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*Cover photograph: Playing in the snow at Kabul Hope House*

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*The family of the Dairy Coop with cows.*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON • DAME QUENTIN BRYCE



The Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO

### Message from Patron

As Patron of Mahboba's Promise, I am delighted to commend the organisation on its continued work in providing women and children with the opportunity to escape poverty and overcome adversity.

It has been my honour to witness the sustainable development this organisation creates for so many women and children in Afghanistan. Three decades of armed conflict has brought about widespread instability and a subsequent increase in the incidence of poverty, especially for widows and orphans.

Mahboba's Promise must be congratulated on the positive progress it has made across the war-torn country.

Australia has traditions of compassion, generosity and resilience. We are a nation that reaches out to others less fortunate, within our own community and beyond our borders. We support and welcome diversity through vibrant and inclusive multiculturalism.

Mahboba's Promise continues to serve vulnerable widows and orphans in Afghanistan, while upholding values of compassion and kindness. Mahboba Rawi is a role model for women everywhere, and continues to be a source of inspiration to many. I am proud to be involved in Mahboba's Promise and support efforts the organisation makes to improve the lives of Afghanistan's women and children living in great need.

*Quentin Bryce.*  
*Nov. 2018.*

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**Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO**  
25th Governor-General  
of the Commonwealth of Australia



## FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT



*Mahboba comforting a baby from Badakhshan Hope House*

## FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT

### “SAVING YOUNG LIVES”

I am proud that Mahboba's Promise continues to uphold its vision to provide a sustainable future to vulnerable women and children in Afghanistan. We have worked hard over the past twenty years to adhere to the values of compassion and integrity, to empower women and children to help shape their own future. In my eyes, saving young lives is a crucial step for the next generation of change makers, who will pave the way toward a future of economic and social prosperity.

Like every year, I've spent many of the months overseas in Afghanistan. I've witnessed a lot of change in Afghanistan. Each year I return, I see new buildings and infrastructure. Wealthy people are knocking down old houses and rebuilding new ones. There is progress, but only in small pockets of Kabul. There are two sides to Afghanistan, the side that is making progress and the side that is not. The latter is the side of poverty and disadvantage; which I see every day I am there. In the past two decades, massive improvements have been made in terms of access to education, for both boys and girls. However, while thousands of children are being educated, many are not finding work. The Government does not offer any job opportunities, and when there are no job opportunities, there is no real progress.

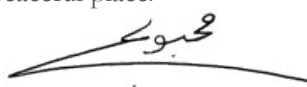
I witnessed this devastating side of Afghanistan when I was visited by three young girls in Kabul. They knocked on my door one day and asked for food. I let them inside and asked if they were knocking door to door. The eldest replied “Yes, what can we do? We lost our Mother and Father, and our older sister's husband does not help. We have no man to support us. This is how we survive”. During my time in Afghanistan, I see many young girls begging on the streets, pleading for food. Those three girls visit the Hope House every few days and we give them enough supplies to keep them off the streets and in school. Unfortunately, there are so many more destitute children still out there. Afghan parents that survive every other hardship are unable to support their children, and resort to selling them or giving them away. Our Hope House

Badakhshan is crowded with babies who were almost sold or deserted. More often than not, they will be young orphan girls. It is so sad to see parents giving away their children. It's not that they don't have care about their children; it tears them apart. But extreme poverty has caused them to do so. Babies cost four times the amount of a grown child due to the expense of nappies and milk. In my heart I want to save these young lives from starvation, but I know it is a large expense.

In saying all this, I see good in Afghanistan and the work we are doing. I watch the young orphans at our Hope Houses and they are so happy and healthy. The quality of life of those twenty-five orphans in Badakhshan Hope House has changed significantly over the past year. With construction of the new Hope House well underway, the children are currently attending school, eating nutritious food and enjoying the wonders of childhood. This life-changing project was only made possible by the generosity of our donors and the success of our 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner that was held in February 2018.

For our older orphans, many of them are in their final year of university. We have three young women studying law and are about to become solicitors. When I ask them what do they want to use their knowledge for, they respond “We want to work in Women's Justice”. When people are given opportunity, they use that opportunity to do good in the world and make a positive difference in their communities. I want to give more people that opportunity. Because when I do, Afghanistan will be a country of progress.

In my heart I pray for all those that support Mahboba's Promise. I thank you all for enabling us to achieve all we have set out to achieve this year. I hope you will be with us as we continue this journey to make Afghanistan a safer and more peaceful place.



**Mahboba Rawi**

Vice-President and Founding Director  
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated



*English classes at Kabul Hope House*



## REPORT FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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The Management Committee are delighted to be able to update you in this annual report. This year, Mahboba's Promise have extended their sphere of sustainable development work to reach more people in Afghanistan than ever before.

When Mahboba returns from Afghanistan, she shares with us stories of both progress and hardship. The urgency for our work continues as we reach more Afghan women and children in need. However, the beautiful stories and photos of success, development and growth is when we see the true fruition of the work we do. The Management Committee remains committed to enhancing the lives of as many women and children as we can possibly sustain.

"Saving Young Lives" is our theme this year and as you will read in the report, the progress we have made this year has been phenomenal. Whether it be providing young children with a home and education, or being there when they have no one else to turn to, I invite you to enjoy this provoking read and the updates on all of our projects.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank each and every person involved with Mahboba's Promise. From our office staff, to volunteers and donors, the work we do would not be possible without your ongoing support and devotion to the organisation.

Thank you again.



**Khurshida Ajam**

Vice President  
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated



Mahboba's Promise Incorporated raises funds in Australia for the management and implementation of sustainable development projects for women and children in Afghanistan. It is a non-government, non-profit organisation and a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), and a signatory to its Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

Afghanistan remains one of the most challenging places for both women and children. The economy and society are still fragile after 33 years of war.

Mahboba's Promise is determined and committed to creating a better life for the disadvantaged and vulnerable in Afghanistan, especially women and children. We focus on the plight of widows and orphaned children overwhelmed by poverty. We work with them through a series of programmes and initiatives to help them regain control over their lives.

We work closely with individuals and local communities on a long-term basis and have established good dialogue with local leaders. This way we are familiar with the stresses and pressures on these communities.

