



**Himalayan
Development
Foundation**
AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



Our purpose

Securing a brighter future for children in remote Himalayan communities.

Our mission

By 2030, ensure access to education for all children in the remote Kanchenjunga and Indrawati communities of Nepal.

Our drivers of change

- Education
- Livelihood
- Healthcare

Our History

HDFA commenced working in Nepal in early 2014, co-founded by prominent South Australian mountaineer Duncan Chessell and Andrew Stace, an educator with international development experience and a passion for Nepal.



Ghunsa Village, Eastern Nepal

In 2013 Duncan first visited Ghunsa, the home village of the Sherpa mountain guides who had helped him on several expeditions. Located in the far eastern area of Nepal in the shadow of Mt Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak on the planet, the journey took a one-hour flight from Kathmandu, followed by an 18-hour drive, and then three days of serious trekking. The extreme remoteness and poor living conditions were striking. Ghunsa was well off the tourist trail, overlooked by charities and barely receiving any government support. This is what motivated HDFA into being: a determination to help the people of Ghunsa and other very remote areas of Nepal give their children a brighter future.

We soon realised that to effect true lasting impact, a more holistic approach was required – involving the whole community in education, health and livelihood programs. We also observed an inverse relationship between poverty and good governance in Nepal. This was a fundamental issue that we have addressed together with the leaders of the Ghunsa community through governance training and support for the school, health post and community more generally. We are proud to have witnessed the community taking over responsibility for management and the majority of funding for the health post and their exemplary school.

In 2016 we started working in Indrawati, north of Kathmandu, a heavily earthquake-damaged region where human trafficking is rife due to crushing poverty. In 2017 we greatly enhanced health services to approximately 9,500 people through improved clinical outreach, family planning and awareness-raising. In 2018 we implemented an agricultural improvement program, equipping 200 of the poorest families with a year-round source of nutrition and income, which has been built on as the gardens, crops and small herds have become productive.

HDFA continued to provide health and livelihood support to these communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, to help sustain the communities as they faced many challenges from 2020 through to 2022. Schooling was severely disrupted by the pandemic, and we are continuing to address the challenge of attracting children back into education in Indrawati and are looking to increase our impact in far eastern Nepal.

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Balgaun community development

ABOUT US

The Himalayan Development Foundation Australia (**HDFA**) aims to secure a brighter future for children in remote Himalayan communities. By 2030, we are working to ensure access to education for all children in the remote Kanchenjunga and Indrawati communities of Nepal.

We believe giving children an education is the best way to break the illiteracy-poverty cycle and counter the risk of child trafficking. Our work also extends to health and livelihood improvement activities to give parents the capacity to send their children to school.

We are a small and passionate volunteer team, dedicated to working in very remote Himalayan areas that large-scale organisations overlook. Our aim is to engage with a community for 5-15 years, after which we hope to have equipped the community to manage their own future in a sustainable way.

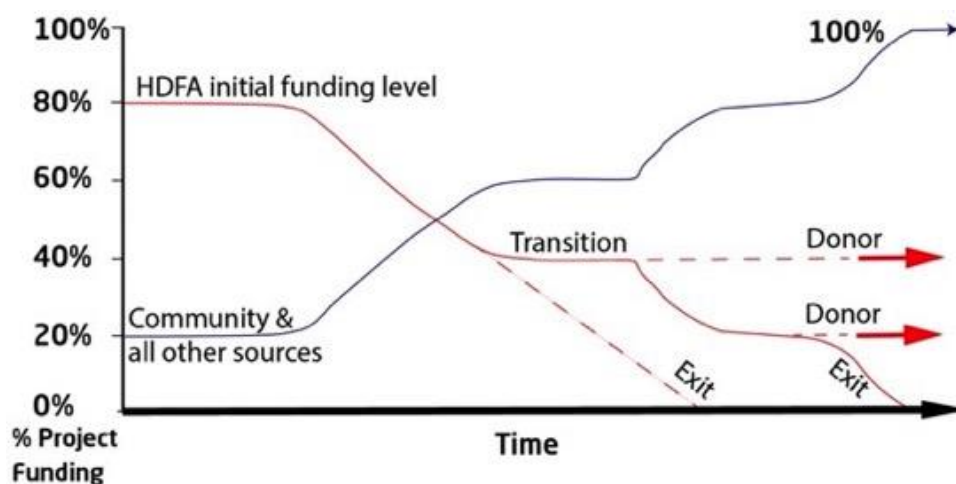
Through holistic community development, we support communities in the areas of education, health and livelihood development to assist them to reach higher. We believe in giving a hand up, not a handout, where the community are engaged in the projects from the start and provide their input to assist their community. By providing opportunities within the community, we aim to stem the flow of young people from villages moving to the cities and overseas where many of them end up working in poor, unskilled positions (or worse) due to a lack of education and a background of poverty.

