

## Chairperson's Report 2017/18 Financial Year

Friends of Nepal- Adelaide Inc (FONAI) is volunteer-run registered Australian charity with the goal of supporting marginalised and vulnerable Nepalese undertake education and/or vocational training to improve their socio/economic position.

We work closely with the local Rotary movement and other service organisations well as our International supporters, the Children's Future Fund in Germany and the Mission for Modern Social Development, Nepal and Canopy Nepal to achieve this goal.

## 2017/18 Partnership Agreements

### **Mission for Modern Social Development – Nepal (MMSD-N) Education Scholarship program (FES)**

2017/18 saw significant changes in the management of the FES program in Nepal. FONAI officially partnered with Nepali NGO, the Mission for Modern Social Development – Nepal, to manage the Education Scholarship Program (FES) for the financial year. Chairperson Bhim Kumal accepted the role of FES manager and MMSD-N appointed Purshottam Dahal as FES coordinator. The coordinator position was funded from education scholarship funds.

Three new students were admitted into the scholarship program bringing the total number to 10.

In September 2017 Purshottam resigned his position to accept an overseas post. He was replaced by Rajeev Kapali in October 2017.

In March 2018 MMSD-N manager informed FONAI that he could not continue in his management role after June 30 2018, due to changes in his personal circumstances and his business commitments. Unfortunately, there was no other MMSD-N board member with appropriate skills or knowledge to assume his position. MMSD-N recommendation was for us to explore other partnering opportunities.

The partnership agreement between MMSD-N and FONAI was terminated by mutual agreement June 30 2018

With the assistance of our advisor, Sanjeev Dahal, FONAI explored other partnerships & a new partnership agreement for the management of the education scholarship program for 2018/19 was signed with NGO Canopy Nepal in June 2018.

### **Partnership Agreement - Child Development Society-Nepal Facilitating funding for Self Employment through Education (SEEP) program**

A strong informal relationship with the Child Development Society in Nepal, was formalized when in October 2017 when FONAI entered into a 3 year partnership agreement with Child Development Society in Nepal to administer funding for it's highly successful Self Employment Education Program (SEEP) for illiterate and vulnerable women.

FONAI members have visited this program and many others managed by CDS, and were very impressed with administration and outcomes. FONAI facilitated donations to CDS on behalf of the Rotary Club of Blackwood for Health Camps this year also.

Other options for partnerships with CDS will be explored in 2018/19.

## **Partnership Agreement - Children's Future Fund (CFF) Germany**

The existing partnership with the Children's Future Fund, a small social justice NGO in Germany, was renewed. CFF continues to fund course costs for 4 of our scholarship students.

## **Key Stakeholders**

### **Rotary movement**

FONAI maintains strong ties with the Rotary movement in Australia and abroad. We enjoy continued support from the Rotary Clubs of Brownhill Creek, Blackwood and Mobilong.

### **Collaborations**

#### **South Pacific School Aid. (SPSA)**

#### **Rotary Clubs of Adelaide, Brownhill Creek, Blackwood and the Rotaract Club of Dilibazaar.**

FONAI liaised successfully with SPSA a locally based NGO which sources, sorts and packs books for shipment to developing countries, funding two significant shipments to NGO's in Nepal.

Three pallets were shipped to the Chelsea Foundation in Nepal for the establishment of a community library. This shipment was funded by the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek.

In February 2018 4 pallets were shipped for 3 projects in Nepal.

SAB school, Canopy Nepal, Rotaract Club of Dilibazaar Prison Library and Public School Library Projects

Canopy Nepal- community library and English Improvement Classes project – shipment jointly funded by RAWCS and the Rotary Clubs of Adelaide, Brownhill Creek and Blackwood.

With the assistance of our advisor, Sanjeev Dahal, FONAI also donated funds raised at our Annual Gala Dinner to Social Workers of Nepal flood relief fund.

## **2017/18 Strategic Plan**

The management committee identified the following areas as priorities

### **Priorities**

Exploring living options for scholarship students

Mentoring students towards financial independence

Diversifying funding sources

Capacity building – internal and external, with a focus on good governance

### **Outcomes**

MMSD-N advice- Hostels were safest options and most viable options for FES students.