## ABOUT US

Our programmes aim to protect the human rights of those from vulnerable and marginalised groups by:

- Providing supplementary education for orphaned and disadvantaged children so that they can go to school with confidence and succeed in the classroom. Schooling in Afghanistan is rudimentary and if children are further disadvantaged, they will often drop out early; our intervention changes the outcome of their lives, helping to break poverty cycles.
- Providing mentoring for children to encourage them to study and learn social and leadership skills.
- Lifting widows out of poverty by helping them find somewhere to live, access to medical care, assistance with problems, and education for their children.
- Encouraging widows to become self-sufficient through vocational training courses.
- Using the permaculture model farm we have developed in Kabul for training and to help feed our beneficiaries.

Our funds are raised almost exclusively from the Australian public.

## WHAT WE DO

### VISION

Our Vision is to provide a sustainable future within a secure environment for the disadvantaged and vulnerable people of Afghanistan, in particular for women, children and orphans.

### MISSION

Mahboba's Promise aims to provide effective sustainable overseas development aid to disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals and communities in Afghanistan through the provision of education, sanitation, primary health care, training and agriculture programmes.

### VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

To achieve our Mission, we will honour the values of compassion for people in need and effectively impact on their circumstances while embracing standards of practice that ensure integrity, honesty, transparency and due diligence.

### GOALS OF OUR WORK

In developing our aid programmes, we will strive to:

- build the morale of people affected by conflict so that they have motivation to reconstruct their country;
- restore faith in the future through the example of quality workers delivering aid services;
- consider and consult experts in relation to cultural practices and beliefs to identify and meet the best interests of the people we assist;
- establish self-sufficiency in individuals and sustainable outcomes in community projects in the programs that we provide;
- enhance the quality of life of our beneficiaries through education and

training;

- consult and involve all stakeholders including beneficiaries, and value their participation at all stages in our programmes;
- respect and protect internationally recognised human rights including civil and political, economic, social and cultural rights;
- respect and protect the human rights of people from vulnerable and marginalised groups;
- include and address the rights of people with disabilities and their representatives;
- ensure the safety and best interests of all children through project design, monitoring and implementation of child protection policies;
- be equitable and non-discriminatory in the distribution of our aid;
- follow best practices and give due consideration to issues of sustainable ecological and resource management in our aid programs;
- encourage the use of renewable energy and appropriate technology;
- and promote good governance and civil society.

In our Governance, we will endeavour to be professional, accountable and compliant by:

- offering the public and organisations in Australia and elsewhere, a trusted and acceptable mechanism by which they may contribute funds to worthy projects to assist disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals and communities in Afghanistan;
- ensuring that the organisation is at all times financially responsible;
- developing, implementing and reviewing the Policies and Procedures of the organisation.



## 2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS



*Mabboba is greeted by the children of Panjshir Valley Hope House*

## 2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

### THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Over the past three decades, Afghanistan has suffered from chronic instability and conflict leaving the country's economy and infrastructure in ruins. Thirty-years of armed conflict has devastated health, education, economic systems and the lives of its population. Women and children in Afghanistan are among some of the most disadvantaged people in the world.

Mahboba's visits to Afghanistan each year have witnessed the degradation of security throughout the country. Impeded access to certain areas of Afghanistan has become a prevalent issue. This places even greater pressure on the safety and delivery of our development programs.

The morale of the people in Kabul is quite low due to the pervasiveness of bombings and other violent attacks. As each year passes, there are increasingly more people seeking help from Mahboba's Promise that simply cannot be assisted with our current resources.

These are the conditions in which Mahboba's Promise operates in, aiming to improve the quality of life of Afghanistan's most vulnerable groups; widows and orphans. Thanks to our long-list of supporters, we continue to provide much needed hope and compassion to Afghanistan.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### Badakhshan Medical Centre

Construction of our medical centre building in Badakhshan Province was completed in August 2017.

#### Parwan Community Garden

It was another successful year for Parwan Garden, with high production of Potato and Garlic for the local community and Hope Houses.

#### Permaculture Garden Kabul

We had substantial produce from the farm this year, including grapes, cherries, peaches, tomato, potato, garlic and beans.

#### Women's Dairy Coop

This family-run coop had an increase from 4 to 60 cows and calves this year, allowing greater income from fresh milk sold in the local economy.

#### Widows Outreach Programme

There are currently 142 widows who benefit through the Outreach Program, being provided with monthly food coupons and training opportunities to support their families.

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

#### Baba Ali Tailoring Vocational Training Panjshir

Our Tailoring course had another successful year, with a handful of widows and orphans receiving in-depth training in tailoring and handicraft.

#### Confectionery factory and shop update

This project has seen great success over the past year, allowing it to become 100% self-sufficient and generating an income for Mahboba's Promise.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT

#### Early Childhood Centres Kabul and Panjshir Valley

Our childhood centres continue to be a success in both Kabul and Panjshir Valley, with almost 50 students across the two learning centres.

#### Hope Houses, in Kabul, Panjshir Valley, Takar and Badakhshan

Our Hope Houses continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for hundreds of young children in need. Construction of our new Badakhshan Hope House has begun, and work is set to be complete by the end of 2018.

#### Abdara Girls School

There are around 350 students enrolled at Abdara Girls School from Grades 1 to 12. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Directorate of Education of Panjshir to coordinate funding responsibilities between Mahboba's Promise and the Government.



## 2017 - 2018 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



Completed Badakhshan Medical Centre

### BETTER HEALTH BADAKHSHAN – WOMEN’S DAIRY COOP MEDICAL CENTRE

The construction of Badakhshan Medical Facility was completed in August 2017. The second phase of the project was to conduct maternity healthcare training for 30 girls of the targeted community, however Taliban presence between Kabul and Badakhshan has resulted in the delay of this training.

Mahboba’s Promise is committed to completing the second phase of the project in the near future and recognises its unparalleled importance in Badakhshan Province.

The Dairy Coop is a project that runs alongside the Permaculture farm, and is operated by a caretaker and his family.

In 2017, there were a total of 4 cows left at the Dairy Coop. In September 2017, 13 lactating cows were bought increasing the number to 16 females and 1 male cow. In early 2018, 23 calves and 2 female cows were procured increasing the Dairy Coops cow and calves’ population to around 60.

