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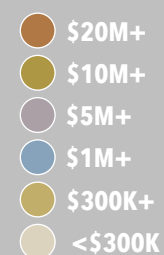
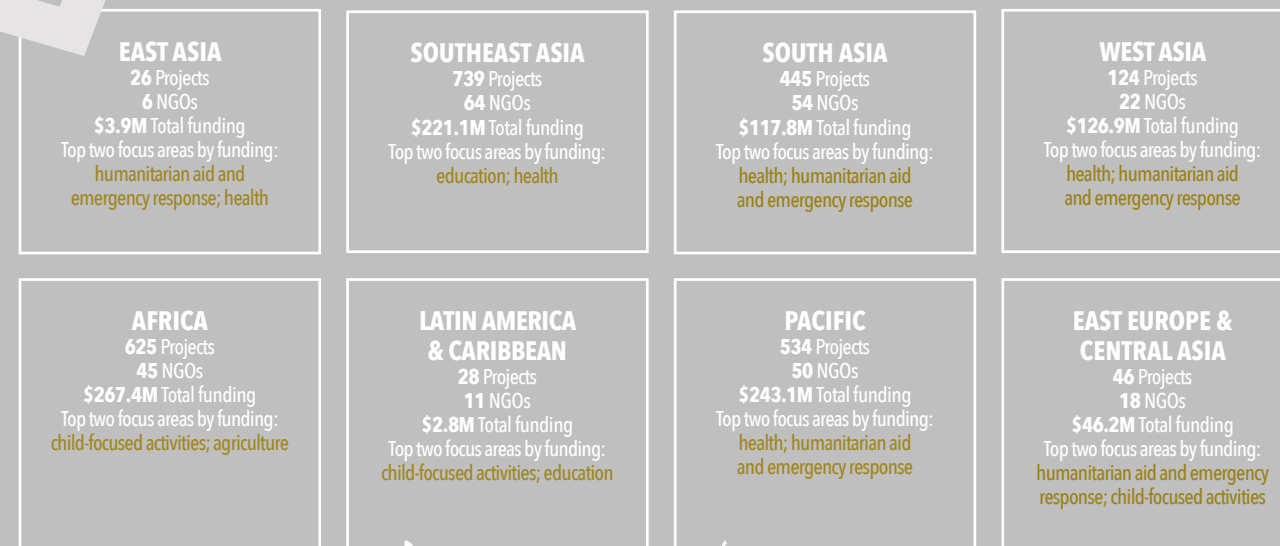
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INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

# Global Allocation of Members' Funding for Development and Humanitarian Projects

In 2021-2022, the total revenue raised by ACFID's members amount to \$1.893 billion – \$773 million of which was raised by 1,149,619 individual donors.



Note:  
 Figures relating to revenue and donations was extracted from full and provisional members annual report.  
 The global map and infographics is based on data from 95 of 127 ACFID's full and provisional members who were surveyed for 2021-22 data.

\*Developed Regions includes Australia and North America.

\*\*Multi-Region refers to projects that operate across two or more regions, where funding has not been specifically allocated.

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# Acknowledgement of Country

The ACFID Secretariat respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we are based; the Ngannawal and Ngambri people in Canberra. We extend this acknowledgement to the Traditional Custodians of the lands across Australia, and pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge their ongoing connection to the lands, waters, and skies surrounding us, and the vast wealth of knowledge that they hold.

ACFID accepts the invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and supports a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

We strive to create a respectful and diverse workforce within ACFID and our membership. We stand shoulder to shoulder in supporting our members' work towards creating a world where human rights are realised for everyone.

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## ACFID'S MEMBERS HAVE PROUDLY

- **DELIVERED 2,707 PROJECTS IN 85 COUNTRIES**
- **INVESTED \$1.26 BILLION IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**
- **ENGAGED 13,368 AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC VOLUNTEERS**
- **EMPLOYED 4,367 TOTAL EMPLOYEES**

## ACFID'S MEMBERS

**127 FULL MEMBERS**

- **62 SMALL NGOS**
- **44 MEDIUM NGOS**
- **21 LARGE NGOS**

**+ 20 AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

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Inset: Iowana Lewadradra demonstrates coral nursery maintenance techniques for a series of locally led community coral restoration education videos developed by Kyeema Foundation and its partner Corals4Conservation. Photo: Mike Worsman/Kyeema Foundation. Behind: Treasure Island Nursery, Fiji, is a coral nursery test site to explore methods for restoring coral reefs, including propagating heat-tolerant corals that are able to withstand higher temperatures and are considered more resilient in the face of coral bleaching events, which are increasing in frequency due to climate change.



# ACFID's Vision, Purpose and Values

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) is the peak body for Australian non-government organisations (NGOs) involved in international development and humanitarian action.

### ABOUT ACFID

Our vision is of a world where all people are free from extreme poverty, injustice and inequality, and where the earth's finite resources are managed sustainably. Our purpose is to lead and unite our members in action for a just, equitable and sustainable world.

Founded in 1965, ACFID currently has 127 members and 20 affiliates operating in more than 85 developing countries. In 2021–22, the total revenue raised by ACFID's members amounted to \$1.893 billion, \$773 million of which was raised by 1,149,619 individual donors. ACFID's members range from large Australian multisectoral organisations that are linked to international federations of NGOs, agencies with specialised thematic expertise, and smaller community-based groups, with a mix of secular and faith-based organisations.

ACFID's members comply with ACFID's Code of Conduct, a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice that aims to improve international development and humanitarian action outcomes and increase stakeholder trust by enhancing the transparency, accountability and effectiveness of signatory organisations. Covering nine Quality Principles, 33 Commitments and 92 Compliance Indicators, the Code sets good standards for program effectiveness, fundraising, governance and financial reporting. Compliance includes annual reporting and checks, accompanied by an independent complaints-handling process.

### ACFID'S VALUES

#### INTEGRITY

We act with honesty and are guided by ethical and moral principles in all that we do.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

We take responsibility for our actions and are accountable to our stakeholders, and in particular primary stakeholders, for our performance and integrity.

#### TRANSPARENCY

We openly share information about our organisations and our work with all our stakeholders and the public.

#### RESPECT

We recognise the value and diversity of all people and are committed to treating others with due regard for their rights, dignity and integrity.

#### EFFECTIVENESS

We strive to deliver outcomes that bring about positive change in the lives of people living in poverty.

#### EQUITY

We are committed to overcoming prejudices and disadvantage and promoting fair and just access to resources and opportunities.

#### COOPERATION

We work with and alongside others in a spirit of mutuality, respecting diversity and difference in the pursuit of common goals.

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# A Message from the President and CEO

For the first time in more than a decade, the spectre of famine looms large over the Horn of Africa, and food insecurity has reemerged in Yemen, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Globally, food prices are spiking, as war slows grain exports from Ukraine and Russia, while United Nations (UN) agencies and INGOs have launched humanitarian appeals – all against the backdrop of more frequent climate change-induced droughts, and stark warnings about the threat to humanity of rising global temperatures from the UN's climate change body.

The urgency of the food insecurity crisis and Australia's imperative to act catalysed the 'Help Fight Famine' campaign, launched in August 2022 by ACFID's member-driven Public Engagement and Campaign Committee in partnership with the faith-based campaign agency Micah Australia. Against the odds, with the Federal Government's aid firmly focused on the Pacific and no new funding outside of the Indo-Pacific region, Help Fight Famine has succeeded in making the political case for an Australian response from our region: the Federal Government has announced a total of \$69 million in emergency assistance, which ACFID welcomed.

Despite this progress, it is unacceptable that people are starving to death in the third decade of the 21st century. This harsh reality underscores the regressive impact of the global pandemic on human development, and of the ripple effects as peaking conflicts spill across nations. Worryingly, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and eliminating extreme poverty by 2030 seem well off-course.

Against this background, ACFID's advocacy called for a new Development Policy that returns to development fundamentals and centres human development and addressing climate change, and an increase in Overseas Development Assistance (ODA), to materially contribute to poverty alleviation amid new and compounding global challenges.

ACFID and our members welcomed and fully engaged with the Australian Government's new Development Policy consultation process, and our calls for sub-strategies in gender equality and Australia's humanitarian program strategies were well-received. We made a compelling case for an overarching development framework, a return to development fundamentals,

an increase in capabilities for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and greater support for civil society organisations (CSOs).

ACFID's sector leadership has supported critical debates on racial justice, localisation and climate change over the past few years in our national conference and other learning forums. Now, these new understandings on what our membership considers important have been taken up in our five-year update of the ACFID Code of Conduct. Subject to the Code of Conduct Committee's review process and members' consultations, new standards in all these areas will soon be considered and adopted by ACFID members, which will lift standards even higher across 127 Australian NGOs working globally.

ACFID thrives on engagement with our membership. Member consultation continued this year with our Development Practice Committee supporting a participatory consultation process around the five-year review of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), which concluded with a strong endorsement of the program's value. Our ACFID Connect series continued to deepen members' knowledge on topics including the First Nations Foreign Policy, procurement with DFAT, development finance, insights into the ANCP, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on operating cultures. We continued our work on safeguarding, and translated online training into nine languages, which reached 4,247 participants from our members' partners.

ACFID's partnership with the Asia Pacific Development, Diplomacy and Defence Dialogue (AP4D), which we host, has benefited greatly from AP4D's blossoming into a prolific think tank on Australian statecraft in the region. We are grateful for the support for AP4D from our partner, the Australian Civil-Military Centre, and from DFAT.



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We continue to partner with members on targeted emergency responses, working alongside members on disaster responses and appeals to the war in Ukraine, the Türkiye/Syria earthquake, the floods in Pakistan, and volcanic eruptions in the Pacific. We continue to support the work of the Emergency Action Alliance, which runs consolidated appeals for large groups of our membership.

Amid challenging global circumstances, ACFID is grateful for the voluntary leadership of the ACFID Board, the Code of Conduct Committee, and the willing collaboration of many people in ACFID Committees and Communities of Practice, who ensure knowledge is shared and areas of work are advanced to the benefit of the whole membership.

Thank you to the efforts of ACFID staff, who are unstinting in looking to understand and support the work of ACFID's members, and provide leadership in many different areas of responsibility.

We are grateful for our ongoing support from and engagement with DFAT in helping shape a more effective Australian Aid Program and a high-performing sector.



*Susan Pascoe*

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President of ACFID



*Marc Purcell*

Marc Purcell  
Chief Executive Officer  
of ACFID





Vanilla 'Beans of Hope' project in Timor-Leste.  
Photo: Mark Chew/Edmund Rice Foundation Australia.



## GOAL ONE:

# Sustainable and Inclusive Development



From Chief of Policy and Advocacy  
Jessica Mackenzie

As the world becomes more interconnected, the dynamics of poverty, instability and inequality have shifted and intensified. ACFID and our members are responding to these challenges by working towards eliminating poverty, promoting sustainable and inclusive development, partnering with civil society, and swiftly responding to emerging crises and instability.

At the mid-way point of our Strategic Plan 2020-2025, we have made considerable progress – particularly in our sector's action on climate change, our work to amplify the voice of civil society, and with advocacy on critical and emerging issues. A new political landscape, marked by the election of the Albanese Labor Government in May 2022, offers fertile ground for deepening partnerships with government and parliamentary stakeholders to advance sustainable and inclusive development.

