

REACH FOR NEPAL FOUNDATION



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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022

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# About us

The REACH for Nepal Foundation (RFN) Australia was established in the wake of the 2015 earthquakes and initially focused on the rebuilding work that was desperately needed to enable continued education and access to water.

Witnessing first-hand the need for humanitarian aid and broader development projects, the foundation increased its scope of assistance, and from 2018, projects were identified and prioritised in the context of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

RFN Australia's in-country advisory and delivery organisation, RFN Nepal has been predominantly focusing on providing aid in the southwest region of Nepal, Gandaki Province.

Requests for assistance come from different villages and regions in the province through the chairman of the villages or from women's groups, and RFN Nepal determines the relative priorities of the projects through consultation with the leaders of the villages and through an advisory group.

The key focus of our work is to assist the most vulnerable and marginalised.

RFN Australia is run entirely by volunteers with all funds donated to the foundation directed to the most vulnerable and poorest in the Gandaki Province.



## Our Purpose

The purpose and work of the foundation is directly linked and guided by the organisation's objectives, vision and philosophy.

## Our Objectives

The objectives of the foundation are encapsulated in the acronym of the name of organisation - Rebuild, Educate, Assist, Children/Communities (giving) Hope for Nepal.

## Our Vision

Our vision is to improve the lives of Nepalese people through projects that enable villages to become more self-sustaining and provide children opportunities for quality education, good health and values to provide them the opportunity as future leaders to improve the livelihood of coming generations.

## Our Philosophy

At the highest level, our philosophy is that every life is precious, which translates into the importance of every encounter we have to help anyone in genuine need of aid in the Gandaki province in Nepal.



RFN has universal values and principles and has no affiliation with any single political or religious system.

We are committed to the values of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID):

- **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 all our stakeholders, and in particular primary stakeholders, for our performance and integrity.
- **Transparency** - We openly share information about our organisations and our work to all our stakeholders and to the public.
- **Respect** - We recognise the value and diversity of every person 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.
- **Poverty** - We work with and alongside others in a spirit of mutuality, respecting diversity and difference in the pursuit of common goals.



## THE GLOBAL GOALS

We value the **UN Sustainable Development Goals** and use these to determine the relative priority of projects.



The primary focus of any projects will be to not only to build or restore capacity but also to **build capability and enhance sustainability** in the Nepalese community receiving assistance.



**Our planning** is based on the organisation's strategy, objectives, vision and values. Our Project Briefs and Evaluation Reports correlate the extent to which the project outcomes contribute to this end.



## Chairman's Report

Whilst Nepal like the rest of the world was recovering from the Covid pandemic over the last year, I am pleased to report that the Foundation not only delivered what we planned to achieve in 2021 - 22, but we also laid the foundations to significantly strengthen the operation and standing of the organisation for the future.

Notwithstanding international travel restrictions, we continued to provide humanitarian aid and renewed our delivery of projects to improve educational, health and economic outcomes in remote villages in Western Nepal.

If the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 have highlighted anything, it's an increased awareness of the severe inequality in healthcare across the world. Although disease and injury don't discriminate, the impacts of such conditions are felt hardest in low-income settings.

In order to assist in breaking the poverty cycle in remote villages in Western Nepal, we have successfully piloted a village sustainability project, for those families most vulnerable as identified by village leaders. In providing goats to families who are least able to afford food, these families are now able to generate an

income through breeding goats which not only helps the family to survive, but potentially breaks the poverty cycle through improved education.

Education is a key factor to eliminate poverty, and we prioritise the allocation of goats to families with daughters as girls are typically the first to stay at home and help out.

We are also now piloting the build of an earthquake resistant classroom design as a prototype for all future building projects, using an award-winning design which will not only make the structure safer, but also more durable, lasting for future generations. This is an exciting project and one that will no doubt be the centre piece of our project package in improving health and education outcomes.

Our achievements in Nepal would of course not have been possible without the dedication, resilience, and hard work of our REACH for Nepal in-country partner, who together with village leaders and support groups, identify, prioritise, mobilise and deliver our projects. We have a trusting relationship with our delivery organisation in Nepal which in turn ensures donations are directed to where they are most needed.

Earlier this year we were advised of our successful application as an interim full member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), a peak body for Australian non-government NGOs involved in international development and humanitarian action. We expect to be given full membership in November 2022.

Over the coming 12 months we will look to strengthen the relationship with our key partners here in Australia and seek commercial sponsorship or some other form of revenue to sustain the delivery of aid in Nepal.

**Lou Nulley, Chair**





**Our projects in 2021-22 focused  
on providing village sustainability  
assistance and rebuilding of  
classrooms in Western Nepal**



# Our Programs

## 1

### Humanitarian Aid

The first type of project is humanitarian aid which is typically in the form of emergency relief in times of flooding, earthquake and pandemic as we experienced over the last three years. This is normally in the form of medical assistance, livelihood support packages and food supplies.