Our FES management team was successful in mentoring and securing paid and unpaid internships for all three eligible FES students.

Two commenced paid part time work, Sanjeev as an IT teacher, and Anjana in a Fashion Boutique.

On completion of his internship, Bhanu commenced full time work in the Hospitality industry.

### **Diversifying Funding Support**

In 2016/17 FONAI had 29 individual sponsors.

In 2017/18 we had 27 sponsors.

FONAI applied for a philanthropic grant in January 2018, but was unsuccessful.

## **Capacity Building - Internal and External**

FONAI updated all internal governance documents.

Employed FES program co-ordinator with relevant business management experience  
Assistance was provided to MMSD-N team with all FES program documentation including financial and narrative reporting.

External financial training for the FES management team was offered but not accepted.

Sanjeev Dahal provided mentor advice to MMSD-N.

## **Monitoring the program.**

The regular self funded visits to Nepal by our committee members to liaise with management and mentor students continued in 2017/18 with members visiting a total of 5 times. Much is learned in consultation with our partners about the effectiveness of the program and best ways to secure future positive outcomes for all involved.

## **Outcomes**

Scholarship Program.

MMSD-N

Assistance with shared office set up.

Budget assistance

Assistance with partnership agreement and legal requirements

Assistance with scholarship student agreements

Employment of new coordinator

New Partnership Agreement

Reporting/Accounting Assistance

Termination of MMSD-N partnership

Meeting with new partnering NGO Canopy Nepal

## **Scholarship Program Report.**

MMSD-N management team submitted all required monthly and quarterly reporting requirements for FES program.

All ten students successfully completed the requirements of their courses.

Of the original five students who were completing tertiary studies in law, accounting and IT, hospitality and fashion design, two are currently completing, and two have successfully completed their second year of studies. Our hospitality student has graduated to full time work. Two of the students have part time work.

All students completing high school studies were successful in their year levels and have begun new classes

One student was expelled for misconduct but was able to complete his Year 12 exams. He is awaiting his results.

## SEEP program report.

Three groups were successfully established in October 2017 in Kavre District in Nepal. Approximately 60 women illiterate and vulnerable women were enrolled in the program. Phase 1 (literacy, numeracy and business studies) was implemented and completed June 2018

CDS SEEP management team submitted all monthly and quarterly reporting requirements for SEEP program as per partnership agreement.

### 2017/18 Financial Income

Money in bank as of 30/6/18 \$40,716.15

### Sponsorship Program

We had 28 individual sponsors in 2017/18.

## 2. Fund Raising and Donations

We held ten fundraising events. These included our Gala Dinner/Auction, markets, film and fashion nights, sale of relish and jam, donation jars at cafes and a stall at the Rotary Club of Blackwood Fair and Montessori Children's Centre, McLaren Vale Twilight Fair. Our most successful fundraisers were the Annual Gala Dinner & Flourish for Nepal where we raised over \$7,000 at each event.

FONAI enjoys widespread community support and received many incidental and generous donations over this financial year.

### Expenditure –2017/18

Item	Amount
Scholarship Program	\$26,713
Flood Relief	\$500
CDS support	\$200
Administrative costs.	\$3,500

### % Breakdown of FES expenditure

Scholarship Program	Percentage of funding
Living and accommodation costs for the students	70%
Course fees & associated costs, uniforms, books etc	25%
Medical Expenses	5%

### 2018/19 Projected expenses.

Program	Amount
Scholarship Program	\$30,000
CDS	\$200
Administration	\$2000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,000</b>



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## **Moving forward**

Thankyou to MMSD-N management team. We appreciate your hard work and commitment to the successful management of the Education Scholarship program in 2017/18.

We wish all members the best in their future endeavours.

## **Thankyou to the hardworking committee.**

The committee members have worked very hard over the past 12 months, donating many hours to improve governance and ensure viability and sustainability. , We are all very proud of the success of this program and excited to work with our new NGO and explore new opportunities for service.

## **Canopy Nepal**

Welcome to our new partners 'Canopy Nepal.' We are excited to work with this young and dynamic team.

Denise Roscrow Chairperson Friends of Nepal- Adelaide Inc  
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