A landmark opportunity for parliamentary engagement was the NGO sector forum, hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for International Development and the Pacific with ACFID and many of our members in September 2022. The forum considered the role of NGOs as development, humanitarian, and advocacy partners in a global environment of shrinking civic space. Discussion spanned government engagement with civil society, the challenge of the ODA budget, climate change resilience and international negotiations, First Nations Foreign Policy, gender equality in the development program, building capacity across DFAT, and the Federal Government's focus on the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Policy instruments – including the new Development Policy, Development Finance Review, and programs like the Pacific Climate Finance Partnership – were raised as ways to progress the Government's agenda.

Wider parliamentary engagement was also a strong focus of ACFID's efforts to promote sustainable and inclusive development this year, with the new



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Federal Government prompting a significant increase in lobbying, events, briefings and engagement.

ACFID provided evidence to two parliamentary inquiries conducted by the Joint Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade – one into supporting democracy in our region, and the other addressing the rights of women and children. Within these, ACFID spoke to the importance of increasing funding to civil society organisations, supporting Pacific-led initiatives to strengthen civil society, empowering women and girls through education, increasing social protection for children, and the need to increase Australia's international development program more broadly.

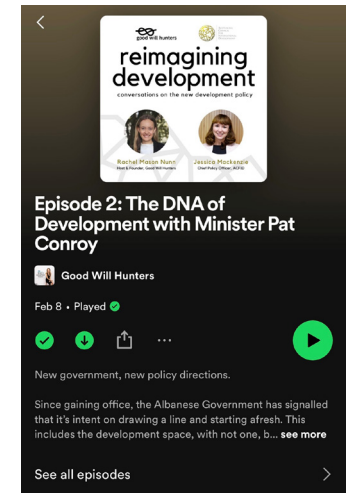
In addition to ongoing briefings for Members of Parliament (MPs) and Senators on Australia's development and humanitarian assistance program, ACFID held two lobbying rounds in August 2022 and March 2023. In August, we hosted a dinner for MPs to draw attention to the urgent food security crisis in the Horn of Africa in conjunction with our Help Fight Famine campaign with Micah Australia (see case study overleaf).

In March, our parliamentary engagement brought more than 20 CEOs and senior delegates from across ACFID's membership to Canberra for a total of 26 meetings, with a collective call for an uplift to Australia's aid program.

This lobbying included ACFID's Electorate Snapshots, which provided data on public donations to the work of ACFID members for each of the 151 Federal



Left: Senior NGO leaders meet with Foreign Minister Penny Wong at a CSO Roundtable discussion in Canberra in October 2022.  
Right: The Reimagining Development podcast, co-hosted by ACFID's Chief of Policy and Advocacy Jessica Mackenzie, available for streaming on music streaming service Spotify.



electorates and each state and territory. This data showed that at least 1.1 million Australians financially support the work of just 26 ACFID members.

Notably, this year marked the announcement of plans to renew DFAT's overarching policy for the international development and humanitarian assistance program, which ACFID warmly welcomed. In addition to our consultation to the new Development Policy, ACFID engaged regularly with DFAT.

To provide greater transparency to ACFID, members and the Government on activities in climate change, we coordinated briefings on the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific and climate finance calculations involving members of ACFID's Climate Policy and Practice Community. We continued productive exchanges with DFAT on humanitarian responses, including holding three roundtable meetings with DFAT's Humanitarian Partnerships Divisions, and country-specific briefings for a range of crises including Tropical Cyclone Mocha, the earthquake in Vanuatu, conflict in Sudan, and protracted crises in Myanmar, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

ACFID additionally coordinated briefings for diplomatic Heads of Missions, including pre-departure briefings for Ambassadors to the Solomon Islands and Cambodia and briefings on health systems for posts in Solomon Islands and Fiji. These briefings aim to showcase the work of ACFID members and NGOs within the respective countries, and provide linkages to encourage ongoing engagement on areas of mutual interest.

ACFID continues to highlight the relevance of NGOs to the Federal Government. In the wake of the Türkiye/Syria earthquake, ACFID worked to assist members in the Humanitarian Reference Group, Australian Humanitarian Partnership, and the Emergency Action Alliance, to better communicate their scale, reach and impact to the Government. Further, ACFID has worked closely with members working with Palestinian organisations to advocate for the restoration of government funding to NGOs and local Palestinian organisations.

Two Federal Budgets made 2022-23 an unusual year; in response, ACFID produced two pre-budget submissions outlining the sector's practical recommendations to advance sustainable and inclusive development in our region, by recommitting to overall ODA funding targets and investing in gender equality, climate change adaptation and improved capability to deliver a more effective program.

ACFID's advocacy pointed out the fiscal cliff with the former Government's Temporary Target Measures ending and welcomed the new Government's October budget announcement that \$1.4 billion over four years was a permanent increase to Australia's aid budget. ACFID analysed each Federal Budget to unpack the headline announcements, identify pertinent trends, and highlight key elements of the ODA budget, which was well-received by members and other stakeholders.



## SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT CASE STUDY:

# Submission to the New Development Policy

Following the announcement of plans to renew DFAT's overarching policy for international development and humanitarian assistance, ACFID partnered with members to release a key submission aiming to influence the new policy's direction.

Our 48-page document outlined key recommendations to guide DFAT's approach to putting development back at the heart of foreign policy, via a 10-year framework for intentional design. The submission called for a policy that places people at the centre of sustainable and inclusive development, and asked the Federal Government to listen to and support communities and governments in the Indo-Pacific region and further afield to meet their needs and development priorities.

ACFID's Humanitarian Reference Group contributed a second submission, which noted that Australia's humanitarian policy should be driven by need, move towards a locally led model, make clear the need to act early to prepare for disasters, focus on marginalised communities, and be transparent.

Consistent with our 2020–2025 Strategic Plan, ACFID worked to amplify regional civil society voices and supported the submission by our Pacific counterpart, the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO). PIANGO's submission focused on Pacific community priorities of climate change, the need for locally led approaches, the need to protect civil society and civic space, and inclusive development.

All submissions were products of the close working relationship between ACFID and our members and PIANGO. We led various collaboration efforts, including multiple surveys and a full-day workshop to identify and test priority issues and themes, and circulated an exposure draft to all members. We are proud of these efforts and the extent of work put in by our membership to showcase how the Federal Government can productively and proactively take forward Australia's development agenda.



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Marc Purcell, ACFID CEO

ACFID was pleased to support members to contribute their own submissions, with a dedicated email address set up to receive enquiries and direct help-desk support. Of the 213 written submissions received by DFAT, 51 were made by ACFID members, affiliate members, or associated networks and entities.

To enhance conversations on the new Development Policy, ACFID partnered with podcast Good Will Hunters, which explores the nuances within the international development space. Together, ACFID and Good Will Hunters launched the eight-episode series 'Reimagining Development – Conversations on the New Development Policy', which explored different angles of expectation on the new policy, and received over 10,000 total downloads. Hosted by Good Will Hunters' founder Rachel Mason Nunn and ACFID's Chief of Policy and Advocacy Jessica Mackenzie, the podcast featured a range of expert guests from across the international development landscape, including Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Pat Conroy; Head of the Australian Sustainable Finance Institute, Kristy Graham; and CEO of the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation, Joe Morrison.

Speaking on the new Development Policy, ACFID CEO Marc Purcell said, "This policy review means there's scope to reform the sector in a way that is contemporary, meaningful and in tune with the global realities and challenges we face right now," – showcasing the value of the conversations and the long-lasting impacts for both ACFID members and the broader international development landscape.

## SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT CASE STUDY:

# Help Fight Famine



ACFID member executives assemble displays for Help Fight Famine parliamentary event.

ACFID members unite to engage the public and campaign for a more generous and effective Australian development and humanitarian program through the member-led Public Engagement and Campaign Committee (PECC). This past year, the PECC worked urgently to galvanise support and momentum to address the global hunger crisis in a campaign called 'Help Fight Famine'. The campaign saw multiple successes, with the Federal Government this year committing large sums in emergency relief to countries most affected by the crisis.

Launched in July 2022 in partnership with Micah Australia, Help Fight Famine sought to build cross-partisan support for rebuilding aid by focusing on the growing hunger crisis in East Africa and the Middle East, pushing for increased investment in humanitarian funding and calling for an overall increase to ODA.

The campaign sought an immediate famine-prevention package of \$150 million in 2022-23, an investment of \$200 million over the next three years for addressing the root causes of food insecurity, a global food security strategy, and a doubling of the Federal Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund.

The campaign's efforts saw the commitment by the Federal Government of a combined \$69 million in emergency relief funding in three announcements made over nine months to Yemen, Syria and the Horn of Africa – a significant achievement in a tight fiscal environment.

There is public support for the need to fight global hunger. A YouGov poll indicated two-thirds of Australians support the Federal Government providing famine relief. Prompted by a Help Fight Famine call to action,



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almost 2,000 people wrote to their MPs, calling for more support to address the hunger crisis. Sustained media engagement, events at Parliament House, and dedicated lobbying of parliamentarians during ACFID's August 2022 and March 2023 lobbying rounds was well-received, and took the campaign's message further.

Help Fight Famine was a collaboration between ACFID, the ACFID PECC and Micah Australia, and was resourced through financial and in-kind contributions from PECC member organisations and Micah Australia. Building on the success of Help Fight Famine, PECC's new campaign focus is 'Safer World for All', which aims to address multiple intersecting and compounding global crises.

The PECC is an efficient way to bring ACFID's Advocacy Agenda to life under our Strategic Plan. There is significant energy and optimism within the PECC for coordinated campaigning by the sector: it avoids duplication, it delivers value for money and effective spending, and showcases our sector's values – not just in the work we do, but the way in which it is done. When different organisations come together and collaborate, it reveals our ability to smoothly achieve common goals.



## GOAL TWO:

# Organisations for the Future



From Chief Operating Officer  
Jocelyn Condon

This year, ACFID continued to build on our sustained commitment to demonstrate, strengthen and support the work of our members, to cultivate a high-performing sector and share our members' impact and significance with the Government and beyond. This year brought with it a renewed energy for change, as ACFID, alongside our sector, began to look hopefully past the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic and to the work of the future.

Standards and safeguards continued to focus our attention. As part of our regular five-yearly cycle, we initiated a review of the ACFID Code of Conduct. This work commenced early in the financial year with a discussion paper seeking input from all members on the issues of importance that needed to be addressed. We heard strongly from our members that, while the Code continues to be a useful framework and a benchmark for good practice, work must be done on the most pressing issues, including locally led development, racial justice and climate action. Members urged ACFID to do more as a sector to set the standard and push for change.

Since drafting on these changes began in January, we have held nine workshops on the proposed updates, engaging more than 200 individuals. Members have also contributed their thoughts via our survey tool, in written submissions, through additional Communities of Practice (COP) discussions on technical and thematic issues, and by engaging with ACFID directly. We are now working hard to finalise an amended version of the Code to be approved by ACFID's membership at the Annual General Meeting in October 2023, which represents global best practice.



We engaged extensively on the independent evaluation of the ANCP, ensuring the value of the program continues to be appreciated by the Government for its unrivalled contribution to the overall development program, and the unique value it creates in mobilising the support of a generous Australian community."

Through this sustained engagement, ACFID's members have not just supplied their feedback on the changes proposed, but discussed key issues thoughtfully as a sector, engaging deeply on who we want to be and what distinguishes our work both now and into the future. Accompanying our members on this journey has been a true privilege for our team.

New opportunities to improve the enabling environment for ACFID's members arose with a change in government. This included reducing red tape through the deductible gift recipient reforms to the Overseas Aid Gift Deductibility Scheme, which will significantly reduce the time applicant organisations need to wait to receive vitally important tax deductibility status.