The milk generated from the Dairy Coop Project is sent to our Hope Houses, while the surplus is sold in the local market.



The Dairy Coop Caretaker milking the cows



## 2017 - 2018 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



*Widows sit with fresh produce from Permaculture Farm*

### PERMACULTURE FARM KABUL

For many years now, Mahboba's Promise has been developing a two-hectare permaculture garden located just outside of Kabul. The farm follows a system of agriculture that utilises patterns and features of the natural landscape.

The project is currently operating with one supervisor, two workers and a care taker, and continues to produce high quality fruits and vegetables. However, this past year saw some setbacks during the winter months where cold weather and seasonal hail destroyed all of the fruit blossoms. Nonetheless, there remained to be an ample production of grapes, cherries, peaches, tomato, potato, garlic and beans. These vegetables and fruits were not only sold to the local community at affordable-market prices, but were also used to feed Mahboba's Promise Hope Houses in Kabul and Panjshir Valley.



*Freshly picked peach at the Permaculture Farm*



## 2017 - 2018 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



*Peach tree at Parwan Garden*

### PARWAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Parwan Garden is location in the Qalander Khail village of Bagram district and is run by local gardener Mr. Mahmood.

The Parwan Garden was originally established to benefit ten women from the local community who were provided initial training in agricultural practices. Since then, these ten women have shared their knowledge with other local women to help promote self-sufficient practices across the community.

This year, potatoes and garlic were the main produce from the garden. This produce is primarily used to feed our Kabul and Panjshir Valley Hope Houses, with the surplus of fruit and vegetables then sold at the local market. Any income generated from sales is invested back into the operation of the farm.



*Gardener working in the greenhouse*

## 2017 - 2018 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



*A Widow receives a bag of rice from Kabul Outreach rice distribution*



*A widow receiving a bag of rice from her sponsors.*

### WIDOWS OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The Widows Outreach programme has been operating in Kabul since Mahboba's Promise began its work in Afghanistan. The aim of the program is to identify widows that urgently require financial relief to support their family.

Once identified, a Sponsor is allocated through the Sydney office and monthly donations provide these Widows with a coupon to our shop. This method gives widows agency over what groceries they purchase according to their family's unique requirements.

Additionally, training opportunities provide widows with skills that allow them to shift from welfare dependency towards self-sufficiency. At the moment, there are 142 widows who benefit through the Outreach Programme. Not only does this have a direct impact on the circumstance of the woman, but also makes a major difference in the lives of their children.



## 2017 - 2018 VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### BABA ALI TAILORING VOCATIONAL TRAINING PANJSHIR

The Baba Ali Girl's School Tailoring Vocational Training Course was designed by Mahboba's Promise in April 2016, following an application from community elders of the Abshar District in Panjshir Province.

Since our tailoring project was launched, it has assisted many women and girls to start their own businesses and earn an income for their families. Between 2016 and 2018, the project has seen more than 60 widows and orphans graduate from the training program, and many have gone on to become professional tailors.

After refining their skills, the trainees were assigned jobs such as sewing uniforms of the Hope House children, fixing torn pillow and mattresses.

Miss Mazari, one of the Tailoring Trainers, has two unemployed brothers and an ill mother at home. This programme not only allowed her to share her skills and knowledge with others, but gave her the opportunity to financially support her family.

### CONFECTIONERY FACTORY AND SHOP FRONTS

There are currently 18 staff members working within the confectionery factory and shop, including trainees, an admin worker, salesmen, marketer and shopkeepers.

Originally, the confectionery factory and shop was established as a social enterprise to provide skills training, with all income invested back into the operation of the factory and training costs. We are happy to report that, the income from the small business has been increasing. This is not only a good indicator of improvement and sustainability, but has allowed the project to become 100% self-sufficient.

This project has trained most of the Half-way House boys to become confectioners, with the overall goal to transition the boys from trainees to skilled and independent workers. Within the next two years, Mahboba's Promise hopes that the older orphans will be able to take over all responsibility of the factory and run the shop independently.



*A woman at our Panjshir tailoring training course*

## 2017 - 2018 VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES



*Our Half-way House boys display their confectionery goods.*



*One of our Hope House graduates working at the confectionery factory*



## 2017 - 2018 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

#### **Hazrat Ali Early Childhood Centre Kabul**

The Hazrat Ali Early Childhood Centre in Kabul has been operating since 2015 with monetary support by Make a Mark Australia and long-time donor, Mohammad Haghdosti. Our gracious thanks to Mr. Haghdosti for the significant contribution he has made toward the Early Childhood Centre and its ongoing operational costs.

The project is running as a kindergarten in the basement and first floor of Kabul Hope House. There are currently three teachers working at the Early Childhood Centre, educating 35 boys and girls each day.

On October 2017, Kabul's Early Childhood Centre celebrated Teacher's Day. A ceremony was held and a beautifully decorated cake was baked for the young students and their teachers in honour of the day.

#### **MAMA Early Childhood Centre Panjshir**

There are fourteen students (eight girls and six boys) currently attending the Early Childhood Centre in Panjshir Valley. These children live in the local community and pay monthly fees to attend the centre.

The centre has been operating for two years, focusing on supporting children of nursery and pre-school level. The project is managed through Panjshir Hope House administration and employs three teachers who educate the children.



*Children of MAMA Early Childhood Center Panjshir Valley*



## 2017 - 2018 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### HOPE HOUSES

#### Introduction

Our Hope Houses continued to support vulnerable children in Kabul, Panjshir, Takhar and Badakhshan this year. The Hope House concept aims to provide disadvantaged Afghan children with the opportunity to reach their full potential through education and training during the day and permanent, secure housing during the night.

Afghanistan's long history of conflict and instability has undermined the ability for many Afghan children to live a normal and healthy life. With over a third of Afghanistan's population living in extreme poverty, many children are forced to live on the streets.

Our Hope Houses were established to offer vulnerable children a brighter future by providing them with a safe and secure home environment, ending the need for children to beg and work to find money for food. Instead, destitute children have access to the educational resources required to develop into strong, confident youth who will contribute to rebuilding Afghan society.