## 2

### Infrastructure Build

The second type of project is infrastructure projects which generally take the form of rebuilding classrooms that are unsafe or leaking water in times of rain. Typically, when we deliver an infrastructure project, we also provide access to water and install a water filtration system to ensure the water is safe to drink.

In 2021-22, the foundation built 3 classrooms at two schools in Western Nepal.

## 3

### Education on Health & Hygiene

Thirdly, we undertake projects that educate mothers groups and school children the basics about hygiene and nutrition

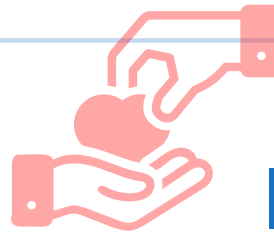
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### Village Sustainability Projects

Finally, we undertake village sustainability projects that provide opportunities for those most vulnerable in the villages. This year, we have been able to successfully trail a project where we provide goats to families who are least able to put food on the table or send their children to school. These families are then able to generate an income through breeding the goats which in turn helps the family to survive and also break the poverty cycle through improved education.

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# The Impact

## 2 schools

accessed improved educational facilities via our school rebuild programs - 3 new classrooms

## 96 students (38 girls)

classroom resources, school uniforms, school bags, and basic stationery materials

## 6 families (with a girl in their family)

received village sustainability project grants, which enabled them to start income cycle & also send their daughters to school

## 2 villages (mother's group & schools)

received basic training on hand hygiene and nutrition



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS**



# Acknowledgements

Thanks to our supporters who make it possible for us to do what we do in Nepal. Namaste



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MARIST COLLEGE  
SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB, WODEN  
MORE THAN MORTGAGES

Thank you also to our team in Australia & Nepal who volunteer their services to help those less fortunate in Nepal.

## Our Team in Australia

Lou Nulley, CEO  
Lachhu Thapa, Manager Finance & Nepal Operations  
Madeline Carne, Manager Comms & Company Secretary  
Sophie Wolfer, Manager Policy, Compliance & Legal  
Nicholas J-Quinn, Manager Human Resources & Planning

## Our Board in Australia

Lou Nulley, Chair  
Lachhu Thapa, Director  
Craig Allen, Director  
Clea Efstathiadis, Director  
Tubi Oyston, Director  
Brett McNamara, Director  
Annie Creer, Director  
Shiva Thapa, Director

## Our Team in Nepal

Shiva Thapa, CEO  
Laxman Baral, Program Director  
Buddhi Thapa, Village Co-ordinator  
Rita Kunwar, Administration

## Our Board in Nepal

Shiva Thapa, Chair  
Lok Kumari Karki, Vice Chair  
Damodar Baral, Secretary  
Muktiram Baral, Vice Secretary  
Bhoj Raj Baral, Treasurer  
Bishnu Bhugai, Member  
Laxmi Tripathi, Member



# Financial Information

01

## **DONATIONS**

All money donated to the Foundation's bank account in Australia is transferred to the bank account in Nepal to further the Foundation's objectives

02

## **STRATEGY**

RFN's financial strategy is to be more sustainable to ensure ongoing delivery of projects in the Gandaki Province

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## **DIRECTORS BENEFITS**

The Chairman and all other directors did not receive payment or benefit of any kind.

**All funds donated were sent overseas to directly benefit the people and communities of the Gandaki Province in Nepal. No donations were used to support administrative costs here in Australia.**



# Financial Statements

## REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited

ABN: 30 607 659 567

### Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Donations Received	3	80,481	-
Membership Fees		100	-
Non Monetary Donations	2(d),13(b)	21,274	30,947
Other Donations Received	3	2,000	17,476
Administrative expenses		(720)	-
Project Expenses	4	(29,339)	(29,395)
Non Monetary Expenditure	2(d),4,13(b)	(21,274)	(30,947)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>52,522</b>	<b>(11,919)</b>

## REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited

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### Statement of Financial Position As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 restated \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	5	58,507	7,106	4,961
Trade and other receivables	6	700	-	-
Other assets	7	421	-	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>59,628</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>4,961</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>59,628</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>4,961</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>59,628</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>4,961</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Retained earnings		59,628	7,106	4,961
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>59,628</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>4,961</b>

Our Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

A copy of the full statutory financial report for 2021/22 is available on request.

There were no adjustments, transfers, or asset revaluations made in 2021/22

# Independent Audit Report



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## REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited

### Independent Audit Report to the members of REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

##### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

##### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.







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**REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited**

## **Independent Audit Report to the members of REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited**

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

Hardwickes  
Chartered Accountants

Bhaumik Bumia  
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# Auditors Independence Declaration



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## REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited

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### Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Partner

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