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Mahboba and Child.  
Photo: Amy Jean Harding

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON • DAME QUENTIN BRYCE



The Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO

### Message from Patron

After retiring as Governor-General of Australia, I was pleased to continue as Patron of Mahboba's Promise.

In the last year many things have changed both here and in Afghanistan. The international presence in Afghanistan has decreased. This has left a void to be filled by government and civil society organisations such as Mahboba's Promise. Unfortunately, the circumstances have also opened up opportunities for those undesirable forces that oppose peace and democracy. Fortunately, Afghanistan remains relatively stable compared to some other countries in the Middle East now experiencing terrible conflict.

Australia has a tradition of generosity, compassion and resilience. Its people reach out to others in friendship and community. We support diversity through a welcoming, vibrant multiculturalism.

Mahboba's Promise serves the vulnerable women and children of Afghanistan, giving special support to widows and orphans left destitute by war. Here in Australia, Mahboba is a role model for inclusiveness and women's rights. Her organisation works with people from all walks of life.

I am proud to be patron and would encourage you to support the work of this wonderful organisation.

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

## FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT



In late 2013 I travelled to Afghanistan and visited the Mahboba's Promise projects. Many of the children who have been in our care for the past 15 years have gone on to university. We have had one of our boys finish a law degree, we have a pharmacist, an accountant, and another boy in his last year of journalism, and one of our girls is finishing up with a finance degree.

It makes me so proud to see the seed that this organisation once was, grow and now bearing fruit. These boys and girls have grown up to be fine human beings, many still working around Mahboba's Promise, managing many of our projects. These boys and girls are the best workers we could hope for. I so enjoy being around them, knowing that once they had nothing, with many saved from begging in the streets.

Mahboba's Promise now has four Hope Houses where children live comfortably and have a normal way of life in a country where bombs blow up every day. Children in the Centre love each other like brothers and sisters, protecting each other in times of need.

As our young people grow up, there have been quite a few wedding parties happening in Hope House, a fun time for all the staff and children. The good thing about these weddings is that the children themselves organise it. We have our own photographer and reporter who have come out of Hope House as well. All these marriages are not arranged, they are based around love.

"Love, Marriage in Kabul", a film made about one such wedding by Amin Palangi, won the People's Choice Award at the Sydney Film Festival. A story of my orphans.

You can read about all of Mahboba's Promise projects in the following pages, but my observations over the past 15 years of my life leave me feeling so proud. I have an incredible Australian community in Sydney working tirelessly to keep this organisation going. As a charity, we work within the Australian Government legislation and regulations. All of my workers in Australia and Afghanistan have no affiliation with any religious or political organisation. We are a group of people joining hands with good hearts to save these children and make them good citizens, not only for Afghanistan, but for the world.

Overall, my work is bigger than my life and I know that my work is successful. Any work can be successful with passion, dedication and commitment. Of course the communities around us are very important. Many Australians and Muslims are putting their hands together to make this world a better place for our children in the future.



**Mahboba Rawi**

President and Founding Director  
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated

## REPORT FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### A FOCUS ON CONSOLIDATION

At the end of the year, it is important to reflect upon all that we have accomplished at Mahboba's Promise Incorporated over the last 12 months, the lessons we have learned along the way and where our focus will be in 2015-2016

Together in 2014, we made great progress on our journey towards a clear focus on sustainable development with the women and children in Afghanistan. Locally in Australia, we have streamlined operations, ensured financial viability and looked at new and innovative ways of increasing income streams, as well as a targeted approach to incremental improvements in the office administration.

Hearty thanks goes to our volunteer staff and the newly formed Management Committee who dedicated their time, continued passion and efforts to ensure we reach our goals. A special thanks to Quentin Bryce who has agreed to continue as patron.

Most importantly because of the contributions and support of each of you the women and children of Afghanistan will have better lives.