This year, we have made significant progress developing our new Badakhshan Hope House. Construction began at the end of the 2017-2018 financial year, with the project set to be complete by the end of 2018. Additionally, our Kabul Hope House underwent internal and external renovations, including a fresh coat of colourful paint to replace the aged blue look.



*Children of Badakhshan Hope House*

## 2017 - 2018 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES



*Boys of Takhar Hope House*

### PANJSHIR VALLEY HOPE HOUSE

Panjshir Valley Hope House was built in 2010, to not only accommodate and educate orphans in Panjshir Valley, but also neighbouring Provinces such as Parwan and Kapisa. There are currently thirty-two orphans (seven girls and twenty-five boys) living and studying at Panjshir Valley Hope House. During the day, the children are attending Government School which is directly next to the Hope House and participate in supplementary lessons, sports and calligraphy within the centre.

There are twelve employees at the Hope House including teachers, service workers, security and administration. Ms. Aqela is the Principal of the Hope House, whom recently graduated from University in early 2018. The children love her very much and deem her like a mother.

### TAKHAR HOPE HOUSE

Takhar Hope House has been running smoothly over the past year, with the recent addition of a new Admin and Communication officer, Professor Farhad Aryan. This was a positive step towards maintaining prompt and reliable communication with the project and its operation. Farhad is responsible for reporting, teaching English and assisting the Principal with technical and clerical work.

In total, there are seven staff working in Takhar Hope House including the Principal, Admin Officer, Cook, Launderer, Cleaner and Security Guards. There are currently 58 orphans in Takhar Hope House, 26 boys are permanent while the other 32 are boys and girls who visit during the day.

All the children successfully passed their end of year exams and entered the next grade of their schooling.



## 2017 - 2018 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### BADAKHSHAN HOPE HOUSE

Badakhshan Province is one of the most vulnerable areas of Afghanistan. Since Mahboba's Promise became aware of a struggling orphanage in Badakhshan, we have undergone extensive progress to improve the lives of the children who had no one else to turn to.

Construction of the new Hope House began in May 2018 after CEO, Sidiq Rawi, travelled to Badakhshan during the month of Ramadan. Work began a day after Sidiq's arrival with the employment of a contractor and securement of materials. The following days saw the excavation of the construction site and building of the foundation. The new building's dimensions are 12x17 Meters including one basement and two floors.

The entire project is expected to be complete before the end of 2018. While work has been taking place, the orphans are being accommodated in a new rental building within the centre of Faizabad.



*One of the young children of Badakhshan Hope House*

## 2017 - 2018 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES



*Kabul Hope House's following its recent renovations*

### KABUL HOPE HOUSE

Our Kabul Hope house was opened in 2004, and has since been a home to hundreds of displaced orphans. Currently, there are 44 orphans (31 boys and 13 girls) residing at the Hope House, being provided accommodation, education and other extra curriculum activities.

In early 2018, Kabul Hope House underwent much needed renovations. These renovations included the painting of the interior and exterior walls, fitting-out the top level of the building and tiling the terrace. The weathered blue paint that once covered Kabul Hope House has been replaced by a brighter colour palette, uplifting the building and its surroundings.

While the 3rd floor was built when the building was first constructed, the area was never fully completed and left largely unused. To make this space an integral part of Kabul Hope House, renovations began to include one large living room (8x13 meters), one smaller living room (6x8 meters), two bedrooms (3x4 meters), one toilet, one shower and a large terrace (8x10 meters).

### Off-way House Kabul

Off-way House is accommodation adjacent to Kabul House, and acts as a transition into society for older orphan boys. Currently there are 12 Half-way House boys receiving training at the Confectionery Factory and Shop, while a few are attending university.

### Outsourced Tuition Project

The Outsourced Tuition project is a section of MPA sponsorship program. Its aim is to provide higher education opportunities to orphans who have graduated high school and are looking to start their tertiary education.

The project helps these young adults with University fees, transportation costs, stationary and tuitions. Five MPA staff and three outreach beneficiaries got their degrees from University with the help of this project.

In return, these graduates now use their skills to help Mahboba's Promise. The daughter of one of our outreach program widows, Ms. Yasamin, began her first semester of university under this program.



## 2017 - 2018 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### OTHER FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

#### **Chehel Stoon Orphanage Kabul - Technical assistance**

Over the past year, Mahboba's Promise has been supporting Mr. Khalilullah Abawi in the construction of an orphanage in Southwest Kabul. Chehl Stoon Orphanage began construction in May 2017 and is now close to being finished, with only the water-proofing, interior and exterior painting, and levelling of the yard left to be completed. Mr. Abawi began this project after witnessing the amazing work we do at Kabul Hope House.

We are proud to be a guide for Mr. Abawi throughout this project and can't wait to see the centre in operation.

#### **Initiative's of Change Internship**

IofC was a five-month long internship program held in India that brings together people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, focusing on addressing world needs and establishing cross-cultural connections. Two girls from Afghanistan, Parwana and Muzhgan, participated in 2017's IofC program.

The two interns had a great experience throughout the duration of this program, particularly through enhancing their interpersonal skills, such as becoming socially savvy individuals with love, care, honesty and compassion. By the end of the Internship, Parwana and Muzhgan were able to understand a variety of social issues from different parts of the world and their role to cater these issues as future leaders. The program also helped the two young women improve their self-confidence, presentation and report writing skills.

A special thank you to Caroline Edwards for her kind efforts to raise funds for travel expenses and assisting us in organising the trip for the girls.

### ABDARA GIRLS SCHOOL

Abdara Girls School is one of the oldest projects of Mahboba's Promise in Panjshir Valley, being built just after the Taliban left Afghanistan in 2002. At that time, no girl in the Abdara community was going to school. Currently there are around 350 students from Class 1 to 12.

While Abdara Girls is still being funded by Mahboba's Promise, the level of funding has been readjusted over the past year after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Directorate of Education of Panjshir. Mahboba's Promise now funds the salaries of unofficial and contracted teachers, stationery to the school, provision of transportation for students from neighbouring villages, sponsorship of orphan students and maintenance of the school when applicable.