Alongside the Development Practice Committee and the Committee for Development Cooperation we have engaged extensively on the independent evaluation of the ANCP, ensuring the value of the program continues to be appreciated by the Government for its unrivalled contribution to the overall development program, and the unique value it creates in mobilising the support of a generous Australian community. This review provided a number of positive recommendations that ACFID continues to work closely with DFAT to progress. As a result, we anticipate a review of the accreditation and funding policies will now take place in the second half of 2023 – a significant opportunity to work on improving how these systems work for our members. We will continue to engage closely with members on these issues.

On behalf of our members, we continue to work globally, raising the profile and value of ACFID's Code through our partnership with PIANGO and the Global Standard for CSO Accountability. Alongside the release of our revised Code, we are producing new tools and resources to guide its implementation, including a framework for locally led development that captures the deep thinking and expertise of members and the Development Practice Committee. We will also update tools and resources across the Good Practice Toolkit and e-learning space to ensure that members are well-positioned to embrace the new Code.

As ACFID, alongside our sector, looks beyond COVID-19 to the future, we bring with us the innovations and lessons borne from the pandemic.

ACFID National Conference 2022 was ACFID's third successive virtual conference, welcoming 488 participants representing 196 organisations and 27 countries. Conference 2022 focused on the pressing urgency of climate change and the state of our ecological systems, and was well-received. We hosted a record number of 36 concurrent sessions, sharing knowledge and ideas among our membership. With three virtual conferences now complete, ACFID has built our experience of virtual events, noting important benefits including the opportunity to significantly expand the diversity of speakers we can accommodate in this forum and bring in new voices, which we know are critical to the work of our members. Acknowledging this, Conference 2023 will be ACFID's first hybrid conference, delivered both online and in-person in Sydney.



## ORGANISATIONS FOR THE FUTURE CASE STUDY:

# Strengthening Civil Society Impact through Accountability

ACFID continues to build strong international relationships with civil society counterpart peak bodies around the globe, which enable ACFID and our civil society partners to build our collective capacity to respond to opportunities and challenges facing civil society globally. This year saw key milestones achieved in ACFID's long-standing collaborations with the Global Standard Partnership and PIANGO, and the development of new partnerships with NGO peak bodies through the International Civil Society Centre.

ACFID is a founding partner to the Global Standard Partnership, whose vision is for a civil society sector that is more responsive, impactful, sustainable, and resilient as a result of improved accountability practices and mechanisms. In April, ACFID attended a meeting of the 12 Global Standard Partners in Nairobi, Kenya. This meeting was a significant milestone in the history of the partnership, where partners ratified and formalised the partnership's governing structure, agreeing articles of association, partnership by-laws and governance appointments. This new structure will assist in providing a strong foundation for the partnership to grow and mature. ACFID is proud to have been appointed to the Board of the partnership for a three-year term within the global assembly. ACFID's partnership with the Global Standard allows us to leverage the value of ACFID's Code of Conduct, to influence the setting of global standards around the world, and to maintain a standard that is relevant and well-aligned to the work ACFID's members undertake in international settings.



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This year also saw the achievement of a milestone in ACFID's partnership with our Pacific counterpart PIANGO, with the endorsement of a Pacific CSO Accountability Framework at PIANGO Council in November 2022. Developed by PIANGO and ACFID over the past three years, the Framework describes a clear vision for what accountable Pacific civil society organisations look like. It is an invitation for governments, international partners and donors to accept a Pacific model and vision of accountability, which reflects the values, strength and diversity of Pacific civil society. Aligned to the Global Standard, the Framework gives Pacific civil society actors the shared language and tools to review their accountability practices and hold themselves and each other to account. In November, ACFID attended the 2022 PIANGO Council, held in Nadi, Fiji, using the opportunity to strengthen relationships, and to listen and learn from Pacific civil society about current opportunities and challenges. ACFID will continue to work alongside PIANGO and its members to support their goal of strengthening Pacific civil society organisations through the promotion and implementation of self-regulatory standards.

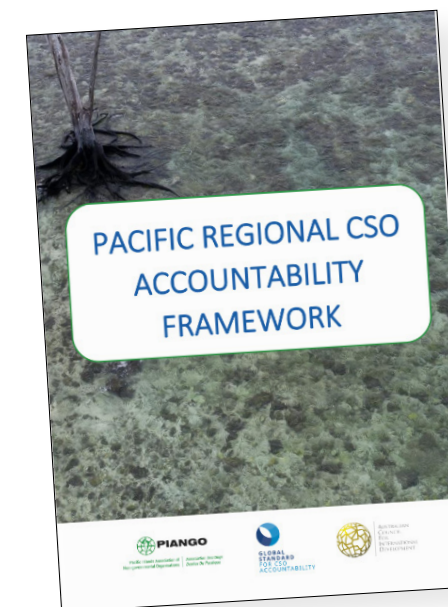
ACFID sought new opportunities to engage with NGO peak bodies globally, joining the Convenors for Power Shift group, convened by the International Civil Society Centre. The group is an informal space where NGO peak bodies can share ideas, lessons and resources related to their work on locally led development and humanitarian action, and 'shifting the power'. This includes sharing work being done to develop guidelines and standards around locally led development and humanitarian action, and participation in advocacy activities that bring NGO peak bodies and donors together.



Top: ACFID's Chief Operating Officer, Jocelyn Condon, and Standards and Code Lead, Emily Moreton, met with other members of the Global Standard Partnership in Nairobi, Kenya to work together towards a more responsive, impactful, sustainable and resilient global civil society sector as a result of improved accountability practices and mechanisms.

Left: Front cover of the Pacific Regional CSO Accountability Framework, developed by PIANGO and ACFID.

Bottom: Participants at the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs in Nadi, Fiji November 2022.

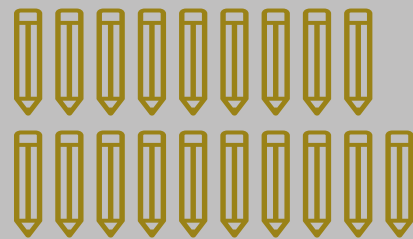




# LEARNING AND INNOVATION

IN 2022-23, ACFID LED OR SUPPORTED THE DELIVERY OF

# 19



LEARNING  
INITIATIVES

WHICH ENGAGED MORE THAN

# 3,140

PARTICIPANTS



## THESE INCLUDED:

9

E-LEARNING  
COURSES

E-LEARNING FOCUSED ON:  
ACFID CODE OF CONDUCT, DISABILITY  
INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE  
CHANGE, CHILD PROTECTION,  
SAFEGUARDING, SYSTEMS CHANGE  
AND TRAVEL AWARENESS.

2

RESOURCE  
HUBS

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SPECIALISED  
LEARNING TOOLKITS



# 2,395

PEOPLE ENROLLED

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PEOPLE COMPLETED  
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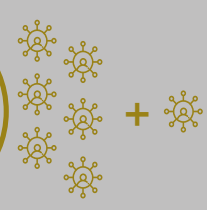
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PEOPLE COMPLETED  
CHILD PROTECTION  
E-LEARNING

ACFID COLLABORATED  
WITH PARTNERS TO DELIVER

6  
WEBINARS



1  
FACE-TO-FACE  
WORKSHOP

## WEBINARS INCLUDED:

- THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
BUSINESS MODELS SERIES (3 IN TOTAL)
- CLIMATE ACTION WEBINAR SERIES
- PRACTICAL STEPS TO INTEGRATE CLIMATE  
ACTION: STARTING THE JOURNEY

# 380

PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED IN  
AN ACFID WEBINAR

THERE WERE

# 2,631

UNIQUE VIEWS OF  
9 TRANSLATED  
SAFEGUARDING  
COURSES

TRANSLATED  
LANGUAGES:



FRENCH, HUNGARIAN,  
KHMER, MALAY,  
MONGOLIAN, POLISH,  
SPANISH, UKRAINIAN,  
VIETNAMESE



A farmer collects water from a new  
reservoir constructed by the local  
community with SurfAid's support.  
Previously she had to walk up a large  
hill for over 30 minutes twice a day  
to reach the nearest water source.  
Photo: Kahfy Yudha/SurfAid.







Children from internally displaced families play at a settlement for displaced people in Loya Wala north of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Photo: Oxygen Film Studio (AFG)/UNHCR.



# Enablers

ACFID has identified four enablers as key to the achievement of our Strategic Plan 2020-2025: Engaged Members, Positive People and Culture, Strategic Partners, and Sustainable Organisation – which has within it the further sub-items of Governance and Risk, Financial Performance, Information Management and Technology, and External Communication.

No enabler is an end in itself; rather, each supports the achievement of our strategic goals, and allows ACFID to adapt and respond to changes in the strategic landscape over the Strategic Plan period.

## ENGAGED MEMBERS

### CONFERENCE 2022

In 2022, ACFID Conference turned its attention to climate change and the state of our ecological systems as we engaged with the conference theme of 'Healthy Planet, Healthy Communities: Acting with evidence, equity and inclusion for a resilient future'.

Hosted by two dynamic emcees – Nathaniel Diong from Future Minds Network and Tasneem Roc from the Myanmar Campaign Network – Conference 2022 brought together 488 event participants from 196 organisations and 27 countries for two days of stimulating discussions, over a record number of 36 concurrent sessions delivered by ACFID's members and their in-country partners.

Engagement from delegates around the globe was excellent, in the conference's third year in the virtual environment, with all post-event survey respondents rating the two-day event either excellent or good.

ACFID additionally delivered our first hybrid Annual General Meeting, held both in person in Melbourne and online. ACFID Council was delighted to welcome six new organisations into the membership: Doctors Assisting In South-Pacific Islands (DAISI®), A Liquid Future, Project Rozana, St John of God Social Outreach and the REACH for Nepal Foundation. The Annual General Meeting concluded with the ACFID Awards ceremony (read more on page 36).



I attend to keep up to date with current sector thought leadership, practice and learnings from the field; network and engage in robust conversations on international development and humanitarian issues."

ACFID Conference 2022 attendee



Conference 2022 opened with the session *Connecting to Country: Lessons on relationships, resilience and hope*. Speakers included Anika Molesworth, Founder and Director - Climate Wise Agriculture, Farmers for Climate Action; Chrissy Warren, Deputy Chair - Cape York Protected Area Management Committee; and Susanne Legena, CEO - Plan International Australia.

## ACFID CONNECT

This year saw an increase in the number of member-only sessions delivered through ACFID Connect, with nine sessions available. These valuable virtual sessions deliver ACFID's members important information on a range of subjects, including development finance, First Nations Foreign Policy, the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme and ANCP Insights.

## POSITIVE PEOPLE AND CULTURE

ACFID saw significant staff changes this year, with newcomers welcomed and embedded into the organisation. We were particularly pleased to see internal staff members as successful applicants for senior policy roles, showing the depth of talent and experience existing and being developed within ACFID.

A management review undertaken in the second quarter of 2022-23 saw the creation of the new role of Chief Operating Officer, with expanded responsibilities that allow the CEO to focus more on external relationships and activities.

Further review was undertaken by the People and Culture staff committee – a cross-functional staff working group that is a strong and productive voice for staff during the year, working on and engaging with matters of internal policy and advancing staff views. Currently, the committee is advancing work on both a more flexible and culturally safe workplace in consultation with ACFID's management team. ACFID appreciates the time and effort staff members put into reviewing and improving policies and procedures, and leading meaningful and practical advocacy on behalf of their colleagues.