We aim to develop skills and economic capacity within the communities, so they may take care of their own future with responsibility and a level of financial security. Health and livelihood developments are enablers to allow children to go to school, gain an education and have a brighter future.



Balgaun School

A fundamental tool to achieving these goals is to strengthen governance at the local community level such as school management and health post committees and to encourage local communities to take on the ownership of *their* future and remove the reliance on handouts from government and NGOs.



DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

OUR PEOPLE

		
Andrew Stace – Chair Nepal programs – sub-committee	Anne Skipper – Vice Chair Fundraising sub-committee	Dr Jo Arnold – Board Member
		
Melissa Westgate – Board Member Fundraising sub-committee	Chris Miller – Board Member	Duncan Chessell – Board Member CEO (Voluntary) – all committees
		
Ed Parker – Treasurer Nepal programs – sub-committee	Ella Price – Outgoing Secretary	Bonnie Doyle – Incoming Secretary

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

HDFA is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is an incorporated association in South Australia.

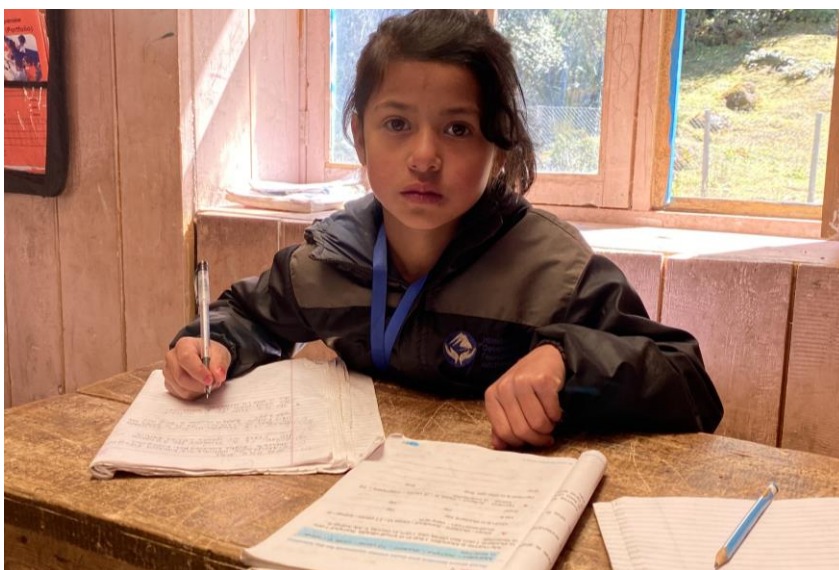
The management committee (**Board**) currently consists of nine board members with a variety of skills and experience in not-for-profit work and boards, education, accounting, business, legal and fundraising, each of which are 'responsible people'.

The Australian accounts are reported on by an external organisation (McCormack A&A) on a pro-bono basis directly to the Board and annually independently audited by Oreon Partners, whose report is included in this Annual Report. We conduct spot audits on our Nepalese supplier and partner organisations, regularly monitor and evaluate trips to the field and offices in Kathmandu, with annual independent audits conducted by local Nepalese firms. All bank accounts in Australia (HDFA) and Nepal (In Country Delivery Organisations: PHASE Nepal and KBSS) operate on a two-to-sign basis for all transactions. In line with AusAID and the Department of Foreign affairs and Trade (**DFAT**) requirements and industry practice, no Board members receive board fees. Duncan Chessell is a volunteer CEO and receives no fees.

HDFA applied in late 2016 to DFAT for authorisation to operate an overseas public aid fund with deductible gift recipient status. This enables the organisation to fundraise and issue tax deductible receipts to donors in its own right, and access a wider pool of funds from PAFs, corporate and government grants.