*A young student of Abdara Girls School*

## 2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS • HOPE HOUSE BABIES



*One of the babies from our Hope House receives much-needed baby formula*

### STORIES OF OUR BABIES

The first 1000 days of a child's life are the most crucial to their physical and cognitive development. We strive to give these babies the best start to life despite the hardships they've already faced.

#### Aarash\*

Aarash is a young baby boy whose Mother was imprisoned and Father has disappeared. Aarash's relatives were contacted by Mahboba's Promise but no one agreed to take him or even visit him. Badakhshan Hope House is currently responsible for many unwanted babies and toddlers. All these children want is to be held and loved by someone, yet years of instability in Afghanistan has resulted in the devastating increase of destitute children. Despite the hardships and trauma Aarash has already faced, we hope for a bright and happy future for him.

#### Fahima\*

Fahima is a young baby girl recently brought to Badakhshan Hope House. Her young mother was killed by the Taliban and her father lost his legs as a result of a mine explosion. Saifudin, Fahima's father, named her after his late wife to keep her

memory alive. Due to the extent of his injuries, Saifudin enrolled his daughter to Badakhshan Hope House in April 2018. Initially, Fahima was suffering from a lack of nutrition and extensive trauma. War, violence and lack of maternity healthcare in Afghanistan causes many mothers to lose their lives during childbirth, resulting in destitute young children. While there is a long road ahead for this young baby girl, she is becoming healthier day by day and we hope for a bright future for her.

#### Hadyah\*

Hadyah was born in September 2017 and enrolled into Badakhshan Hope House shortly after. Mahboba helped Hadyah's mother, Shala, by taking her to the hospital when she was about to give birth. Shala's husband disappeared while she was pregnant with Hadyah, leaving Shala to support eight children alone. Due to Shala's ill-health, breastfeeding was impossible. Like many single mothers, baby formula is too great of an expense when there is no source of income. This can leave children malnourished during a critical stage of their physical and neurological development.

*\*Names have been changed*

## 2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS • MASUDAH'S EYE SURGERY



*Masudah after waking up from her eye surgery*

### MASUDAH'S EYE SURGERY

Masudah is a friendly young girl from Badakhshan Hope House who was born blind. She is always welcoming and loves to talk to others. Masudah's mother died when she was young, and her father sent her to live with his brother's family.

Masudah had been blind her entire life and was never given the opportunity to restore her sight. In Afghanistan, a lack of healthcare services means that many individuals suffer from curable illnesses and defects their entire lives. This disadvantage hinders their ability to be educated, enter the workforce and escape the cycle of poverty.

Thanks to the generous support from our donors, we were able to take Masudah to Kabul for corrective eye surgery. In September 2017, Masudah travelled to the Noor Eye Hospital for this life-changing eye operation. The operation went well and Masudah can now see through her left eye. We hope sometime in the near future, Masudah will be able to have the same surgery on her right eye.

We are so happy to see Masudah smiling and are thankful to the good people who allow these life-changing opportunities to happen.



## 2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS • AUSTRALIAN EVENTS



*Mahboba Rawi and Patron, Dame Quentin Bryce, at our 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner*

### AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

#### 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Mahboba's Promise Charity, a Gala Dinner was held on the 24th of February 2018 in honour of the tremendous support the organisation has received over the past two decades.

Since 1998, the support base of our Sydney-based charity has grown exponentially, allowing the organisation to make great progress in Afghanistan through various education and training programs.

We were very fortunate to have Dame Quentin Bryce, Elizabeth Broderick AO, and Julian Burnside QC as special guests. The evening was hosted by long standing supporter of Mahboba's Promise, ABC reporter, Virginia Haussegger.

The dinner not only showcased Afghanistan's exquisite culture, but was also used as an opportunity to raise funds for Mahboba's Promise's new Badakhshan Hope House and Maternity Clinic.

#### Mothers Day Celebration

On Friday the 27th of April, we held a Mother's Day Supper for mothers and daughters of Mahboba's Promise. The night was a huge success, filled with lots of love, compassion and laughter. We received an overwhelming amount of support through donations, sponsorship and volunteering.

The funds raised from the event were used to educate and train 60 widows in Parwan on self-sufficient agricultural techniques, to help feed themselves and their families.

## 2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS • AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS



*Mahboba with girls from Panjshir Valley Hope House*

### AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS

#### **Bibi's House (Australia)**

The dual functions of Bibi's Place are to first provide a safe space for Afghan refugee women to develop friendships for mutual support as they navigate the settlement experience in Australia. The second is to educate and empower women through workshops to develop skills, capacities and confidence.

The project involves 12 workshops with the topics covered being determined through a needs assessment of the participating women. The focus is on reducing the isolation refugee women experience when arriving in Australia and empowering them to become more active in engaging with their local communities. A Health and Wellbeing Retreat was held in November 2017 to unite members of the Afghan community and discuss topics such as eSafety, stress relief and mental health, as well as strategizing positive

changes within the community through female empowerment.

In 2017/2018, Mahboba's Promise Australia also ran a handful of Youth Programs for Afghan children. Two of these new initiatives focussed on fostering cross-cultural interactions within the framework of a fun sporting event. A soccer training day was held at Melrose Park in April 2018, followed by a post-training BBQ for 20 youths plus family members. Another successful initiative was the Swim and Gym program held at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre, which aimed to teach critical swimming skills and beach safety to the newly arrived Afghan community.

Our thanks to St George Foundation and Ryde City Council for making these programs possible.



## 2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS • MAHBOBAS VISIT



*Mahboba is greeted by the children of Panjshir Valley Hope House*

Travelling from Kabul Hope House to Parwan Garden, I passed a town recently devastated by an explosion. This is a common occurrence for the people of Afghanistan. Yet, many Afghan people are forced to risk their lives every day in order to support their starving families. It saddens me to witness the character of Afghanistan dampen as years of war and instability lingers.

I watch a country full of rich tradition and heritage crumble at the hands of conflict, poverty and hunger. The future I see for Afghanistan is

one full of education, for both girls and boys. I have hope for a peaceful future, where no child will go hungry and need to beg on the street to support their family.

Education is the key to making Afghanistan a peaceful, prosperous and compassionate place again.