On behalf of all of those you have helped thank you for all that you do. We are in great shape to achieve our goals in 2015/2016 and look forward to your continued support.



**Khurshida Ajam**

Vice President  
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated



Abdara Girls School • Photograph: Khalid Malikzada



Girl at Hope House. Photo Amy Jean Harding

## ABOUT US

Mahboba's Promise Incorporated raises funds in Australia for development projects in Afghanistan. Afghanistan remains one of the most challenging places in the world for women and children.

The economy and society in Afghanistan are still fragile after decades of warfare that left about 2 million dead, 700,000 widows and orphans, and about 1 million Afghan children raised in refugee camps outside Afghanistan. More than 3.5 million Afghan refugees have returned, although a comparable number remain outside Afghanistan.

On April 5 a presidential election was held, in which no candidate won more than 50 per cent of the vote and eventually a 'unity government' deal was finally agreed. The government services struggle to control areas under their jurisdiction, deliver basic services, and engage in vital reconstruction efforts. There is great dependence on civil society and foreign aid.

Mahboba's Promise remains determined and committed to creating a better life for women and children in Afghanistan. We focus on the plight of widows and orphaned children overwhelmed by poverty and work with them through a series of programs and initiatives to help them regain control over their lives and get an education.

The organisation was founded by Mahboba Rawi, herself a refugee from Afghanistan and now an Australian citizen. In the late 1990's, Mahboba responded to calls for help from an Afghan doctor working in the refugee camps in Peshawar in Pakistan. Right from those early days education was the focus and schools were built and supported in the camps to educate Afghan refugees.

## ABOUT US



In 2001, the work shifted to Afghanistan where, in Kabul, displaced widows were on the street quite desperate for food and shelter. Mahboba's uncle used his house in Kabul as a centre and, with funds raised by Mahboba in Australia, he set about establishing an orphanage and a support network to help the widows and their children.

The work grew from there and Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan was established as a registered Afghan Non Government Organisation and is our implementing agency in Kabul. Through them we currently carry out development work in three provinces of Afghanistan: Kabul, Panjshir and Takhar. We work closely with individuals and local communities on a long term basis.

This way we are familiar with the stresses and pressures on the communities and have established good dialogue with local leaders.

Our programs 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 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.

Mahboba's Promise Incorporated is a non-government, non-profit, voluntary association. Mahboba's Promise is 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.

Our funds are raised almost exclusively from the Australian public.



Sewing machines for the tailoring classes. Photo Amy Jean Harding

## WHAT WE DO

### VISION

Our Vision is to provide a sustainable future within a secure environment for the disadvantaged and vulnerable people of Afghanistan and 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 programs.

### 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. In developing our aid programs, 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 programs;
- 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 and 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 Association is at all times financially responsible;
- developing, implementing and reviewing the Policies and Procedures of the Association.

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



*Happy to be at school • Photo: Amy Jean Harding*

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan remains one of the most challenging places in the world for women and children. The delivery of effective aid is hampered by the world's longest-running major armed conflict which over the last thirty years has devastated health, education, economic systems, and lives.

There is still sporadic unpredictable violence in Afghanistan and it remains unsafe and not recommended for visitors. Poverty and lack of basic services is widespread. The most vulnerable and disadvantaged suffer great deprivation.

The withdrawal of international troops adds a new level of uncertainty, while also presenting the country and civil society the opportunity to become more independent and self-sufficient. Politically, Afghanistan is at a crossroads, transitioning towards new government. If this can be done peacefully with the various actors included in the democratic process then there is reason for optimism.

Conflicts in other countries have dominated media reporting during this year. This has resulted in less attention being focussed on Afghanistan requiring us to be more proactive in promotion and fundraising.

This is the space that Mahboba's Promise operates in, aiming to make a small difference to improve the quality of life particularly of widows and orphans.

### SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS

After the completion of some building works in the previous financial year, this year has been about opening these facilities for business and making good use of them.