On the 7th of November 2018, the Federal Assistant Treasurer, Mr Stuart Robert, declared HDFA a Public Fund under subsection 30-85(2) of the *Income Assessment Act 1997* as a developing country relief fund, and as an approved organisation declared by the then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop (earlier in 2018).

This allows HDFA to issue tax-deductible receipts directly to Australian resident donors and allows HDFA to apply for funds from a significantly wider and deeper pool of donors and greatly enhances the credibility of the organisation.



Students at the HDFA built and supported Ghunsa School

Australian Activities

Our volunteer Board plans, monitors and manages our development activities overseas. We also help our members and supporters to organise events such as dinners, quiz night and media coverage, and we look forward to continuing these fundraising activities in 2024.

In 2024 we are recruiting volunteers to lend a hand. Please contact us if you believe you can help at info@hdfa.org.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Namaste!

The last year has brought HDFA renewed focus and drive to support remote communities in Nepal to reach higher! With the world coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been wonderful to re-engage with our communities, our partners in Nepal and our supporters in Australia.



Students at the HDFA built and supported Ghunsa School

I have been fortunate to spend a significant amount of time in Nepal this year in my capacity as the Volunteer Chairperson, ensuring that the work that we are doing is having the impacts that we set out to achieve and to work with our local partners to continue to improve our practices. During my time, I was able to return to Ghunsa for the first time in many years.



HDFA supported scholarship students in Kathmandu

Ghunsa was the first community HDFA worked alongside, almost 10 years ago. During my visit, I spent time with the HDFA-funded English Teacher, Keelsang Lama at the school HDFA built and support. Keelsang is a delightful young man who is working in support of the students who live and study at the Ghunsa Lower Secondary School and it was wonderful to see the developments that have occurred in the last few years.

One of the most significant and impactful moments of my time with the students from Ghunsa School was not actually in Ghunsa itself but in Kathmandu where I visited the students who HDFA support through scholarships to continue their education beyond Year 8. Dawa (far right of the photo above) had just finished his HDFA supported education in Kathmandu. He shared with me his gratitude for everything that we had done to enable him to gain a quality education.

I shared with Dawa that this was only possible because of some wonderful people in Australia who have contributed to our scholarship fund. Dawa wrote a letter to the HDFA Board and supporters saying:

"... your generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. I hope one day to be able to help other students achieve their goals as you have helped me."

Seeing Dawa speak with such pride and passion about the opportunities he has been given because of our generous supporters highlighted to me the importance of what we do and reminded me that we

have so many amazing people in Australia willing to help this happen. Since my visit, Dawa has begun studying Business at university.

My monitoring and evaluation trip to Eastern Nepal also gave me the opportunity to meet with the community of Hellok in the Phaktanglung Municipality. I was proud to be able to spend time with the community and sign an agreement to work alongside the local government and local organisation Almost Heaven Farms, to provide a holistic development model that will see significant improvements at all levels of the community, particularly in education and livelihood development. We are excited to



begin this partnership which will directly impact over 12,000 people.

We have already begun our work with the community, providing lifesaving health supplies, supporting teachers of English in the local school and beginning the implementation of the important livelihood development projects. We are looking forward to continuing to develop this project and our relationships in the area over the coming years.

Livelihood Training with local Hellok Farmers

Our work in the Indrawati Region of Nepal, alongside PHASE Nepal, continues to see significant improvements in outcomes at all levels of the community. Significantly, the completion of the Shree Dhanjala Basic Secondary School at Balgaun is now built and will accommodate more year levels in a safer and more student friendly environment. This will allow the school to accept students to Grade 8, meaning less students will need to walk the arduous 4-hour return journey to a nearby school. The completion of this element of the project will also mean that we can now focus our attention on supporting the teachers through training and development to provide a quality education to the students.

This is an important project for the community and will help us to fulfil the HDFA aim of ensuring all children in the area are able to access education by 2030. We look forward to the new classrooms and office space being utilised by the community.

