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REACH FOR NEPAL

REACH FOR NEPAL FOUNDATION

ABN 30 607 659 657

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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 those in most need 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 the 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. This will not only benefit them now, but also 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 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):

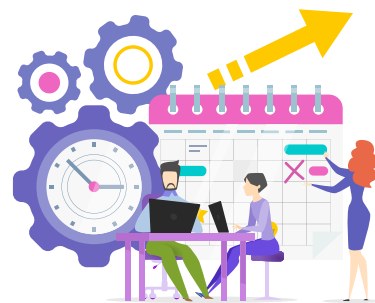
- **Integrity** - We act with honesty and are guided by ethical and moral principles in all that we do.
- **Accountability** - We take responsibility for our actions and are accountable to all our stakeholders, and in particular primary stakeholders, for our performance and integrity.
- **Transparency** - 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.



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

This year we have reignited the pre-Covid momentum of the work of the Foundation.

Amongst the highlights of the year has been the successful construction of 2 earthquake resistant classrooms (ERC) at the Shree Amar Jyoti school and 2 ERC at the Shree Barahi school. Both schools are in the Tanahun district, in Western Nepal. The conceptual design of these classrooms will form the blueprint for all future building projects undertaken by the Foundation.

Our Village Sustainability projects continue to be a valuable contributor in breaking the poverty cycle for families in remote villages in Nepal. Through the provision of two goats and a large shelter to protect the breeding of goats, families are able to generate an income, which changes everything for them.

There has also been significant interest with schools here in Canberra and the general public to contribute to the physical construction of projects in Nepal, with 40 people committed to travel with the foundation in the latter part of 2023 to undertake project activity.

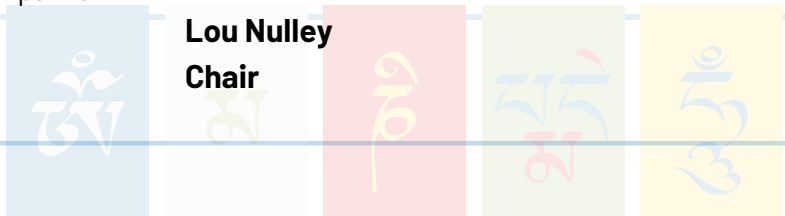
This will bring the total of people who have travelled with the Foundation to undertake development and humanitarian aid projects to over 200 since the Foundation was established in 2015.

Our focus over the immediate future is to establish a partnership (or partnerships) with commercial organisations to enable us to plan and deliver our work in Nepal in a more predictable and sustainable manner.

In November 2022, the Foundation was formally accepted as a full member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), a peak body for NGOs involved in international development and humanitarian aid.

On behalf of the Board, I thank our volunteers for their commitment, and to our supporters for believing in us and caring about those in need. I would also like to once again acknowledge the wonderful work of the in-country delivery team in Nepal, who are multi-skilled, innovative, enthusiastic, and dedicated to our cause. Thank you all for your assistance.

Lou Nulley
Chair



Our Programs

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.

4 Village Sustainability Projects

Finally, we undertake village sustainability projects that provide opportunities for those most vulnerable in the villages. These projects provide goats (and shelters for the 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 afford education for their children.

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

1 Humanitarian Aid

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

3 Education on Health & Hygiene

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



A photograph of two men, David Carolan and David Francis, standing at a construction site. They are both wearing white hard hats, safety glasses, and high-visibility yellow-green vests over black t-shirts. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows the metal frame of a building under construction, with a blue sky and trees visible. A large blue diagonal graphic element is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Our projects in 2022-23 focused on providing village sustainability assistance and rebuilding of earthquake resistant classrooms in Western Nepal

*David Carolan - Engineer and David Francis - Architect at Shree Amar Jyoti School in
Firfire , Tanahun, Nepal*

Our Projects in 2022/23

Some of the projects undertaken during this reporting period -

Infrastructure Build

In 2022-23, we teamed with the original engineer and architect of an award-winning earthquake-resistant classroom design to build double classrooms at the Shree Amar Joyti School in Firfire and Shree Barahi School in Baraha Danda, both in Tanahun district in Gandaki Province. These earthquake-resistant classrooms are not only safer but also more robust, lasting for generations to come.



Village Sustainability Project

In 2022-23, nine families in the village of Taksar, Syangja district received a domestic goat giving hope for a small-scale family business. Over time, the goat yield will help improve family nutrition, and the stable income will allow families to access healthcare and send their children to school.



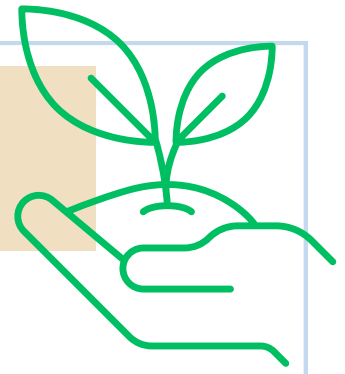
Humanitarian Aid

RFN continues to invest in schools to provide incentives for children to attend schools where families can't afford to buy school uniforms. In the schools where we work, the students sometimes attend school without uniforms or jackets even during the winter months.

Sishukalyan Janapriya School in Taksar, Syangja, benefited from the initiatives with students getting a new set of uniforms as well as a jacket and each teacher receiving a warm sweater.