With major construction activities now completed we were able to focus more on the efficiency and effectiveness of our development activities. We have had to reduce costs and let go of some staff. We were very pleased that

a number of widows and orphans transitioned to independence and self-sufficiency. This is a positive outcome for them and for us.

In Kabul, the Hope House centre continues to operate and has been extended to include two classrooms where supplementary education can be provided.

In the Panjshir Valley, the Hope House centre built last year has opened for business and is now providing accommodation and education for orphans, as well as a venue for community programs such as the Maternity Healthcare project.

In Takhar, the building of the Hope House Centre has been completed and is now being used to house orphans and provide supplementary education and recreation for local kids.

Mr Sidiq Rawi CEO of Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan hosted local community leaders at a formal opening ceremony for the new Takhar Hope House. Although it was already operational, this was a great opportunity for local community leaders to meet and engage with the work of Mahboba's Promise.

Key highlights for the year are described in more detail on the following pages and include:

- Classrooms for supplementary education at Kabul Hope House.
- Orphans now cared for in Panjshir Valley Hope House.
- Two new Libraries in Kabul and Panjshir Valley Hope Houses, funded by Make a Mark Australia (MAMA).
- Maternity Healthcare programme at Panjshir Valley Hope House.
- Support for landslide victims in Badakhshan.
- Completion of Hope House Takhar.

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



### PERMACULTURE FARM

The fruit trees are producing more harvest as they mature which has enabled greater income generation. The financial subsidy of the permaculture farm has also been reduced.

### DAIRY COOPERATIVE

Currently the women of the Dairy Cooperative project are selling milk, eggs and yogurt to the local market in accordance with the local market price. Some of the produce is used to feed the orphans at Hope House with healthy nutritious food.

The beneficiaries who are using the products from the Dairy Cooperative are very happy due to the quality and high level of hygiene. There is more demand from the local markets but at present we are only meeting the minimum needs of the market due to a limited production capacity. The dairy will require further investment in cows and equipment to increase production, and ensure financial viability.

### KULSUM GARDEN

The Kulsum Garden adjacent to Hope House was donated in memory of the donor's mother, and provides an example of small scale agriculture. Four rooms of accommodation are also established on this site for widows and their families. They all work in the garden to cultivate vegetables, fruits and flowers. They grow a variety of apple, apricot, peach, and walnut trees, as well as blackberries.

A portion of the garden is allocated for vegetables such as, pumpkin, mint, eggplant, tomato and garlic in the spring.

The fruit trees were planted about five years ago and are now mature enough to bear fruit. The peach trees have made a wonderful harvest this year yielding about 45 kg of produce.

Photograph: Khalid Malikzada

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



Photograph: Khalid Malikzada

### CLASSROOMS FOR KABUL HOPE HOUSE

Public school facilities in Afghanistan are so over-crowded that classes have to be conducted in shifts, which means that each child can only attend school for a portion of the day.

In early 2014 'Network of Caring' provided a donation which made it possible to establish two large classrooms within Hope House where supplementary education can now be provided.

The classrooms can accommodate 40 children at a time and are equipped with a large white board, chairs and desks, and supporting materials such as stationery. We have now hired three professional teachers who conduct classes in these rooms from morning till evening in a schedule of different shifts to complement the timetable of required attendance at the local school. These supplementary lessons focus on Maths, Dari (Persian), Pashto, Arabic, Ethics and computer skills.

### PANJSHIR VALLEY HOPE HOUSE

Panjshir Valley Hope House became operational in July 2013. Mahboba's Promise has enrolled 30 orphaned boys and girls who previously had no access to quality education or accommodation. The 5 girls and 25 boys are from all over Panjshir province and have lost their families during the recent years of war with the Taliban and civil unrest.

Nilab, the principal of Panjshir Hope House, says: "When these kids were brought to Hope House they were emotionally traumatised by the events in their life. Since coming to Hope House they have benefited from having a stable and caring environment".