## STRATEGIC PARTNERS

### AUSTRALIAN CIVIL-MILITARY CENTRE

The Australian Civil-Military Centre works with government departments, NGOs and other international bodies to improve Australia's effectiveness in civil-military-police collaboration for conflict and disaster management overseas. ACFID supports an NGO Advisor seconded to the Centre. The Advisor works with ACFID members to ensure NGO perspectives are considered in the development of Australia's civil-military capabilities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to conflicts and disasters overseas.

In March 2023, Australian Civil-Military Centre and ACFID launched the 'Same Space – Different Mandates, 2023 Edition', a civil-military-police guide for stakeholders in international disaster and conflict response. Defence forces, police, government agencies and humanitarian organisations often find themselves operating in the same physical space, responding to natural disasters or other complex emergencies. However, a lack of shared understanding over stakeholder roles, responsibilities, cultures, and terminologies can impair effective communication and program implementation. The updated Same Space, Different Mandates publication emphasises preparedness, and promotes productive relationships, dialogue and constructive civil-military-police engagement. The Chief of Joint Capabilities, Lieutenant General John Frewen, called the updated edition, "A timely publication highlighting the complexities, challenges, limitations and opportunities of engagement across our civil, military and police stakeholders".



## SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

### GOVERNANCE AND RISK

The mid-term review of ACFID's Strategic Plan 2020-2025 was an opportunity for staff to reflect on all that ACFID has achieved over the first half of our Strategic Plan. It demonstrated that ACFID's response in times of crisis have often resulted in some of our greatest successes for members, and that collaboration across teams within ACFID is crucial to the realisation of our strategic intent. For example, in 2020, ACFID led cross-charity collaboration to propose a charity form of JobKeeper to subsidise the sector; defended against 20 per cent reductions in ANCP funding, and proposed the pivot in ANCP funding that led to DFAT increasing flexibility in agency responses in developing countries. The review found that – despite ACFID responding to the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic at the plan's commencement – all areas of the Strategic Plan had been advanced over its first three years.

ACFID additionally undertook the mid-term review of our DFAT grant, which was a large and collaborative piece of work across the organisation.



Top: Front cover of the Same Space, Different Mandates Publication, jointly released by Australian Civil-Military Centre and ACFID.

Left: Same Space – Different Mandates: Beth Eggleston, Co-Founder and Director of HAG; Marc Purcell, CEO ACFID; Lieutenant General John Frewen, AO, DSC, Chief of Joint Capabilities; Nicola Rosenblum, Executive Director ACMC; Douglas Perrers, Australian Defence Force; David Tuck, ICRC Head of Delegation; Jules Frost, Civil Society Engagement Advisor Australian Civil-Military Centre.

## INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

ACFID's Digital Transformation Project has transformed the way ACFID does business with our members, providing invaluable new capacity and insights for advocacy, relationship management, and more easily monitoring members' compliance cycles. Some small delays impacted members' ability to use the system effectively; we appreciate members' patience during this transition phase.

ACFID's new website has received a lot of positive feedback from members and the general public. It boasts a cleaner, clearer interface designed with ACFID branding, a mega menu for easy navigation, and is mobile-friendly. The website aligns with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 – a series of accessibility standards that ensure online content is accessible to people with disabilities – featuring a multi-function, user-first, interactive UserWay Accessibility widget, which allows the website visitor to change aspects of the website to suit their needs, including changing colour contrasts, highlighting links, enlarging text and spacing, pausing animations and more.



Top: The front page of ACFID's new website, launched in November 2022.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Work continued towards ensuring ACFID's financial sustainability, as we progressed a financial sustainability workplan that builds on the financial sustainability plan developed last financial year. That plan aimed to ensure ACFID's long-term sustainability as an organisation and diversify and implement alternative income streams, to ensure ACFID's robust financial independence and ability to serve our members. Building on this development, ACFID this year produced and began implementing the financial sustainability workplan, and began reporting progress and updates to the Finance and Audit Committee for their oversight.

ACFID this year changed financial services provider after a robust and competitive tender process, and welcomes a new relationship with Bellchambers Barrett.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

This year ACFID refreshed our exclusive members-only weekly e-newsletter, launching The ACFID Weekly in May. The ACFID Weekly brings members deeper engagement through easier, clearer communication, containing updates from ACFID, sector news and events, professional development opportunities, and new resources and publications. The ACFID Weekly is a clear and concise document compatible with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0.



# Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defence Dialogue

The Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defence Dialogue (AP4D) is a tripartite initiative – hosted by ACFID and funded by the Australian Civil–Military Centre and DFAT – that creates a new dimension in Australia’s international policymaking, by bringing together the development, diplomacy and defence policy communities. As a platform for practical, future-facing ideas, AP4D combines the skills and experience of each to achieve new insights, develop new ideas, and promote strategic collaboration around shared interests.

2022-23 was a year of growth for AP4D, following the completion of its inaugural program, with programs funded by the Australian Civil–Military Centre and DFAT’s Office of the Pacific.

AP4D’s advocacy for more integrated and coordinated statecraft is already beginning to be reflected in key policy documents to which AP4D has made submissions, including the Defence Strategic Review, the new International Development Policy, and the 2023-24 Federal Budget. It is increasingly common to hear Australian foreign policy articulated by ministers, senior officials and commentators in terms of the need to use all elements of statecraft. Speaking to the National Press Club in April, for example, Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong said, “Our decision is to use all elements of our national power to shape the world in our interests, and to shape it for the better”. Similar remarks have been made by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Defence, Minister for International Development and the Pacific,

and Chief of the Defence Force, among others.

AP4D is also part of the Blue Security Program – a collaboration with La Trobe Asia, Griffith Asia Institute, University of New South Wales Canberra and the University of Western Australia’s Defence and Security Institute, which is funded through a DFAT Maritime Exchange grant.

AP4D is still a relatively new initiative, but there are strong indications that it is already having a demonstrable impact after just two years. There has been clear receptivity to the work AP4D is doing among policymakers, with more than 700 parliamentarians, officials and international engagement staff briefed in the past 12 months across 58 private briefings and presentations.

This is mirrored by strong public interest, with almost 400 people attending nine virtual and in-person AP4D events over the past 12 months. AP4D staff have likewise promoted the results of papers and core AP4D themes through the publication of almost 60 articles and blog pieces, during 37 speaking engagements, and across 58 media mentions.

By advocating for the need to respect, resource and coordinate all elements of statecraft, AP4D continues to contribute to the ACFID aim of elevating development to the heart of foreign policy.

Learn more about AP4D at [asiapacific4d.com](http://asiapacific4d.com)



## AP4D CONSULTATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

AP4D held consultations with more than 350 non-government experts from Australia and across the region, resulting in the publication of six options papers:

- What does it look like for Australia to Use All Tools of Statecraft in Practice
- What does it look like for Australia to be an Effective Partner in Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- What does it look like for Australia to Shape a Shared Future with Timor-Leste
- What does it look like for Australia and Southeast Asia to Develop a Joint Agenda for Maritime Security
- What does it look like for Australia to be a Strategic Partner on Women, Peace and Security with the Pacific
- What does it look like for Australia to Enhance Coordination with France in the Indo-Pacific

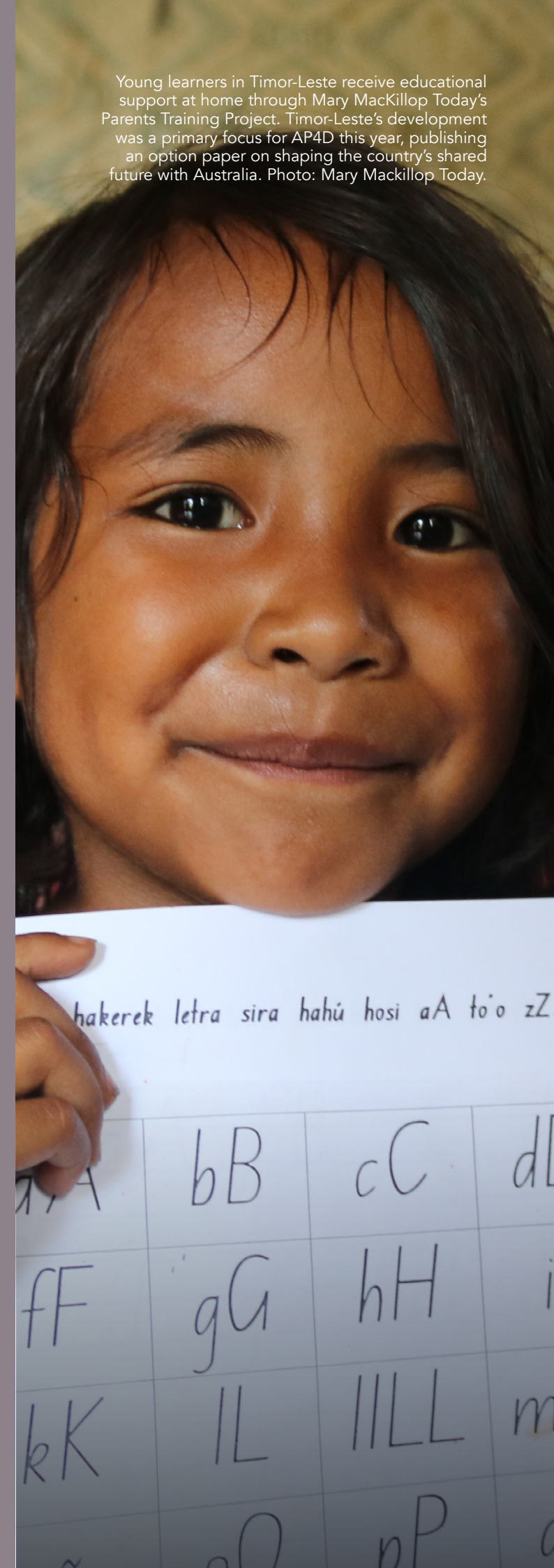
## AP4D also made submissions to seven reviews and inquiries:

- Defence Strategic Review
- New Development Policy
- Department of Foreign Affairs Southeast Asia Economic Strategy
- 2023-24 Pre-budget submission
- Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry: supporting democracy in our region
- Joint Standing Committee on Treaties inquiry: Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry inquiry: Measures to prevent the importation of illegal, unreported and unregulated seafood

Far left: AP4D staff and working group members at the launch of the paper ‘What does it look like for Australia to use all tools of statecraft in practice’, 21 February 2023.

Left: AP4D Co-chair Marc Purcell gives evidence at a Parliamentary Hearing for the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry into supporting democracy in our region, 23 March 2023.

Young learners in Timor-Leste receive educational support at home through Mary MacKillop Today’s Parents Training Project. Timor-Leste’s development was a primary focus for AP4D this year, publishing an option paper on shaping the country’s shared future with Australia. Photo: Mary MacKillop Today.