— Mahboba Rawi



# MAHBOBA'S PROMISE AFGHANISTAN

## RELATIONSHIP WITH IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Mahboba's Promise Incorporated (MPI), based in Australia, works to provide effective development aid with local communities in Afghanistan. Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) is the principle implementation partner of MPI. While the two organisations are separate entities, both are working towards the common goal of providing a sustainable future to disadvantaged Afghan women and children.

An international collaboration agreement has been signed by MPI and MPA which states: "... The profits, proceeds or other income derived by MPI or MPA must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of MPI or MPA (as the case may be) ...".

The current roles in the exclusive partnership are summarised in the table below:

Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) has an established permanent presence in the country, and employs approximately 50 local Afghan staff. MPA is a signatory to ACBAR (Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief). Their Code of Conduct is a set of norms, principles and values that aims to enhance the conduct and reputation of Non-Government Organisations.

<b>Mahboba's Promise Inc. (MPI) Sydney</b>	<b>Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) Kabul</b>
Role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund raising and fund distribution to MPA</li> <li>Over arching policy guidance</li> <li>General guidance and mentoring</li> <li>Monitoring of projects and finances</li> <li>Capacity building</li> </ul>	Role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service delivery</li> <li>Project implementation</li> <li>Needs assessment</li> <li>Capacity building</li> <li>Accountability and reporting</li> </ul>
MPI and MPA are separate entities. The partnership is based on mutual respect. This is a collaborative partnership where both organisations communicate and listen to the other and strive to build capacity wherever possible.	

## STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS



*Mahboba with the children of Kabul Hope House*

### STAFF

With a turn over of just over one million dollars a year, there is a lot to manage day to day in the office. We have a lean but very dedicated team of staff in our Sydney office. They run the office and co-ordinate our group of dedicated volunteers.

A range of areas are covered by our office staff, including but not limited to:

- Administration
- Human resources / volunteer management
- Programme management
- Policy development and compliance
- Accounting
- Marketing / communications
- Fundraising
- Youth ambassadors

Nazreen Richmond together with Apurba Mukherjee are providing support in Accounting and Finance. Lubna Uppal, with the help from some volunteers, is providing support in office management and human resources tasks. Kyle Byrnes who was assisting with Marketing and Communications, left his role at the end of 2017. All our staff work beyond their official contracts to volunteer their time for Mahboba's Promise.

### VOLUNTEERS

Mahboba's Promise Incorporated is very fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who generously donate their time. Less expenses on administration means more of your donations go directly to Afghanistan where it is greatly needed. We would not be able to do the amount of work we do without the generous support of our volunteers.

## STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS



*Boys from Kabul Hope House play in the snow*

Outside of the office, we have volunteers organising fundraising stalls, assisting with planning events, coordinating our social media pages and website, upholding our sponsorship programs and supporting Mahboba Rawi in her professional engagements.

Of particular note are the following volunteers who have all given extensive time to our organisation this year.

- Claire Bowyer
- Emily Mays
- Fere Ghasemi
- Jack Leigh
- Toula Serna
- Zariya Nazleen

### DONORS

The progress we are making in Afghanistan would not be possible without the generous and dedicated donors who have supported us over the year. Given the many hardships people are currently facing around the world, we are truly grateful that people continue to remember Afghanistan.

Regardless of the amount donated, all of our donors have made a positive impact on the lives of women and children in Afghanistan.

Many of our major donors choose to remain anonymous. The following donors deserve a special mention for their outstanding contribution to Mahboba's Promise:

- Dick Smith
- Jo Kirk
- Alia Qureshi



## GOVERNANCE

### Mahboba Rawi

#### Founder Vice-President

After fleeing Afghanistan in 1984 and spending the next two years in a Pakistani refugee camp, Mahboba Rawi witnessed firsthand the devastating effects that decades of conflict and oppression have had upon the country, and on its people. Despite suffering great personal hardship, Mahboba decided that she would dedicate her life to helping Afghanistan's most helpless and she founded Mahboba's Promise in 1998.

She made a promise "To never abandon the widows and orphans of Afghanistan, who had no-one else to turn to." This is the promise that drives Mahboba's work today.

Awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2010 for her humanitarian work, Mahboba Rawi continues to work tirelessly to implement aid and development work within Afghanistan.

Mahboba is also involved in promoting cross-cultural dialogue within the Australian community, currently serving as a member of the Multicultural NSW Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for the North Sydney region.

As President of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated, Mahboba is instrumental in ensuring the organisation fulfils its vision and mission of helping the people of Afghanistan.

*Re-elected 19/12/17*

### Khurshida Ajam

#### President

Khurshida has over 20 years experience in commercial and consulting roles in sales, marketing and medical education, working with a number of blue chip companies. More recently she has focused on leadership development of individuals through executive business coaching.

Khurshida holds a Bachelor of Psychology and a Masters of Commerce from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) as well as an Executive Business Coaching Certificate, an Advanced Development Coaching Certificates (ICCP) and is accredited in the CPI260R Leadership Assessment Tool. She is member of American Society of Training and Development and has a passion for Women in Leadership.

*Re-elected 19/12/17*

### Tamana Sadaf Cina

#### Ordinary member

Tamana is the daughter of Founder, Mahboba Rawi. As such, she has grown up with Mahboba's Promise and has a unique first-hand experience with the charity. Tamana is currently completing her Bachelor of Social Work at Western Sydney University.

*Appointed: 19/12/17*

### Kumar Sri-Pathma

#### Treasurer

Kumar Sri-Pathma is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) and a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, United Kingdom (FCMA, CGMA). He has several years of Finance and Accounting experience working in Sri Lanka, Zambia, New Zealand and now in Australia.

*Re-elected 19/12/17*

### Shirin Dawood

#### Ordinary member

Shirin Dawood is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (CPA). She has 15 years of experience in financial accounting and reporting working with various not-for-profit organisations in Australia.

*Appointed: 19/12/17*

### Martin O'Dea

#### Secretary

Martin brings to the management committee his design, strategic planning and graphic skills. With a keen eye for detail, Martin has been assisting Mahboba's Promise since 2009 on compliance issues, the strategic plan, accreditation and office systems management. For the last five years he has formatted the annual report, including this one, and is the chairman of the compliance committee.