The orphan's daily program consists of attendance at the local school in the morning, followed by supplementary classes in Dari and Numeracy at the orphanage, sports activities, and use of the new MAMA library. Twice a week they have kick boxing classes which helps them to develop good health and self-confidence.

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



Photo: Amy Jean Harding

### MAMA LIBRARIES IN KABUL AND PANJSHIR VALLEY

The MAMA library project is a component of the Hope Houses in Kabul and the Panjshir Valley. This project is aimed at improving the availability of educational resources, including a wide range of books, computers and study facilities, was implemented by Mahboba's Promise and funded by Make a Mark Australia (MAMA).

Since the establishment of the two Libraries the children have been encouraged to use these resources to improve their self-study and self-motivation.

The library provides a learning centre where children can study and help each other with their school subjects. The older orphans are helping the younger ones with homework, class activities, and assignments.

Kabul Hope House students have held a regular book reading competition. The children choose books to read with their teachers, and then provide a summary about the book to their fellow students.

The children read books in Farsi and English, and this helps to develop their fluency in English.

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

#### Maternity Healthcare at Hope House Panjshir Valley

The Australian Embassy in Afghanistan supported a recent Mahboba's Promise project in Maternity Healthcare. The training was conducted at the Hope House in Panjshir Valley and we now have 20 young girls trained as midwives in this village for the first time. They are working as volunteers with pregnant women and also provide after-birth support.

During the programme, the Australian Ambassador visited with the participants of the Maternity Healthcare project and gave the team a presentation.

The objective of the program was to train the school girls in basic first aid, health, hygiene and nutrition, maternal health as well as how to be a traditional birth attendant. This project aimed to provide a much need supplementary community outreach service for the area.

Twelve days training was provided over a six week period. The students visited the Onaba Emergency Hospital which is one of the most equipped in Panjshir province, and is funded by the Italian and French governments. Practical training was provided at the hospital for two full days. The girls visited different sections of the hospital and learned how to give injections and conduct blood pressure tests, as well as learning child delivery practices and other basic healthcare support tasks.

Women from rural communities, such as the village of Abdara in the Panjshir valley, are at great risk during pregnancy and childbirth due to lack of access to medical care. The Abdara community is located in a remote mountainous area of Afghanistan. There is only one medical clinic in this vast area where travel is difficult due to mountainous terrain.

Since completing the training, Zohra and Najiba have been weighing infants and helping the sick people in their villages. They said "Most of the women's problems were solved in our villages and they can tell us their problems easily but before they are ashamed of telling their problems to the male doctors."

We are very committed to ensuring women have access to higher education and vocational training after completing school. This allows them to avoid the trap of early marriage. Hope House is not only a shelter for children; it has become a community centre for younger women to learn skills and enterprise.

#### Landslide in Badakhshan

On 2 May 2014 there were two mudslides in the Argo District of Badakhshan Province. Three hundred houses were buried and about 1,000 were damaged. This represents one-third of all the houses in the village, and the estimated casualties were between 2,100-2,500. Many children lost their parents and became orphans.

Mahboba's Promise immediately contributed \$5,000 towards the emergency response for the families who survived. We have also transferred seven orphan boys who had no hope for the future and brought them to the Takhar Centre (which is about 3 hours away) to educate and accommodate them.

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



Hope House Kabul • Photo: Amy Jean Harding

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



### COMPLETION OF HOPE HOUSE TAKHAR

The Takhar Hope House community and education centre is located in Taloqan which is in the capital of Takhar province, located in the northeast of the country next to Tajikistan.

The Takhar centre became fully operational in March 2014 with the enrolment of orphan boys and girls from Takhar and adjacent provinces. There are 22 full time orphans in the centre (3 girls and 19 boys) as well as 15 day visitors who attend the centre before and after school to study and play sports, as there are no other facilities available in the village.