The Impact



133 STUDENTS (80 GIRLS)

accessed improved educational facilities, classroom resources, school uniforms, school bags, and basic stationery materials

3 SCHOOLS

received assistance in training materials, health & hygiene training and also sports kits

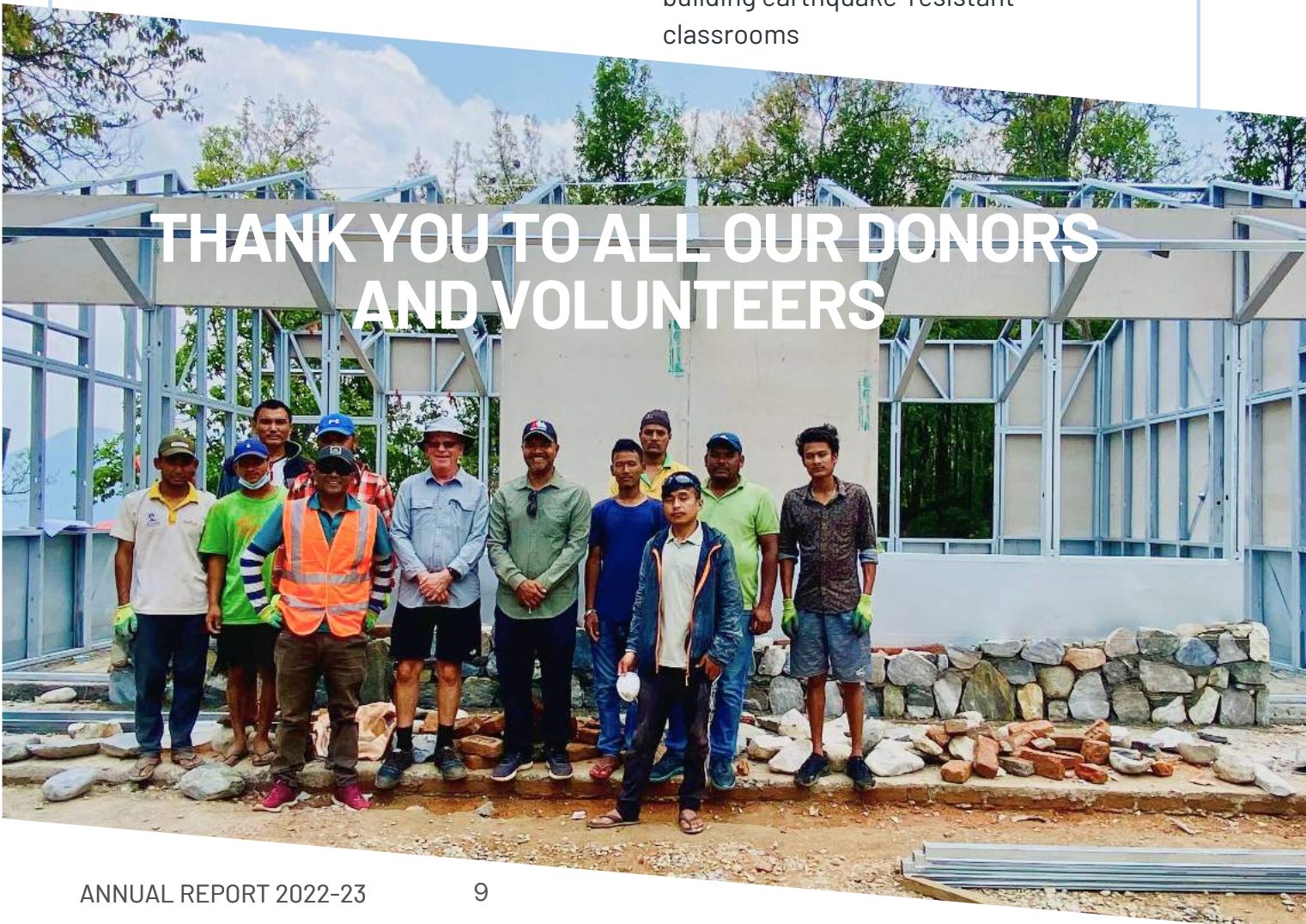
9 HOUSEHOLDS (6 GIRLS, 4 BOYS ATTENDING SCHOOL)

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

12 NEPALESE TRADESMEN

trained on-site by a qualified Australian engineer as part of a skills transfer and capacity building, while building earthquake-resistant classrooms

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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YARRH WINES

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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

Sophie Wolfer, Manager Policy, Compliance & Legal

Nicholas J-Quinn, Manager Human Resources & Planning

Our Board in Australia

Lou Nulley, Chair

Lachhu Thapa, Director

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Craig Allen, Director

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Tubi Oyston, Director

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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

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Donations Received	3	110,866	80,481
Membership Fees		-	100
Non Monetary Donations	2(d),13(b)	63,881	21,274
Other Donations Received	3	-	2,000
Administrative expenses		(2,060)	(720)
Project Expenses	4	(117,269)	(29,339)
Non Monetary Expenditure	2(d),4,13(b)	(63,881)	(21,274)
Gala or Stall Activity Expenses		(15,206)	-
ACFID Full Membership Fees		(2,061)	-
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		(25,730)	52,522

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Statement of Financial Position As At 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	32,883	58,507
Trade and other receivables	6	600	700
Other assets	7	415	421
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		33,898	59,628
TOTAL ASSETS		33,898	59,628
NET ASSETS		33,898	59,628
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		33,898	59,628
TOTAL EQUITY		33,898	59,628

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

A copy of the full statutory financial report for 2022/23 is available on request.

There were no adjustments, transfers, or asset revaluations made in 2022/23.

Independent Audit Report



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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 2023, 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 Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 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 Registered Entity 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 Persons for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity 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 persons 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 Registered Entity'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 persons either intend to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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





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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
Partner

Canberra

6 NOVEMBER 2023



Auditors Independence Declaration



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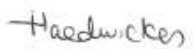
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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of REACH For Nepal Foundation Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023, 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.


Hardwickes
Chartered Accountants



Bhaumik Bumia
Partner

6 NOVEMBER 2023
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