Martin holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and is Associate Director at CLOUSTON Associates Landscape Architects Sydney office where he is the design standards manager.

*Re-elected 19/12/17*

## GOVERNANCE

### Manijah Hakim

#### Ordinary member

Manijah holds a Masters in Islamic Studies and International Development. She has extensive experience working with torture and trauma survivors, refugees, people in crisis and the most vulnerable. Together with her knowledge of the after effects of war, displacement and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and her intimate knowledge of Afghan culture and religion, Manijah is an invaluable asset to Mahboba's Promise.

Manijah came to Australia as a refugee after fleeing Afghanistan after her father was imprisoned and tortured for speaking against the Government.

*Re-elected 19/12/17*

### Mohammed Ashraf

#### Ordinary member

Mohammed Ashraf brings his experience as a finance and tax consultant to the Mahboba's Promise Management Committee. As a registered accountant, Mohammed has a strong understanding of financial management processes.

He is able to use this knowledge to ensure Mahboba's Promise complies with the required financial controls set out by ACFID and ACBAR.

*Appointed 15/12/15  
Retired: 19/12/17*

### Nages Azizi

#### Ordinary member

Nages is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology. She has previously undertaken a training course on Child protection and Protective Behaviors.

This experience is relevant to the work of Mahboba's Promise, in particular maintaining and improving the organisation's Child Protection measures.

Nages has a previously volunteered as a personal assistant for Mahboba Rawi, helping with answering emails and other administrative tasks. She has also served on the Youth Committee, assisting in organising the Nowruz inter-schools event in March 2016.

*Appointed 15/12/15  
Retired: 19/12/17*

Mahboba's Promise Inc. is an Association incorporated in NSW in 2001. It is registered as A Registrable Body and has authority to fundraise in all states. Mahboba's Promise governance is the responsibility of the members of its Management Committee who delegate the day-to-day administration of the Association to the Executive Officer.

There are seven members of the Management Committee, four office holders and three ordinary members. Members of the Management Committee meet four to six times a year and must be re-elected every two years. Mahboba Rawi, receives a remuneration as primary fund raiser, and Treasurer Kumar Sri-Pathma receives a small remuneration, with his remaining office and committee time being provided on a voluntary basis. All other Members of the Management Committee provide their input on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration.

Mahboba's Promise has established controls designed to safeguard its assets and to ensure the integrity of its reporting. The organisation is committed to ensuring that all its activities are conducted legally, ethically and in accordance with high standards of integrity and adherence to the ACFID (Australian Council for International Development) Code of Conduct and the guidelines of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and all other relevant legislation.

## 2017 - 2018 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

An independent audit of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated's financial accounts for the year 2017 2018 was conducted by:

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A full version of the report is contained in Volume 2.



**Auditor's Independence Declaration under Sub-division 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act, 2012 to the members of the Management Committee of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated.**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2018 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nexia'.

**Nexia Sydney Partnership**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Santangelo'.

**Joseph Santangelo**

Partner

Sydney

Dated 9 November 2018

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### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated

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

##### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Management Committee's declaration.

##### Basis for opinion

##### Other information

The Management Committee are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in Mahboba's Promise Incorporated's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

##### Management Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The Management Committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the Management Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Management Committee are responsible for assessing the Association'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 Management Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

##### Auditor's responsibility 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 the 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 this financial report.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at The Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_files/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Report on the Requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW)**

We have audited the financial report as required by section 24(2) of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW). Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure for fundraising appeal activities and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with the accounting and associated record keeping requirements for fundraising appeal activities pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015.

Because of any inherent limitations of any assurance engagement, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. An audit is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance with the requirements prescribed in the above-mentioned Act and Regulation as an audit is not performed continuously throughout the period and the audit procedures performed in respect of compliance with these requirements are undertaken on a test basis. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

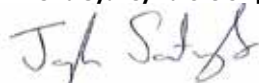
### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- a) The financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial results of fundraising appeal activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2018;
- b) The financial report has been properly drawn up, and the associated records have been properly kept for the financial year ended 30 June 2018, in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations;
- c) Money received as a result of fundraising appeal activities conducted during the financial year ended 30 June 2018 has, in all material respects, been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations; and
- d) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and



**Nexia Sydney Partnership**



**Joseph Santangelo**

Partner

Dated: 9 November 2018

Sydney

## 2017 - 2018 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



*Children in class at Kabul Hope House*



*Young students of Kabul Early Childhood Center*



## 2017 - 2018 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

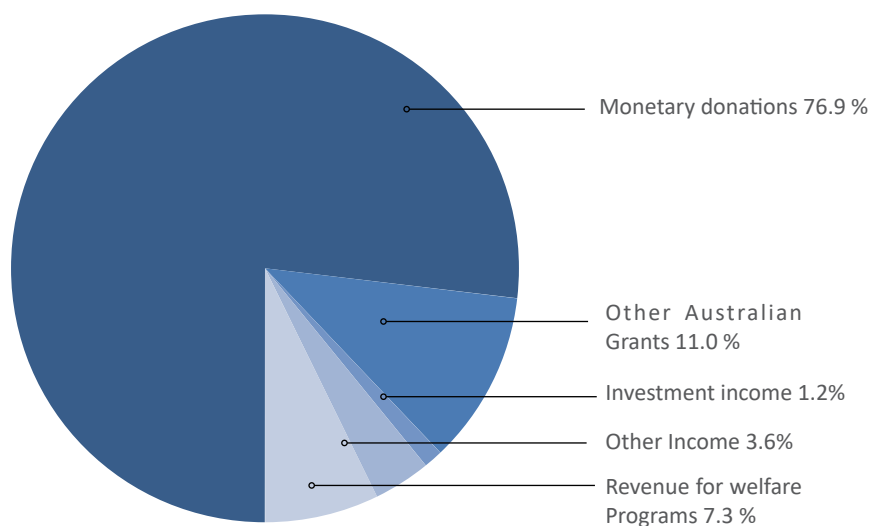
MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED	2018	2017
30 JUNE 2018 (Statement of Financial Performance)		
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$	\$
<b>Donations &amp; Gifts</b>		
Monetary	857,455	916,826
Non Monetary	0	13,250
<b>Bequests &amp; Legacies</b>	0	0
<b>Grants</b>		
AusAID	0	0
Other Australian	122,761	81,650
Other Overseas	0	0
<b>Investment Income</b>	13,552	10,079
<b>Other Income</b>	40,428	38,474
<b>Revenue for Welfare Programs</b>	81,003	60,341
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,115,199</b>	<b>1,120,620</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		
<b>International programs</b>		
Funds to international programs - development	569,845	574,046
Welfare	78,602	53,830
Program support costs	94,557	101,273
<b>Community education</b>	8,360	17,913
<b>Fundraising costs</b>		
Public	115,623	120,455
Government, multilateral and private	0	0
<b>Accountability and Administration</b>	54,804	54,550
<b>Domestic programs expenditure</b>	33,325	22,158
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>955,116</b>	<b>944,225</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>955,116</b>	<b>944,225</b>
<b>EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>160,083</b>	<b>176,395</b>