The age of the children ranges from 5 to 11 years old. They are going to school and have supplementary elementary classes within the Hope House which teach them Dari, numeracy and some Islamic sciences.

Enayat Rahman, one of our former Kabul Hope House orphans, is the Principal and responsible for running the centre in Takhar.

Recently a water well has been dug to meet the needs of the community centre. Access to potable water is a difficult and an ongoing issue in Afghan villages.

Mahboba's Promise is actively engaging with the local community and the Takhar community is always positive and becoming more involved with the work we are doing.

## 2013 - 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



Abdara Girls School - Panjshir Valley • Photo: Amy Jean Harding

### MAHBOBA'S VISIT

In late 2013 Mahboba Rawi visited Afghanistan to review the Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) organisation and all project activities. She also visited a number of important local contacts including government and civil society. During the course of her visit Mahboba accomplished the following:

- Reviewed the Permaculture Farm, interviewed the staff, reviewed the status of this project and provided recommendations.
- Interviewed the children and staff, reviewed the conditions in the centre and all project activities, and established a new Kindergarten within Hope House Kabul.
- Visited Hope House Panjshir Valley - interviewed the children and staff, and reviewed the conditions in the centre and the project activities.
- Reviewed Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) internal office procedures, budgets, job descriptions, and conducted pay reviews.
- Hosted a photographer to record impressions of the projects, project sites and beneficiaries. These photos will be used for marketing and promoting the work of Mahboba's Promise.

# MAHBOBA'S PROMISE AFGHANISTAN

## RELATIONSHIP WITH IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Mahboba's Promise Inc (MPI), based in Australia, has been working to provide effective development aid with local communities in Afghanistan for the last 12 years with its principle implementation partner Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA).

While the two organisations are separate entities, the founder of Mahboba's Promise believes the ethos should be that of one organisation working towards a common goal. An international collaboration agreement has been signed by both 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 between Mahboba's Promise Inc (MPI) and Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) are summarised in the table below as follows:

The anticipated withdrawal of international troops adds a new level of uncertainty, while also presenting the country and civil society the opportunity to become more independent and self sufficient.

Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) have an established permanent presence in Afghanistan, and employ approximately 50 local Afghan staff. MPA is a signatory to ACBAR (Agency Co-ordinating Body for Afghan Relief). The 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>
<b>Role:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund raising and fund distribution to MPA</li> <li>• Overarching policy guidance</li> <li>• General guidance and mentoring</li> <li>• Monitoring of projects and finances</li> <li>• Capacity building</li> </ul>	<b>Role:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service delivery</li> <li>• Project implementation</li> <li>• Needs assessments</li> <li>• Capacity building</li> <li>• Accountability and reporting</li> </ul>
<p>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.</p>	

## STORIES

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### ZENAIB \*

Zenaib is 17 years old. Her family used to live in a Pakistan refugee camp until it was demolished by the Pakistan government. Her father died in Pakistan and her family then moved to Kabul province. With no where to live, her mother began to build a one room home on the top of a mountain.

Zenaib was begging on the street when she was found and brought to Hope House. She proved to be a very good student. She completed her education at Hope House and then sat the exam for the Barak Organisation, which hires girls who have finished high school to work as teachers.

Zenaib has now returned to live with her family and is teaching other girls in her home. She earns a monthly salary of \$60 USD. She says it is a good opportunity to teach other girls who are deprived from going to school, and gives her hope to be able to help and support them.

The change that Mahboba's Promise support has been able to bring about in Zenaib's life has helped her to become self-sufficient, and now she is also an agent of change for many other young girls in her village who have become her students.

*\* Names have been changed.*

### DEYANA \*

Deyana is 20 years old and one of the best teachers in Hope House. She works the night shift and is kind and cares for the children from her heart. Like many thousands of Afghani women she has suffered injustice. She became engaged to a man she does not love and does not want to marry.

