,485                                     | 3,536,999                         | 2,070,868                            | 4,375,616                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>2,939,485</b>                              | <b>6,918,238</b>                  | <b>5,108,598</b>                     | <b>4,749,125</b>                        |



# DECLARATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND TREASURER

## UNITINGWORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL COMMITTEE

for the one year period ended 30 June 2015

In accordance with a resolution of the UnitingWorld Relief & Development National Committee we state that, as set out on pages 17 to 19 of this report;

(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;

(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 Australia *Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

On behalf of the National Committee



**Rev John Ruhle**  
Chairperson



**Mr Peter Uhlmann**  
Treasurer

Sydney  
Date: 29 September 2015



# AUDITOR'S REPORT



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## **Report of the Independent Auditor on the UWRD Summary Report to the National Committee of UnitingWorldRelief 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 2015, 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 2015 is derived from the General Purpose Financial Report – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of UnitingWorld Relief and Development for the period ended 30 June 2015. We expressed an unqualified auditor's opinion on that financial report in our auditor's report dated 29 September 2015. 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 2015 is consistent, in all material respects, with those 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

David Black  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants  
Parramatta, 29 September 2015

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# ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEMBERSHIP



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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.

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actalliance

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.

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Australian Government

We are fully accredited with the Australian Government as a part of the Australian Aid Program. Each year we gratefully receive a grant through the Australian-NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), which supports Australian non-government organisations to alleviate poverty overseas. In 2014-15 we received \$1,305,253.00 through this program, which we matched with \$696,294.34 of our own funding. We also received government funding through the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership Program.

[www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)

The UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit has a process for handling complaints. If you would like to read our complaints policy, lodge a complaint or give any other feedback, please email [info@unitingworld.org.au](mailto:info@unitingworld.org.au) or phone (02) 8267 4267.

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](mailto:complaints@acfid.asn.au) or phone (02) 6285 1816.

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