Our ability to support communities in remote areas of Nepal does not happen without the dedication of a small but very talented group of people, and I want to take the opportunity to personally thank the HDFA volunteer Board members. I would like to make mention of Dr. Jo Arnold and Melissa Westgate who are stepping



The newly rebuilt Balgaun School, Indrawati Region

down after many years of service to the Board. I have no doubt that they will stay connected to our work and thank them for their amazing support. Every single member of the Board gives their time and expertise to help improve the lives of others in Nepal. They are a passionate and engaged group of professionals who I am thankful to work with.

Our project coordinator, Bikash Koirala and the team of people at PHASE Nepal have continued to work with us as our partner organisation in the Indrawati Community Project. Throughout the challenges of the last few years, Bikash has remained focussed on supporting the people we work with.

My thanks also go to Mingma Dandu Sherpa who has helped us stay connected with the communities in Ghunsa and Hellok. His expertise and knowledge of Eastern Nepal is second to none. The Kanchenjunga Buddhist Social Service and Mingma Bhote also deserve acknowledgement for their ongoing support in ensuring that we are continuing to offer the best support to those we work with and alongside.

As we look back at what was an exciting year for HDFA and forward to our 10th year of development work in Nepal, we have a lot to be thankful for. As we continue to develop our programs and our engagement with local communities, I am excited by what the next twelve months will bring and the important work that we will continue to do. I am conscious that what we do in Nepal is enabled by the generous financial support of many. I can confidently say we are making a significant difference to the people we work with, and I am thankful to those who help us to achieve this. Providing opportunities for people in remote and disadvantaged areas of Nepal to Reach Higher is as important as ever and I am grateful for everyone that is supporting us to achieve this lofty goal!

Dhanyabad! (thank you)



Andrew Stace BA(IntlStud), BEd, GCertEMS
Chairperson and Co-Founder



Students at the HDFA built and supported Ghunsa School

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In 2022-2023 HDFA continued to support three local communities using a broadly similar approach tailored to the needs of the community, commencing with health improvement activities and activities to improve the capacity for sustainable livelihoods and moving onto a focus on education-boosting activities.

Indrawati

Since 2016 we have been working with communities in the Indrawati region, in the Bhotang and Baruwa areas of Sindhupalchok, which borders Tibet – seven hours north of Kathmandu. This is a remote and poverty-stricken part of Nepal, hit very hard by the 2015 earthquakes. In 2016 we undertook a scoping study to find out what was needed for this community to rebuild itself and give their children hope for a brighter future. We commenced working to address urgent health and financial needs in the community so that families would become stronger – ultimately strong enough to properly support their children’s education.

Healthcare

HDFA, in partnership with PHASE Nepal, has continued to provide basic primary healthcare and a 24-hour emergency and maternity service from the Bolgaun Clinic. This operates from a well-maintained permanent birthing room for emergency deliveries and facilities for minor injuries, immunization and family planning, made possible by the joint effort of PHASE Nepal, Local Government and HDFA. The clinic operates in collaboration with others in the area, and in addition to local training, the staff receive on site learning and coaching and supervision from volunteers, including from HDFA’s supporter Barbara Stace.



Bolgaun School

Livelihood improvement

2022-2023 has seen our livelihood initiatives maintained in Indrawati and the independence of the farmers slowly growing. This agricultural improvement initiative focuses on empowering women and the community’s most needy.

The farmer support program continues to coach farmers to improve their knowledge and skills in producing seasonal and extended-season vegetables such as cabbage, sponge gourd, beans, capsicum, and tomatoes. It assists with daily nutrition for families, and provides produce to trade and sell for increased independence.

Another important element of the program is in training lead farmers to plan and conduct more commercial ventures, and these have begun to literally bear fruit and yield a financial benefit.

Field visits this year have visited the enhanced home gardens, goat farms, kiwi farms, vegetable tunnel gardens and a weaving studio and showed that these new farmers are operating successfully, with potential for further deployment to the wider community.

A stand-out is the self-sustaining goat breeding program which continues to succeed, with farmers producing a high number of kids and returning goats so the program can expand to others. This project supports the community in a number of significant ways.

Occupational training for the Indrawati community has also been effective (e.g. barbering, phone repairs, weaving) and new opportunities continue to be considered for agricultural activities and other sustainable local businesses. People of the community and the local government are supportive of the project and there is good co-ordination with them while implementing the various projects.

Education

Our health and livelihood education activities have been supporting the immediate health needs and building financial security and a stronger community for the most vulnerable in the Indrawati communities and now as families regain strength in the wake of the earthquake and COVID-19-related school closures for roughly two years, they are increasingly in a position to properly support their children through school.