# Annual Statistical Survey

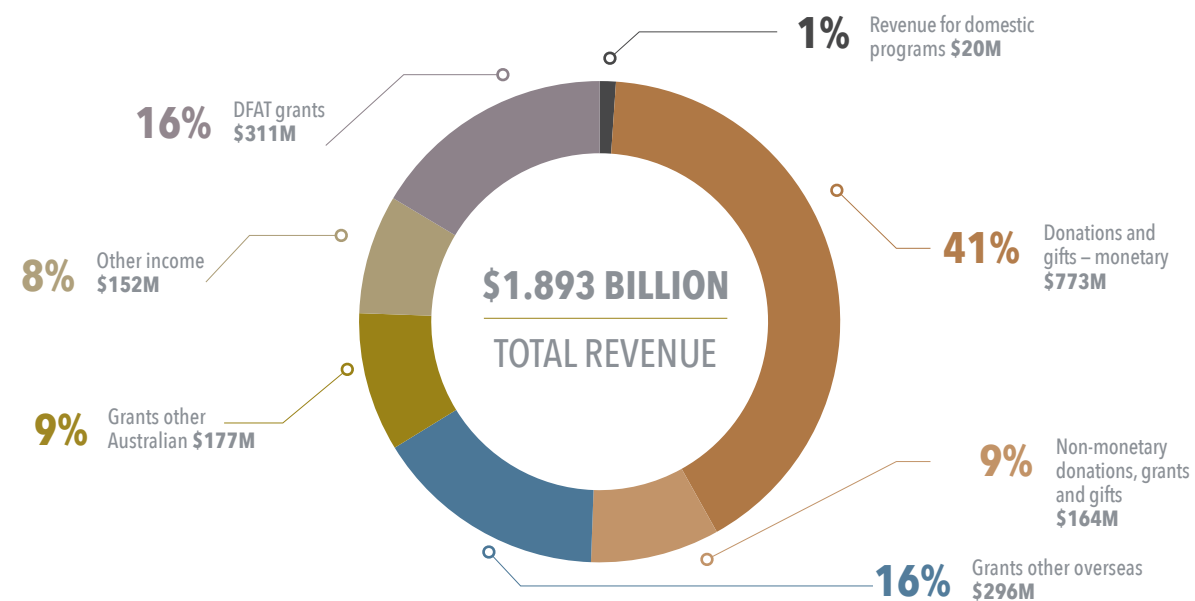
Each year, ACFID undertakes a statistical survey of our members to provide insights into their profile and the scope, focus, and reach of their work internationally. The data outlined below is taken from the 2021-2022 financial year.

ACFID's members have:

- Been supported by over 1,149,619 individuals donating \$773 million
- Delivered 2707 projects in 85 countries
- Invested \$1.26 billion\* in international projects
- Employed 4,367 total employees
- Engaged 13,368 Australian domestic volunteers

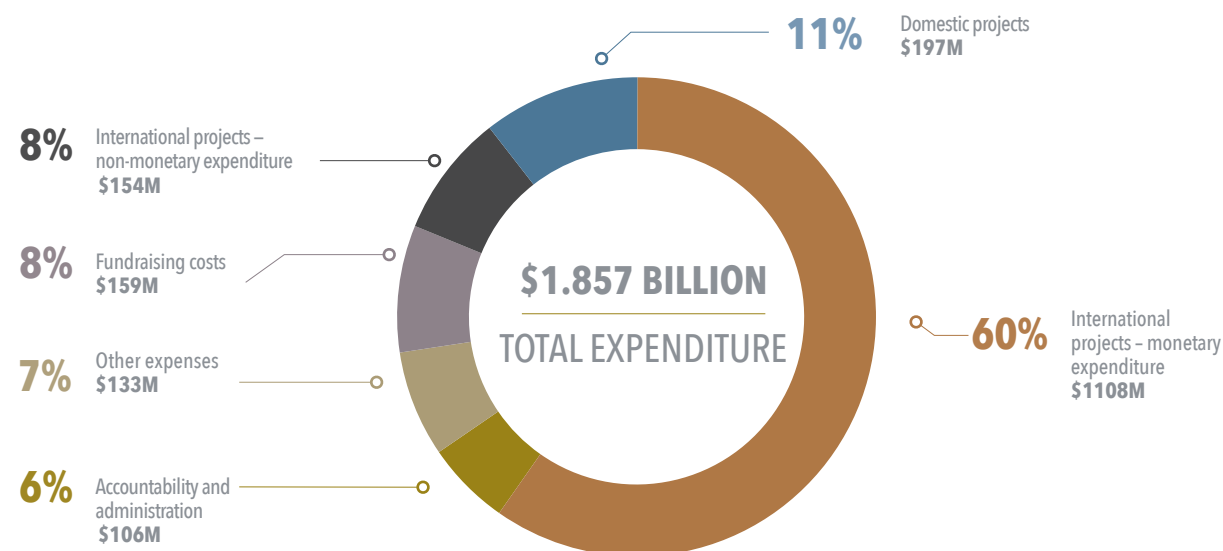
## SUPPORT FOR ACFID'S MEMBERS

### 1.1 Revenue of ACFID's members in 2021-22



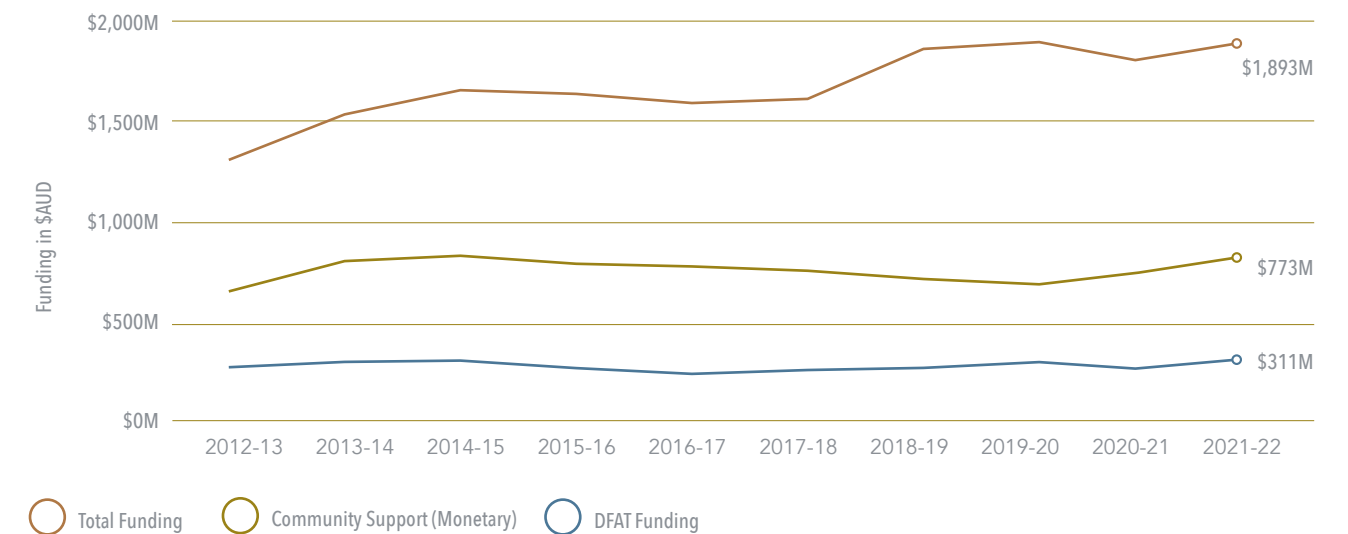
## DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURE

### 2.1 Expenditure of ACFID's members in 2021-22

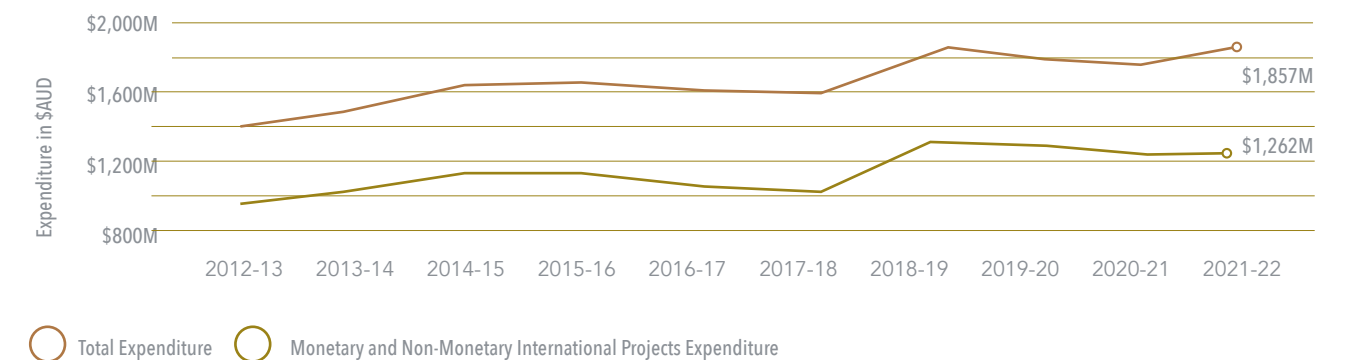


## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF ACFID'S MEMBERS OVER TIME

### 3.1 Funding trends for ACFID's members from 2012-13 to 2021-22



### 3.2 Expenditure trends for ACFID's members from 2012-13 to 2021-22



\*Monetary and non-monetary expenditure for international projects

1. The data in graphs 1.1-3.2 includes the data of 127 surveyed members. The data on individual donors, employees and volunteers includes the data of 95 out of a possible 127 surveyed members.
2. The figures in this report have been rounded and are nominal.
3. The financial definitions used in this report are as required in ACFID's Code of Conduct compliant financial reports:
  - 3.1 Donations & Gifts Monetary includes Donations, Gifts, Bequests and Legacies received without providing consideration in return.
  - 3.2 Non-monetary Donations, Grants and Gifts includes Goods and services received as gifts-in-kind or grants-in-kind. This mainly includes in-kind grants provided by the World Food Programme to respond to humanitarian emergencies. The increase in total revenue and in non-monetary donations, grants and gifts is primarily attributable to additional goods-in-kind provided to one of ACFID's members to support Syria Response efforts in Lebanon.
  - 3.3 Other Income includes investment income, commercial activities income, income for international political or religious adherence promotion programs and other income.
  - 3.4 Grants Other Overseas includes grants sourced from non-Australian institutions, including international affiliates, multilateral institutions

and other non-Australian organisations.

- 3.5 Grants Other Australian includes grants sourced from all other Australian institutions, including other Australian Commonwealth Government departments or agencies other than DFAT, state Government departments, and other Australian organisations such as philanthropic organisations and corporate entities.
- 3.6 International Projects – Monetary Expenditure comprises expenses on international aid and development programs, program support costs and community education.
- 3.7 International Projects – Non-Monetary Expenditure are costs to offset the value of gifts of goods and services received in kind, as well as any volunteer
- 3.8 Accountability and Administration are costs associated with the overall operational capability of organisations, for example, audit and accounting services, legal fees, office accommodation and bank charges.
- 3.9 Other Expenses are outflows of economic benefits not included in other expenditure categories.
- 4 Graphs with year-on-year comparisons include financial information of a varying number of members - a dependency on response rate for a given year.



# ACFID Board



ACFID Board, June 2023.

The ACFID Council delegates the conduct of the financial and general affairs of ACFID – other than matters reserved for Council in its Constitution – to its Board, which is elected by ACFID’s members. The 12-member Board comprises a President, a Vice President (Finance), two Vice Presidents, and eight ordinary members (Directors). Board members may serve three-year terms and are eligible to stand for election again but may only serve a maximum of six years. The President may only serve a maximum of two three-year terms.