She explains how she is trapped because she cannot afford to pay back the money this man has already spent on the engagement:

*"In 2010 when I was 17 and a school girl, I got engaged to a man from a family that I didn't know and later this relationship turned into a big tragedy in my life when I learned that he was not educated, but also addicted to Hashish.*

*It's about 4 years that I'm terribly tired in this relationship and my fiancé is not only ready to leave me but also he wants \$1700 because of their expenditure during the engagement."*

Deyana wants to carry on her higher education and dedicate herself to work with the orphans in Hope House. All the children love her and she is the best kind of carer for the younger children who need a mother close by at night.

*"It's about one year that I have been working at Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan as a night shift teacher and I'm happy for what I'm doing for Orphaned boys and girls of my country.*

*I come to Hope House at 4:00 pm, and wash the hands and faces of the small orphans. I then go to the kitchen and prepare dinner for the orphans and serve their dinner with the help of younger orphan girls. After that I gather all the orphans and make them brush their teeth and then they watch TV until 9:00 pm and then they go to sleep."*

## STORIES

### HAMED\*

Hamed is 16 years old, in class 9, and lives in Kabul Hope House with two of his brothers. He is an intelligent student, a successful painter and artist.

In 2005 as a 7 year old boy, along with his two brothers, Hamed knocked on many doors but got no response until he found Kabul Hope House where Mahboba's Promise provided space to live, food to eat, and opportunity to study and play.

Hamed, Hameed and Fawad have been staying in Kabul Hope House since five members of their family including their mother, father, sister and two other brothers were shot to death by their brother in law in their house in Kabul.

*"After the fall of Taliban my happy family came back home from Pakistan in 2002. We came home to live for a better future.*

*We all came together including my brother in-law and my older brother. We had a clothing shop in Pakistan. My brother sold the shop to restart his work in Afghanistan and cashed all his money and brought it to Kabul. After two days, on a very dark night, the brother in-law broke into the house with four other armed men and killed his wife (my sister), my father, mother and my two brothers and stole all the money away. It was AFN 600,000 (\$12,000)."*

The three brothers lived with an aunt for two years, and later learnt that the police arrested the murderer who is now in jail.

When they joined the Mahboba's Promise Family, Hamed described it as "the sweetest moment of my life". In late 2013 based on his outstanding talent in painting and drawing, Hamed was admitted to study painting at 'Sameer Azeemi Educational Centre' which is 10km away from Hope House.

Hamed has become one of the most useful members of Kabul Hope House and he recently

started painting and drawing lessons for Kabul Hope House kids.

Hamed says: "My greatest ambition is to help my people, especially orphaned boys and girls through the art I'm learning and I hope one day I will be able to live with the rest of my family including my brothers in peace and security".

### HAMEED\*

Hameed is 17 years old, a very polite and intelligent boy, and attends class 10. Hameed is one of the boys who has grown up at Mahboba's Promise and is now approaching adulthood.

According to Afghan government policy, once children are 18 years old they cannot continue to live in an orphanage, so Mahboba's Promise has found new off-site accommodation for Hameed and all the other boys who are 17 and 18 years.

In addition to attending school, Hameed also helps out in the Mahboba's Promise Kabul office with administrative and photography tasks.

In early 2014 Hameed was selected as a successful candidate for a Photo and Videography scholarship provided by the Aieena Cultural Organisation. He has been attending these classes for four months now. Hameed is using the skills he is learning to perform photographic work needed in the office at Mahboba's Promise, such as images for marketing and reports.

Hameed also organises the Book Club competition that is run at Hope House for the younger orphans. He says: "The time I passed in Kabul Hope House was the golden one due to the fact that I was given opportunity to study and the ground was prepared for us to develop and be a sound member in our society. My future desire is to complete my education and become a professional photographer and video maker".

(Hameed is Hamed's older brother).