HDFA and PHASE Nepal are excited that in 2022-23 we have provided the first secure foundations and rebuilt part of the Shree Dhanjala Basic School. This will enable the school to expand past year 5 and allow children to complete their basic schooling (year 8) locally. The next stage is to plan out a 3 year education program which can advance our work with the local municipality on securing funding for additional teachers, staff training as well as governance training for the School Management Committee. All this is intended to increase school participation rates in this area of low literacy and consequent vulnerability.



Adding foundations for Shree Dhanjala Basic School

Reflections

I am so grateful to sisters for saving my daughters live. I brought my two-year-old daughter who could not breathe well. The sisters examined my daughter and told its pneumonia and provided immediate medications and follow up for two weeks. Now my daughter is fine.

Parent, Sindhupalchok

We also travelled to another village, Shalmi where there are approximately 20 families living. In this village, 3 farmers are supported by HDFA/PHASE. It was great to visit another village and see the success of the kiwi farms. Phurba Sherpa is one of the lead kiwi farmers in the valley and supports other growers.

HDFA supporter

My farms expanded to 23 goats since the start and I have handed/donated 6 female goats to the other 3 villages as agreed and it feels good to be able to pay back to the project. Thank you for supporting me.

A woman goat famer, Yangri village

The work done through HDFA in conjunction with PHASE showed that, with a little help i.e. money and know-how, anyone can be encouraged and learn to be self-sufficient and then they, in turn, can help others as well. I feel truly privileged to have lived for a few days with the PHASE workers and to meet some of the local community and the school children/teachers and see the wonderful work being carried out with the help of HDFA.

Jan Woodward, HDFA supporter

Ghunsa/Kanchenjunga

In remote Ghunsa we have been working with the community since 2014 to improve education for local children. The Ghunsa Village lies at 3,400m altitude in the far northeast of Nepal in Phaktanglung Municipality, Taplejung District, which borders India and Tibet. Ghunsa is the highest permanent settlement in the valley.

When we first visited Ghunsa in 2013, up to eight students lived on a concrete floor with only a piece of wood and a 5mm foam mat between them and the ground.

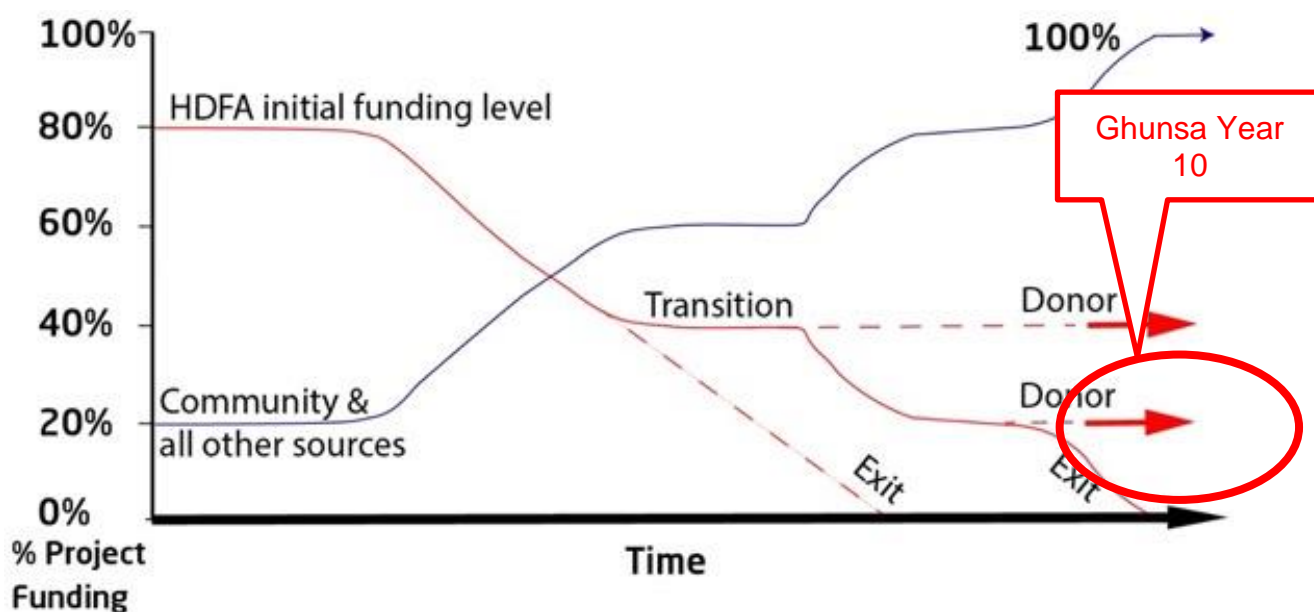
School attendance in the valley was only 25%. Back in 2015 we worked alongside the people of Ghunsa to rebuild and refit their school and hostel facilities, providing a safe and inviting place for students to live and study.