OFFICE BEARERS

| Full Name        | Board Position                   | Organisation                            | Board Meeting Q1 | Board Meeting Q2 | Board Meeting Q3 | Board Meeting Q4 |
|------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Susan Pascoe     | President                        |   | Y                | Y                | —                | Y                |
| Jane Edge        | Vice President – Finance         | CEO, CBM Australia                      | —                | Y                | Y                | Y                |
| Rosie When       | Vice President (until June 2023) | CEO, WaterAid Australia                 | —                | Y                | Y                | Y                |
| Matthew Maury    | Vice President                   | CEO, Tearfund Australia                 | Y                | —                | Y                | Y                |
| Michelle Higelin | Vice President (from June 2023)  | Executive Director, ActionAid Australia | Y                | Y                | —                | Y                |

DIRECTORS

| Full Name         | Organisation   | Board Meeting Q1 | Board Meeting Q2 | Board Meeting Q3 | Board Meeting Q4 |
|-------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Shane Nichols     | CEO, Good Return   | Y                | Y                | Y                | Y                |
| Susanne Legena    | CEO, Plan International Australia (until November 2022)                          | Y                | —                | —                | —                |
| Christian Nielsen | Executive Director, Live and Learn Environmental Education (until November 2022) | Y                | —                | —                | —                |
| Dermot O’Gorman   | CEO, WWF-Australia (until November 2022)   | Y                | —                | —                | —                |
| Lyn Morgain       | Chief Executive, Oxfam Australia   | Y                | Y                | Y                | Y                |
| Sureka Goringe    | National Director, Uniting World   | Y                | Y                | Y                | Y                |
| Mat Tinkler       | CEO, Save the Children   | —                | —                | Y                | —                |
| Thenu Herath      | CEO/Board member, Oaktree (from November 2022)                                   | —                | Y                | Y                | Y                |
| Graham Strong     | Chief Field Impact Officer, World Vision Australia (from November 2022)          | —                | Y                | —                | Y                |
| Ben Thurley       | CEO, International Nepal Fellowship Australia (from November 2022)               | —                | Y                | Y                | Y                |
| Kate Lee          | CEO, APHEDA (from June 2023)   | —                | —                | —                | Y                |

# ACFID Staff



ACFID Staff at the mid-term review of ACFID’s Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

**Marc Purcell**  
Chief Executive Officer

**EFFECTIVENESS AND ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

**Jocelyn Condon**  
Chief Operating Officer

**Emily Moreton**  
Standards and Code Lead

**Raewyn Lans**  
Member and Stakeholder Engagement Lead

**Geraldine Li**  
Development Practice Advisor (until November 2022)

**Shweta Tank**  
Digital Learning Advisor

**Paul Brunton**  
Standards and Code Advisor

**Whitney Yip**  
Standards and Code Advisor

**Anne Fitzpatrick**  
Learning and Impact Advisor

**Molly Saunders**  
Standards and Code Assistant (until April 2023)

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND SERVICES**

**Nicola Gleeson**  
Business Director

**Chris Johnson**  
Acting Business Director (until January 2023)

**Aina Studer**  
Data and Operations Lead

**Freya Whereat**  
Acting Data and Operations Lead (until September 2022)

**Moti Goode**  
Executive Coordinator and Corporate Partnerships and Services Lead

**Eva Touzeau**  
External Relations Coordinator

**Sangeeta Prasad**  
Corporate Partnerships and Business Coordinator (until January 2023)

**Kirsten Lawarik**  
Business Change Advisor

**Brendan Mortlock**  
ICT and Operations Support Officer

**POLICY AND ADVOCACY TEAM**

**Jessica Mackenzie**  
Chief of Policy and Advocacy

**Brigid O’Farrell**  
Policy and Advocacy Lead

**Natasha Chabbra**  
Humanitarian Policy and Advocacy Lead

**Antonia Pannell**  
Partnerships and Policy Lead

**Tim Watkin**  
Head of Government Relations and Communications (until November 2022)

**Sarah Burrows**  
Head of Policy and Partnerships (until February 2023)

**Rebecca Hamilton**  
Senior Policy Advisor (until March 2023)

**Duncan Yip**  
Policy and Advocacy Advisor (until January 2023)

**Aarti Betigeri**  
Media Relations and Advocacy Advisor

**Conor Nakkan**  
Research and Administrative Support Officer (until August 2022)

**Adrienne Cox**  
Research Assistant (until February 2023)

**Lanni Hamblin**  
Policy and Advocacy Advisor

**Will Devine**  
Policy and Advocacy Officer

**Hannah Bradshaw**  
Research Assistant

**AUSTRALIAN CIVIL-MILITARY CENTRE — CIVIL SOCIETY LIAISON**

**Jules Frost**  
Civil Society Engagement Advisor

**ASIA-PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, DIPLOMACY & DEFENCE DIALOGUE**

**Melissa Conley Tyler**  
Executive Director

**Heather Wrathall**  
Program Lead

**Hugh Piper**  
Program Lead

**Tom Barber**  
Program Officer



# Communities of Practice

A Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of people who come together to share, learn and collaborate. They are held together by a common interest in a topic, and are driven by a desire to solve problems and develop a body of knowledge together.

For ACFID, CoPs play a vital role in contributing to our broader change agenda and to achieving ACFID's aim to see our members as influential agents of change and leaders in development and humanitarian practice and NGO effectiveness and accountability.

CoPs are member-led and run with the support of two co-convenors and the energy and commitment of interested members. They interact through MyACFID's collaborative platform; an online space for collaboration, planning and information sharing.

CoPs move fluidly between active and dormant states, depending on a variety of reasons and based on the needs of their members.

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PROGRAM Convenor

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## AFGHANISTAN Co-convenors

Ali Reza Yunespour, Indigo Foundation  
Vichi Gunawardena, World Vision Australia

## AUSTRALIAN NGO COOPERATION PROGRAM Co-convenors

Katie Chalk, World Vision Australia  
Darren Raeburn, The Fred Hollows Foundation  
Thomas Broadhurst, Oxfam Australia

## CAMBODIA Convenor

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## CHILD RIGHTS Convenor

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## CLIMATE POLICY AND PRACTICE Co-convenors

Melissa Bungcaras, Oxfam Australia  
Ollie Toohey, WWF-Australia

## EDUCATION Co-convenors

Belinda Lauria, UNICEF Australia  
Jennifer Merryweather, Plan International Australia

## FINANCE Co-convenors

Craig Margetson, Caritas Australia  
Clare Wimhurst, UNICEF Australia

## GENDER EQUITY Co-convenors

Sophie Hardefeldt, ActionAid Australia  
Isabelle Gurney, World Vision Australia

## HUMAN RESOURCES Convenor

Sandra Oliveira, Caritas Australia/WWF-Australia

## MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING Co-convenors

Lindsay Reilly, World Vision Australia  
Suzanne Hayes, Global Mission Partners

## MYANMAR Co-convenors

Ben Murphy, The Fred Hollows Foundation  
Sarah Hunt, Childfund Australia

## NEPAL Convenor

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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA Co-convenors

Gillian Cochrane, Brien Holden Vision Foundation  
Michele Rumsey, University of Technology, Sydney

## RACIAL JUSTICE Co-convenors

Alan Wu, Oxfam Australia  
Whitney Yip, ACFID

## SAFEGUARDING Co-convenors

Tatjana Hassel, Caritas Australia  
Jen Johnstone, Habitat for Humanity  
Megan Jones, World Vision Australia

## SMALL MEMBER Convenor

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## URBAN Convenor

Chris Govers, Habitat for Humanity



Left: A mother walks with her three daughters to receive her first seed loan and a farming tool. She hopes her harvest will enable her to pay for her children's education well into the future. Photo: River Bennett Photography/Love Mercy Foundation.



# ACFID Awards

ACFID Awards provide an important opportunity to recognise the achievements of those who have made a significant impact and difference in the aid and development sector.



The Sir Ronald Wilson Human Rights Award winner, the CRPH/NUG Support Group (Australia), accept their award, with representatives of the group's state and territory groups joining from across the country.

## THE SIR RONALD WILSON AWARD 2022

Presented to an individual or organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to advancing human rights in the international development sector.

## THE CRPH/NUG SUPPORT GROUP (AUSTRALIA)

The CRPH/NUG Support Group (Australia) is part of the global advocacy movement for democracy in Myanmar, after the February 2021 military coup that toppled the country's democratically elected government. It consolidates the voice of the Burmese diaspora in Australia, and supports the Burmese people's desire for democracy, human rights and equality to be restored.

The group fundraises, lobbies the Australian Government, and liaises with and between government bodies, Myanmar ethnic groups, and the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) and the National Unity Government (NUG) of Myanmar: the two main groups that work to resist the military dictatorship and keep the flame of democracy alive.

The CRPH/NUG Support Group (Australia) regularly informs politicians and media in Australia by publishing open letters, media releases and statements about human rights violations, war crimes, and crimes against humanity committed by the ruling military junta, and highlights Australia's role in resolving the conflict in Myanmar.



The Outstanding Contribution to the Sector Award is presented to the Reverend Tim Costello AO (centre), by Marc Purcell, ACFID CEO, and Susan Pascoe AM, ACFID President.

## THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECTOR AWARD 2022

Presented to an individual or organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian aid and development sector over an extended period of time.

## REVEREND TIM COSTELLO AO

Executive Director of Micah Australia and Director of Ethical Voice, Reverend Tim Costello AO is one of Australia's most respected community leaders and a sought-after voice on social justice issues, leadership and ethics.

A Baptist minister, Reverend Costello was Chief Executive of World Vision Australia for 13 years between 2003 and 2016. His formal involvement in the international development sector dates back to the late 1990s, when he served on Tearfund Australia's board. He has served on the boards of Make Poverty History and the Campaign for Australian Aid, and as co-Chair of the Charities Crisis cabinet and Chair of the Community Council for Australia, among many other roles and positions.

Reverend Costello dedicated the award to Mohammed El Halabi, a Palestinian aid worker with World Vision International, who was detained by Israel in 2016. In June 2022 Mohammed was found guilty of belonging to a terrorist organisation, financing terrorist activities and having transmitted information to the enemy. Accepting the award, Reverend Costello commended Mohammed's courage: "He dared to serve Palestinians, and dared to plead not guilty to trumped-up political charges in Israeli courts, when Palestinians are simply required to plead guilty."

## THE ACFID MEDIA AWARD 2022

Presented to a journalist or journalistic team that has produced a single piece or series that profiles with sensitivity and respect the issues and lives of people experiencing poverty and injustice.

## DR LAGIPOIVA CHERELLE JACKSON

Dr Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson won this year's ACFID Media Award for her three-part audio series with Guardian Australia, 'An Impossible Choice'.

'An Impossible Choice' starkly illustrates an enormous injustice and a great dilemma: that the people who have done the least to cause climate change are feeling its effects the most. In the Pacific, many people are facing the impossible choice of staying to battle increasingly tough conditions, or leaving their land – and therefore key elements of their culture and identity – behind. This series tells their stories, and links it with the wider political context, including interviews with Pacific political figures Enele Sopoaga and Ralph Regenvanu.

Dr Jackson is a Chieftess from the village of Safua, Savai'i and the co-founder of the Samoa Alliance of Media Practitioners for Development: a consortium of experts focused on building the capacity of Samoan journalists and creating partnerships in media development. She currently represents the Journalists Association of Samoa on the Gender Council of the International Federation of Journalists.

Dr Jackson dedicated the award to her children Toaimatagialetagaloalagi and Sinataeaoilelagi, whose generation will face the implications of a climate crisis not of their doing. She also dedicated the award to her late mother, High Chief Va'asili'ifiti Moelagi, "whose wisdom and indigenous conservation knowledge and foresight instilled a sense of responsibility in me, to tell the stories of our people."



The 2022 ACFID Media Award winner was Dr Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson, whose niece, Taufagalupe Yvonne Faleasi'u (centre) accepted the award on her aunt's behalf.



# ACFID Committees

## HUMANITARIAN REFERENCE GROUP

The ACFID Humanitarian Reference Group (HRG) is the independent voice of humanitarian agencies in Australia. It provides a mechanism for ACFID members working in international humanitarian assistance to share information, strengthen coordination, and engage in policy dialogue and advocacy to strengthen humanitarian responses.