Note 1: During the financial year, the agency had no transactions in the Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs category or in the Domestic Program category.

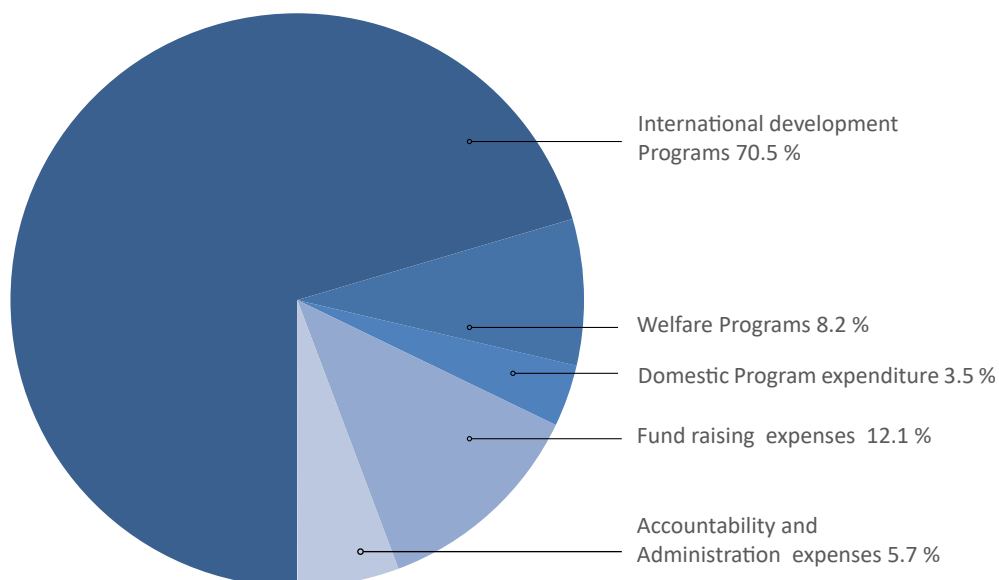
Note 2: While the totals remain the same, there are two additions in the 2017 column, one in Assets and one in Liabilities as a result of reclassifications since last Financial year.

## 2017 - 2018 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### SOURCES OF INCOME



### RATIO OF EXPENSES



*"International development Programs" includes expenditure on our development work, along with community education, which includes staff time and outlays involved in providing community information and raising awareness as well as broader international development issues.*

*"Fund raising Expenses" are the costs associated with attracting more support through donations and sponsorships, and includes items such as advertising, mail-outs, costs of events and processing of donations.*

*"Accountability and administration" covers the administrative and other costs inherent in running an organisation, including rent, insurance premiums, legal and professional fees, office supplies and other running costs.*

## 2017 - 2018 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE	2018	2017
2018 (Statement of Financial Position)		
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,073,000	965,359
Trade and other receivables	63,928	46,302
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	7,018	7,018
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,143,946</b>	<b>1,018,679</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	14,963	14,235
Investment property	0	0
Intangibles	0	0
Other non-current assets	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>14,963</b>	<b>14,235</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,158,909</b>	<b>1,032,914</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	9,346	8,592
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	3,694	3,718
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	35,996	11,543
Unearnt Revenue	6,583	50,000
Other	0	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>55,619</b>	<b>73,853</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	0	15,856
Other	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,856</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>55,619</b>	<b>89,709</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,103,290</b>	<b>943,205</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	0	0
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>1,103,290</b>	<b>943,205</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,103,290</b>	<b>943,205</b>



## 2017 - 2018 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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ACFID FORMATTED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018				
	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2017	<b>943,205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>943,205</b>
Adjustments or changes in equity due to, for example, adoptions of new accounting standards items of other comprehensive income				
Excess of revenue over expenses	160,083	0	0	160,083
Other amounts transferred (to) or from reserves				
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2018	<b>1,103,288</b>			<b>1,103,288</b>

### CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

No single appeal, grant or other form of fund raising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of the organisation's international aid and development revenue for the financial year.

### Preparation of Financial Reports

The Summary Financial Reports contained in this Annual Report 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).

### The full Financial Reports are contained in Volume 2 of our Annual Report

Volume 2 containing the full Financial Reports can be obtained by going to our website at [www.mahbobaspromise.org](http://www.mahbobaspromise.org) or writing to Mahboba's Promise Inc., PO Box 6234, North Ryde NSW 2113, or emailing us at [office@mahbobaspromise.org](mailto:office@mahbobaspromise.org).





*Widow picking ripe tomatoes from Permaculture Farm*





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## Deductible Gift Recipient Status

Monetary donations of \$2 or more to Mahboba's Promise can be directly claimed as tax deductions with the Australian Taxation Office.

## Complaints

Mahboba's Promise has a process for handling complaints. Please direct your complaint to the Operations Manager by calling the office on (02) 9887 1665 or by emailing [office@mahbobaspromise.org](mailto:office@mahbobaspromise.org)

## ACFID code of conduct

Mahboba's Promise is a member of The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and adheres to the ACFID Code of Conduct which is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. Complaints relating to a breach of the Code can be made to ACFID and information about how to make a complaint can be found at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

## Afghan NGO Status

Our implementing partner in Afghanistan Mahboba's Promise NGO is an observer member of the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief (ACBAR)



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Handicraft classes for children of Hope House