A few years later school attendance was at 100%, and other sustainable sources of revenue to pay for the school, hostel and health post were secured by HDFA and the community together.

Schooling and tourism employment were impacted by long COVID-19 closures but HDFA is supporting the community to continue to develop resilience. In the 2022-23 financial year, HDFA has made a significantly reduced financial input as we shift focus to the village of Hellok to the south of Ghunsa. Our advocacy and support have continued and as hoped and the Ghunsa community has taken increased responsibility. In one example a group of tourism business has agreed a new fundraising process to build a fund for repairs and maintenance to Ghunsa Basic School.

We also acknowledge that for a number of families some level of support will be required over an extended period. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our donors to support impoverished families we are able to give children an education over an extended period and scholarships for students' past Year 9 to study in larger centres down the valley and in Kathmandu which is ongoing.



Hellok /Kanchenjunga

Hellok village is tucked off to the side of the main walking trail to Kanchenjunga BC and Ghunsa and has been partly overlooked by government. The community has strengths such as an active and healthy population, unity due to culture and customs, young and interested leaders, diversity of environments and elevations and natural resources. However the people also face significant challenges including lack of livelihood options, population generally not skilled or educated, youth out-migration, and underdevelopment. HDFA's engagement with the community will come through a range of opportunities, beginning with improved health services.

In 2022-2023 HDFA drew on our scoping studies and local engagement to work with Kanchenjunga Buddhist Social Service the local municipality and Almost Heaven Farms on a 3-year development plan which has Social Welfare Council of Nepal government approval. The areas for development are health, education food system resiliency and more meaningful livelihoods.



Health care

The project has commenced with health equipment and medicine being delivered to health workers at the previously neglected Hellok health unit, and drinking water facilities to buttress the community and allow further development.

Livelihood

Early livelihood activities have collaborated with Almost Heaven Farms and Phaktanglung Municipality as the municipality develops its own Agriculture Knowledge Center, the first of its kind in Nepal. The centre will serve as a research, demonstration, development and resource centre for farming communities. This is a huge step towards transitioning the whole municipality to organic/regenerative agriculture.

In recent months 500 fruit and nut tree seedlings have been planted as the foundation of a plan for producing and grafting new seedlings, and a new biofertilizer factory has been completed and is now fully operational, with a manager in place and trained. In addition, 55 participants have been trained in the foundations of soil health, plant nutrition compost making and biofertilizers or tree planting, care, maintenance and pruning. Women from the area participated in a 9-day intensive training at Almost Heaven Farms on using local produce to create value-added food products to sell.



Community representatives

Education

Opportunities for development include access to a safer environment at Shree Parbati Secondary school which is more conducive to learning, support for quality teaching, especially English and more effective engagement and responsibility from the community. Improvements have begun with the purchase of a drinking water drum and three water filters as well as bamboo fencing for the school compound.

Plans for 2023-24 include:

- medicine, health materials and healthy meals;
- additional salary to 4 private English teachers for Hellok school to enable English teaching to class 5 (currently only class 2), training for teachers and School Management Committee capacity-building training;
- a new toilet and drinking water facilities;
- classroom improvement, education materials, training activities on nursery setup, grafting and seedling propagation; and
- business development grants (matched by local government) for the first 6 women applicants.

Reflections

The community are happy that the project has begun, and they can see progress. Local government, local community and farmers are very engaged in the project. They are excited by the opportunities that this project may bring to the area. The local government is committing money, resources and personnel to the project.