HRG members work across a range of areas including protracted crises, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian effectiveness, civil-military engagement and protection. The group comprises ACFID members with significant operational involvement in humanitarian response who have the capacity to contribute to the workplan of the HRG.

### CO-CHAIRS

**Lucia Goldsmith**, Oxfam Australia

**Lily Gardener**, Australian Red Cross

**Nadine Haddad**, World Vision Australia (until August 2022)

### MEMBERS

**Act for Peace**

**ActionAid Australia**

**Adventist Development and Relief Agency**

**Australian Lutheran World Service**

**Australian Red Cross**

**CARE Australia**

**Caritas Australia**

**ChildFund Australia**

**Oxfam Australia**

**Plan International Australia**

**RedR Australia**

**Save the Children Australia**

**World Vision Australia**

### OBSERVERS

**Anglican Board of Mission**

**Anglican Overseas Aid**

**Australia for UNHCR**

**Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, Deakin University**

**Church Agencies Network-Disaster**

**Operations (CAN DO)**

**CBM Australia**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Tearfund Australia**

**Transform Aid International**

**UNICEF Australia**

**Uniting World**

## DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Development Practice Committee (DPC) is a specialist group of learning and development practitioners from the aid and development sector. Its objectives are to: enhance the development sector's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability by leading good practice within the sector; undertake applied research and the development of tools and processes; provide relevant advice to ACFID on key issues around development effectiveness affecting the sector; and engage with DFAT on development effectiveness practice, including the 2022 Independent Evaluation of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program.

### CO-CHAIRS

**Tracy McDiarmid**, World Vision Australia

**Matthew Maury**, Tearfund Australia

### MEMBERS

**Fiona Tarpey**, Australian Red Cross

**Colin Scott**, Global Mission Partners

**Dr Anthony Zwi**, University of New South Wales

**Elsa Carnaby**, Oxfam Australia

**Ai Leen Quah**, Quaker Service Australia

**Suzi Chinnery**, CARE Australia

**Ben Thurley**, INF Australia

**Gemma Porter**, The Fred Hollows Foundation

**Dan Skehan**, Caritas Australia

**Belinda Lauria**, UNICEF Australia

**Keren Winterford**, UTS Institute of Sustainable Futures

### ADVISOR

**Linda Kelly**

### ACFID MEMBER

**Jocelyn Condon**

## CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE

ACFID's Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) supports the Australian humanitarian and development sector to achieve the highest ethical standards and effectiveness by promoting integrity and best practice in accountability and transparency through ACFID's Code of Conduct.

The CCC operates independently of ACFID's Board, with the responsibility of granting, suspending and revoking Code of Conduct signatory status; conducting compliance assessments; and investigating and adjudicating complaints.

The CCC works with ACFID's Board and Secretariat to develop and administer the Code of Conduct, promote the Code, and educate signatories about the Code.

### INDEPENDENT CHAIR

**Alan Cameron**

### DEPUTY CO-CHAIRS

**Renee Martin**, Program and Partnership Specialist

**Joshua Edwards**, Global Development Group

**Nimarta Khuman**, Assisi Aid Projects (until December 2022)

### MEMBERS

**Leah Odongo**, Australian Lutheran World Service

**Tricia Keys**, Act for Peace

**Trisha Hopper**, The Fred Hollows Foundation

**Adam Hegedus**, Educating the Future

### SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS

**Peter Woods**, Australian Community Representative

**Hansika Bhagani**, Marketing and Fundraising Specialist (until June 2023)

**Matthew Oxenham**, Accounting Specialist (until June 2023)

**Rebecca MacFarling**, Marketing and Fundraising Specialist (until December 2022)

**Bandula Gonsalkorale**, Accounting Specialist (until December 2022)

## FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Finance and Audit Committee assists ACFID's Board in fulfilling its corporate governance and oversight responsibilities in relation to financial reporting, internal control structure, risk management systems and external audit functions.

### CHAIR

**Jane Edge**, CBM Australia

### MEMBERS

**Tony Grieves**, Independent Member

**Eilis Hurley**, Independent Member

**Shane Nichols**, Good Return

**Sureka Goringe**, UnitingWorld

## MEMBERSHIP ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Membership Admissions Committee reviews applications from organisations that want to become ACFID members and makes recommendations to the CCC and ACFID's Board.

### CHAIR

**Rosie Wheen**, WaterAid Australia

### MEMBERS

**Lyn Morgain**, Oxfam Australia

**Nimarta Khuman**, Assisi Aid Projects

**Tricia Keys**, Act for Peace



A woman in Katito, Kenya, looks up at the sky. Photo: Jon Warren/World Vision.



## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

The ACFID Public Engagement and Campaign Committee (PECC) supports the realisation of ACFID's vision and the delivery of ACFID's Advocacy Agenda as set out in the Strategic Plan 2020-2025. The PECC's primary objective is to unite ACFID members to engage the public and campaign for better Australian international development. In pursuit of this aim, the PECC champions the work of ACFID's members and the impact of the Australian development program to the Australian public.

### CO-CHAIRS

**Katherine Tu**, ActionAid Australia

**Damian Spruce**, Caritas Australia

**Rod Goodbun**, Oxfam Australia

### WITH SUPPORT FROM

**Matt Darvas**, Micah Australia

## STRATEGIC POLICY GROUP

The Strategic Policy Group (SPG) was established in 2021 to support the development of ACFID's submissions to the New International Development Policy and our Policy Platform and Policy Briefs for the 2022 Federal Election. The group comprises Heads of Policy from across ACFID's membership to drive cross-sector collaboration and provide leadership on strategic policy issues. Members are from a range of agencies and bring expertise in different policy areas. SPG complements ACFID's Government Relations group by developing sector-wide policy positions, submissions to inquiries and reviews, and materials for advocacy and engagement with DFAT and the Federal Government.

### MEMBERS

**Dane Moore**, World Vision Australia

**Simon Henderson**, Save the Children Australia

**Alice Ridge**, International Women's Development Agency

**Rod Goodbun**, Oxfam Australia

**Renee Dodds**, CBM Australia

**David Keegan**, HOST International

**Mimi Ziliacus**, Australian Doctors International

**Catherine Harding**, Australia for UNHCR

**Kelly Durant**, MSI Asia Pacific

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS GROUP

ACFID's Government Relations group supports the implementation of sector-wide policy and advocacy activities to strengthen the enabling environment for Australia's development program at all levels (legislation and regulation, policy, programs and funding). The group comprises advocacy, government relations and public relations advisors from across ACFID's membership, including some representatives of the SPG and PECC. The group aims to drive cross-sector collaboration in its efforts to influence government and communicate effectively with government officials and decision makers. Members are from a range of agencies and bring expertise in different areas including policy, campaigning, advocacy, communications and research.

### MEMBERS

**World Vision Australia**

**Save the Children Australia**

**International Women's Development Agency**

**Tearfund Australia**

**Baptist World Aid**

**Fred Hollows Foundation**

**Caritas**

**Oxfam Australia**

**Results International**

**Australian Global Health Alliance**

**Uniting World**

**CBM Australia**

**International Justice Mission**

**Family Planning Australia**

**Vision 2020**

**Childfund**

**Plan International**

**Act for Peace**

**UNICEF Australia**

**World Wildlife Fund**

**Australian Red Cross**

**MSI Reproductive Choices**

**CARE Australia**

**Action Aid Australia**

**WaterAid Australia**

### WITH SUPPORT FROM

**Micah Australia** (as PECC co-chair)



# ACFID Noteable Submissions, Papers, Reports and Events

## PAPERS, REPORTS AND ANALYSIS

- ACFID's Analysis of the New International Development Policy
- ACFID's Analysis of the 2023-24 Federal Budget
- ACFID's Analysis of the 2022-23 Supplementary Federal Budget
- Same Space, Different Mandates: A Civil-Military-Police Guide for Stakeholders in International Disaster and Conflict Response, jointly written by the Australian Civil-Military Centre and ACFID
- Reporting on Environment Sustainability and Climate Change
- ACFID Climate Action Framework Analysis and Planning Part 2: Mitigation Case Studies
- Food Insecurity Policy Brief
- Reimaging Development Podcast

## EVENTS

- Introduction to the Sector Melbourne Workshop
- ACFID Connect Webinar Series: Practical Steps to Integrating Climate Action
- ACFID Connect Webinar Series: Misconduct Disclosure Scheme
- ACFID Connect Webinar Series: National Anti-Corruption Commission
- ACFID Connect Webinar Series: DFAT Procurement 101
- ACFID Connect Webinar Series: First Nations Foreign Policy
- ACFID Connect Webinar Series: Development Finance
- ACFID Connect Webinar Series: ANCP Insights
- Member consultation workshop on the new International Development Policy
- 2022-23 and 2023-24 member Federal Budget briefings
- Civil Society Roundtable with Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong and Minister for International Development and the Pacific Pat Conroy
- Two Parliamentary Lobbying Rounds held in August 2022 and March 2023
- Help Fight Famine Campaign Launch held in August 2022
- Parliamentary Global Food Insecurity

Dinner held in August 2022

- Roundtable: Australian Sanctions Office and Humanitarian Reference Group
- Appearance in Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Supporting Democracy in our Region
- RSL National Meeting on Establishing a Peak Body and Code of Conduct
- Governance Institute Conference 'From Ukraine to Lismore – The task of the sector in a changing world'

## SUBMISSIONS

- Submission to the New International Development Policy
- Submission to New International Development Policy from the Humanitarian Reference Group
- Submission into the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Supporting Democracy in our Region
- Submission into the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into the Rights of Women and Children
- Submission to the Department of Foreign Affairs Southeast Asia Economic Strategy
- Submission to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Development Finance Review
- Submission to the Consultation on AUSTRAC Draft Guidance: Financial services for customers that financial institutions assess to be higher risk
- Submission to Australia's Defence Strategic Review
- Submission to the Australian Sanctions Office Review of Australia's Autonomous Sanctions Framework
- 2022-23 October Pre-Budget Submission
- 2023-24 January Pre-Budget Submission
- Submission to Financial Action Task Force's Best Practices paper on Combatting the Abuse of Non-Profit Organisations
- Submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry on Philanthropic Giving
- Submission to the Inquiry into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum
- Submission to the Treasury Laws Amendment Bill 2023: Deductible Gift Recipient Registers Reform

ADRA supports farmers in Zambia to maximise their yields – producing a more varied and nutritious diet and providing an important source of income – through farmer training, including on making fertiliser and safely using pesticides, and by introducing climate-resistant local crops like cowpeas. Photo: ADRA Zambia.





# Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

ACFID concludes the financial year with a net loss of (\$628,577), predominantly as a result of the write-off of the Digital Transformation Project. ACFID's underlying operational performance was a break-even position, in line with budget.

ACFID's Digital Transformation Project was completed during the year, but the accounting guidance 'Configuration or Customisation Costs in a Cloud Computing Arrangement' meant this was reclassified from an intangible asset to an expense. In the 2021-22 financial year this appeared on ACFID's balance sheet as a work in progress. The auditor determined this would be written off as an expense in the 2022-23 financial year, with no prior period adjustment.

ACFID's year end income is \$4,003,514 of which \$1,603,194 is membership fees and \$1,100,000 from the DFAT core contract.

ACFID has a strong balance sheet to support the financial sustainability of the organisation.

At 30 June 2023, the balance sheet had \$4,095,713 of total assets, including current cash and term deposits of \$2,035,916, and accounts receivable \$82,370. Liabilities total \$695,705.

Of ACFID's total cash position of \$2,035,916 includes the special projects (internally restricted cash) funding balance of \$248,543.