Coordinator, Hellok





Independent Audit Report – Himalayan Development Foundation Australia Inc

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report, comprising the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023, Statement of Income & Expenditure and Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended on that date of Himalayan Development Foundation Australia Incorporated.

The Responsibility of the committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the trust.

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

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies, the financial state of Himalayan Development Foundation Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2023 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Ben Reynolds

Oreon Partners

Date: 23/11/2023



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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Members of the Committee of the Himalayan Development Foundation Australia Incorporated have determined the association is a non-reporting entity and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies detailed in the Note 1 to the Financial Statements. In the opinion of the Committee:

- The financial statements present fairly the state of affairs of the Himalayan Development Foundation Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date and are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.
- Complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.
- At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment of pecuniary value other than disclosed in the Financial Statements

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



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Signed this 26 November 2023
Duncan Chessell – (Volunteer) CEO, Board Member and Co-Founder

Profit and Loss

Himalayan Development Foundation Australia Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Trading Income		
Donation Income (not to Public Fund)	1,617.00	3,080.00
Interest Income	20.02	39.68
Membership Revenue	60.00	330.00
Public Fund (HDFA) Donations	174,080.00	164,831.64
Total Trading Income	175,777.02	168,281.32
Gross Profit	175,777.02	168,281.32
Operating Expenses		
Audit Fees	1,617.00	3,080.00
Bank Fees	2.20	2.20
Computers, Software, email & hosting	396.58	366.48
Consultancy Fees	-	3,355.00
Distribution Nepal in Country Delivery Organisation ICDO	153,572.00	148,554.00
Insurance - Business	1,962.43	1,888.48
Interest Expense	-	0.39
Marketing & Fundraising (for Donations)	-	45.76
Monitoring Visits	16,141.25	4,412.89
Project Management Nepal Staff	5,009.00	2,035.93
Total Operating Expenses	178,700.46	163,741.13
Net Profit	(2,923.44)	4,540.19

Balance Sheet

Himalayan Development Foundation Australia Incorporated As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
Assets		
Bank		
ANZ Business Advantage	2,798.68	11,734.22
ANZ Public Fund	208,889.10	202,480.42
HDFA Visa Debit Cheque Acc	558.59	955.17
Total Bank	212,246.37	215,169.81
Total Assets	212,246.37	215,169.81
Net Assets	212,246.37	215,169.81
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	(2,923.44)	4,540.19
Retained Earnings	215,169.81	210,629.62
Total Equity	212,246.37	215,169.81

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report has been prepared as a special purpose financial report to satisfy the requirements of the constitution. The final report is prepared on the basis of historical costs and in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. No Australian Accounting Standards have been applied. The financial report shows the receipts and payments of the association and its bank balances at the year end.

Taxation

The association is exempt from the income tax on income derived from members.

NOTE 2 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following people held voluntary positions on the Association's Committee of Management during the year:

Andrew Stace	Chair
Anne Skipper	Vice-Chair
Ella Price	Secretary
Ed Parker	Treasurer
Duncan Chessell	Board Member, CEO
Melissa Westgate	Board Member
Christopher Miller	Board Member
Joanne Arnold	Board Member

Except where stated, transactions with related parties are on commercial terms and conditions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANK YOUS

To all that have supported, donated, given time and effort – THANKYOU!

To our implementation partners:

- PHASE Nepal. A particular thank you to Mr Bikash Koirala, our Project Manager
- Kanchenjunga Buddhist Social Service and Mingma Sherpa
- Mingma Dandu Sherpa, our Nepal coordinator for the Kanchenjunga/Ghunsa region
- Almost Heaven Farms, Zachary Barton and Alicia Magar

Donors

To everyone who has supported us with donations in the past 12 months – Thank You! We are forever grateful to our donors; it is because of them that we can support the communities in Nepal that we do.

Without your support, we would not be able to complete the important and ongoing work that is needed to help secure a brighter future for children in remote Himalayan communities.

Corporate & Community Partners – pro-bono work

[Oreon Partners](#) | Ben Reynolds and Deborah Hawthorn for conducting the annual audit

[Brighter](#) | Creative communications - Ben Murray and the team

[Piper Alderman](#) | Legal Services

Volunteers

All HDFA Board Members

A big thanks to Ella Price, outgoing HDFA Association Secretary

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