As of 30 June 2023, ACFID maintains a strong current ratio of 3.2, and debt to equity ratio of 0.21, which continues to support a going concern.

ACFID thanks the ongoing support, guidance and oversight of the Finance and Audit Committee for their work this year.

**Nicola Gleeson**  
Business Director

## Australian Council for International Development Incorporated

ABN: 54 645 667 467

The Board members present their report on Australian Council for International Development Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

### Board Members

The names of board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Susan Pascoe AM (President)                      | Mat Tinkler                                  |
| Jane Edge (Vice President)                       | Thenu Herath – from AGM Nov 2022             |
| Rosie Wheen (Vice President) - until June 2023   | Ben Thurley – from AGM Nov 2022              |
| Matthew Maury (Vice President)                   | Graham Strong – from AGM Nov 2022            |
| Michelle Higelin (Vice President from June 2023) | Kate Lee – casual vacancy accepted June 2023 |
| Sureka Goringe                                   | Christian Nielsen – until AGM Nov 2022       |
| Lyn Morgain                                      | Susanne Legena – until AGM Nov 2022          |
| Shane Nichols                                    | Dermot O’Gorman – until AGM Nov 2022         |

### Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Council during the year were to provide an effective forum for encouraging networking and inter-agency cooperation among non-government organisations working in the field of development assistance and development education and to represent these views to Government.

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The (deficit)/surplus of the Council for the financial year amounted to \$ (628,577) (2022: \$87,683).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board.

Board member: 

Board member: 

Dated this 13th Day of September 2023



**STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

|   | Note | 2023   | 2022      |
|---|------|--|-----------|
|   |      | \$   | \$        |
| <b>Revenue</b>  |      |  |           |
| Members subscriptions including Code of Conduct fees  |      | 1,603,194  | 1,559,489 |
| DFAT services contracts   |      | 1,100,000  | 1,100,000 |
| Grants - other Australian   |      | 1,054,790  | 937,199   |
| Investment income   |      | 34,926   | 9,245     |
| Other income  |      | 210,604  | 190,044   |
| <b>Total Revenue and other income</b>   | 2    | 4,003,514  | 3,795,977 |
| <b>Expenditure - Domestic Programs Expenditure</b>  |      |  |           |
| Accountability and administration (including governance management)   |      | 767,729  | 594,981   |
| Other specific program costs  |      | 527,455  | 505,926   |
| Digital Transformation Project  |      | 623,316  |           |
| Member services   |      | 2,713,591  | 2,607,387 |
|   |      | 4,632,091  | 3,708,294 |
| Operating result before income tax  |      | (628,577)  | 87,683    |
| Income tax expense  |      | —  | —         |
| <b>Operating result</b>   |      | (628,577)  | 87,683    |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>   |      |  |           |
| Other comprehensive income for the year   |      | —  | —         |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>   |      | (628,577)  | 87,683    |
| <hr/>   |      |  |           |
| During the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022, there were no amounts included for the following categories: Donations and Gifts, Bequests and Legacies, Other Overseas Grants, Revenue and Expenditure for International Political or religious Adherence Promotion Programs, International Aid and Development Programs expenditure. |      | During the financial years ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022:  |           |
|   |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There was no non-monetary expenditure; and</li><li>The Council did not receive any international aid or development revenue.</li></ul> |           |
| <hr/>   |      |  |           |
| The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.   |      |  |           |

|   | Note | 2023      | 2022      |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
|   |      | \$        | \$        |
| <b>Assets</b>   |      |           |           |
| <b>Current Assets</b>   |      |           |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents   |      | 1,585,916 | 2,590,171 |
| Trade and other receivables   |      | 82,370    | 17,748    |
| Other financial assets  |      | 450,000   | —         |
| Other assets  |      | 102,624   | 15,190    |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>   |      | 2,220,910 | 2,623,109 |
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>   |      |           |           |
| Property, plant and equipment   |      | 1,874,803 | 1,938,352 |
| Intangibles   |      | —         | 344,248   |
| <b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>   |      | 1,874,803 | 2,282,600 |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   |      | 4,095,713 | 4,905,709 |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |      |           |           |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>  |      |           |           |
| Trade and other payables  |      | 174,126   | 291,583   |
| Employee benefits   |      | 266,369   | 281,375   |
| Other financial liabilities   |      | 255,210   | 307,112   |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>  |      | 695,705   | 880,070   |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>  |      |           |           |
| Employee benefits   |      | 4,213     | 1,267     |
| <b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>  |      | 4,213     | 1,267     |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  |      | 699,918   | 881,337   |
| <b>Net Assets</b>   |      | 3,396,795 | 4,024,372 |
| <b>Equity</b>   |      |           |           |
| Reserves  |      | 1,365,773 | 1,365,773 |
| Retained earnings   |      | 2,030,022 | 2,658,599 |
| <b>Total Equity</b>   |      | 3,395,795 | 4,024,372 |
| <hr/>   |      |           |           |
| At the end of the financial year, there were no balances in the following categories: Inventories, Assets held for sale, Investment Property, Non-Current Asset Trade and Other Receivables, Other Non-Current Assets, Borrowings, Current Tax Liabilities and Other Financial Liabilities. |      |           |           |
| <hr/>   |      |           |           |
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

|                                      | Note | 2023<br>\$ | 2022<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                        |      |            |            |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                |      |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents            |      | 1,585,916  | 2,590,171  |
| Trade and other receivables          |      | 82,370     | 17,748     |
| Other financial assets               |      | 450,000    | —          |
| Other assets                         |      | 102,624    | 15,190     |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>          |      | 2,220,910  | 2,623,109  |
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>            |      |            |            |
| Property, plant and equipment        |      | 1,874,803  | 1,938,352  |
| Intangibles                          |      | —          | 344,248    |
| <b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>      |      | 1,874,803  | 2,282,600  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                  |      | 4,095,713  | 4,905,709  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                   |      |            |            |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>           |      |            |            |
| Trade and other payables             |      | 174,126    | 291,583    |
| Employee benefits                    |      | 266,369    | 281,375    |
| Other financial liabilities          |      | 255,210    | 307,112    |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>     |      | 695,705    | 880,070    |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>       |      |            |            |
| Employee benefits                    |      | 4,213      | 1,267      |
| <b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b> |      | 4,213      | 1,267      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>             |      | 699,918    | 881,337    |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                    |      | 3,396,795  | 4,024,372  |
| <b>Equity</b>                        |      |            |            |
| Reserves                             |      | 1,365,773  | 1,365,773  |
| Retained earnings                    |      | 2,030,022  | 2,658,599  |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                  |      | 3,395,795  | 4,024,372  |

At the end of the financial year, there were no balances in the following categories: Inventories, Assets held for sale, Investment Property, Non-Current Asset Trade and Other Receivables, Other Non-Current Assets, Borrowings, Current Tax Liabilities and Other Financial Liabilities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

|                                | Note | Retained Earnings | Asset Revaluation Reserve | Total     |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|                                |      | \$                | \$                        | \$        |
| 2023                           |      |                   |                           |           |
| <b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>  |      | 2,658,599         | 1,365,773                 | 4,024,372 |
| (Deficit) for the year         |      | (628,577)         | -                         | (628,577) |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b> |      | 2,030,022         | 1,365,773                 | 3,395,795 |
| 2022                           |      |                   |                           |           |
| <b>Balance at 1 July 2021</b>  |      | 2,570,916         | 1,365,773                 | 3,936,689 |
| Surplus for the year           |      | 87,683            | -                         | 87,683    |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b> |      | 2,658,599         | 1,365,773                 | 4,024,372 |

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

|  | Note | 2023<br>\$  | 2022<br>\$  |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Operating Activities</b>                                      |      |             |             |
| Government grants and other receipts                             |      | 4,203,431   | 4,051,292   |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                              |      | (4,427,825) | (3,397,015) |
| Interest received  |      | 34,926      | 9,245       |
| Interest paid  |      | —           | (15)        |
| Payments made to the ATO   |      | (351,367)   | (256,190)   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                        |      | (540,835)   | 407,317     |
| <b>Investing Activities</b>                                      |      |             |             |
| Purchase of term deposit   |      | (450,000)   | —           |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment                       |      | (13,420)    | (34,153)    |
| Payments for intangible asset                                    |      | —           | (208,700)   |
| Net cash (used)  |      | (463,420)   | (242,853)   |
| <b>Financing Activities</b>                                      |      |             |             |
| Payment of finance lease liabilities                             |      | —           | (4,099)     |
| Net cash (used in) financing activities                          |      | —           | (4,099)     |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents             |      | (1,004,255) | 160,365     |
| Cash and cash equivalents on hand at beginning of financial year |      | 2,590,171   | 2,429,806   |
| Cash and cash equivalents on hand at end of financial year       |      | 1,585,916   | 2,590,171   |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The concise financial report is an extract of the full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023. The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports, the Associations Incorporations Act 1991, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial statements are derived from and are consistent with the full financial report of the Australian Council for International Development Incorporated (the Council). The concise financial statements cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Council as the full financial report.

A full version of the Council's financial statements are available on the ACFID website.

Note 2 Revenue and Other Income

|  | 2023      | 2022      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | \$        | \$        |
| <b>Revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)</b>   |           |           |
| DFAT services contracts  | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 |
| RDIN university network  | 485       | 286,920   |
| Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy and Defence Dialogue "AP4D"  | 678,589   | 271,810   |
| Australian Civil-Military Centre   | 191,813   | 171,276   |
| Global standards project   | 27,844    | 27,915    |
| Piango CSO project   | —         | 19,841    |
| Sponsorship income   | 20,000    | 18,333    |
| Member subscriptions including code of conduct fees  | 1,603,194 | 1,599,489 |
| Make poverty history   | 148,361   | 155,138   |
| Services rendered  | 36,378    | 43,616    |
| Total other revenue  | 3,806,637 | 3,654,338 |
| <b>Revenue recognised on receipt (not enforceable or no sufficiently specific performance obligations - AASB 1058)</b> |           |           |
| Other income   | 154,226   | 128,094   |
| Interest   | 34,926    | 9,245     |
| E-Learning   | 7,725     | 4,300     |
|  | 196,877   | 141,639   |
| Total Revenue and other income   | 4,003,514 | 3,795,977 |

Note 3 Subsequent Events

No events have occurred after balance date that require disclosure in the financial statements.

Note 4 Operating Activities

The Council is the co-ordinating body for about 100 Australian non-government organisations working in the field of overseas aid and development. The Council represents members throughout Australia, but operates primarily in the Australian Capital Territory.



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Australian Council for International Development Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of Australian Council for International Development Incorporated

Report on the Concise Financial Report

Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report of the Australian Council for International Development Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2023:

- (i) is consistent with the full annual financial statements that have been audited by us in respect of which we have issued an independent audit report dated that was not subject to any qualification; and
- (ii) With the exception that the concise financial report is not accompanied by discussion and analysis from management or the Board to assist the understanding of members, complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.

The accompanying concise financial report of the Australian Council for International Development Incorporated, which comprises the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, related notes and Board report, are derived from the audited financial report of Australian Council for International Development Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2023. The concise financial report does not contain all of the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards and accordingly, reading the concise financial report is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report.

Board's Responsibility for the Concise Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports and for such internal control as the Board determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the concise financial report.

Auditor's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our procedures which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of the Australian Council for International Development Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2023. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report dated 13 September 2023. The Australian Audit Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to the audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the year is free from material misstatement.







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An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the concise financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement on the concise financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation of the concise financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Our procedures included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of audit evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports.



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Chartered Accountants



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Date: 13 SEPTEMBER 2023  
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