## 2013 - 2014 EVENTS



Wedding makeup - Love Marriage in Kabul • Photo Sanaz Fotouhi

## 2013 - 2014 EVENTS

### LOVE MARRIAGE IN KABUL SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The documentary film, “Love Marriage in Kabul,” debuted in June 2014 at the Sydney Film Festival to a packed house. Directed by Amin Palangi, the film follows Mahboba on a trip she undertook in 2009 to Kabul.

The central story revolves around Abdul, one of the orphans at Hope House, who is in love with Fatemeh, the girl next door. The two have been exchanging romantic letters for almost a year and hope to marry each other one day. But Fatemeh’s father has other plans – he has decided to marry her off to anyone who can offer a large sum of money as her dowry. His asking price is US \$10,000, a considerable amount in Afghanistan. The fate of the couple depends entirely on Mahboba’s ability to meet or negotiate the father’s terms. [1]

The story skillfully shows the real impact of Mahboba’s work and at the same time is a poignant yet entertaining film.

The film had limited national release in Australia and will eventually be available on DVD. The film was produced by Pat Fiske and the hundreds of hours of raw footage were beautifully edited by Bill Russo. Some of the wonderful still photographs, including the image to the left was shot by Amin’s wife, Sanaz Fotouhi and her photos have appeared in previous annual reports. The movie has an original score by John Grey and is well worth watching.

[1] <http://lovemarriageinkabul.com/#home>



### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DINNER BALMAIN

Mahboba’s Promise held a very successful fundraising dinner on Saturday the 1st of March at Balmain Town Hall, attended by 193 people.

The event was hosted by Virginia Haussegger, Canberra ABC TV news presenter and long time supporter of Mahboba’s Promise. The evening featured Afghan dancers, fine Afghan food and a number of speakers including Mahboba and Photographer Amy Jean Harding, who has taken many of the beautiful portraits that appear in this annual report.

There was a wide range of generously donated auction items and the event raised over \$32,000 along with an amazing 35 new sponsorships, which is making a considerable difference.

Our thanks go to Carol Flanagan who lead the organisation for the night and her hard working committee that made the night a success.

## AFGHAN VISIT BY AMY JEAN HARDING

In November – December 2013 photographer Amy Jean Harding visited Afghanistan with Mahboba Rawi to document the work of Mahboba's Promise. This is her story:

*I first met Mahboba about a year ago and when I told her that I was a photographer, Mahboba was very excited. She expressed the need of a photographer to go with her to Afghanistan. The aim was to document Kabul Hope House, take portraits of the children and to mentor children from the orphanage in photography. At first I said no, through fear, and then she told me the story of one child, and this was enough to change my path. If I could help just one child, the trip to Afghanistan would be worth it.*

*I was terrified and had to overcome a lot of fears to be able to arrive in Kabul.*

*My life's dream is to document positive aspects of community and you cannot find a more positive story than that of what Mahboba's promise is doing in Afghanistan! I had to go.*

*I have visited other developing countries and have always been surprised thinking: "Wow look at that, they have very little but they are still smiling!" That was not the case in my experience of Afghanistan. The Afghani people are beautiful people, warm and generous. However, there were so many children that are lacking inner light.*

*I have never seen such man-made destruction. There is a huge sense of numbness and despair, sadness, suffering and lack of hope. They are innocent little beings that have been exposed to the harshest conditions, the cruellest of human behaviour, and are now living desperately on the streets doing what they can for survival.*

*All children deserve to be filled with love and light. All people deserve to feel safe loved and nurtured. Within the walls of Hope House it is like a bubble of hope. What Mahboba's Promise has created there is truly special. The children have hope, they have*

*dreams, they express the desire to study and become lawyers, architects, builders, teachers, nurses, photographers, journalists.*

*They are healthy, well fed, well dressed, active and there is a shine in their eyes. There has been healing within these children. Mahboba expressed to me and I saw with my own experience that the children of Hope House have learnt what love is; they have learnt forgiveness. The children are kind, polite, gentle and loving of each other. It is evident that they feel loved themselves.*

*When I was there they came to Mahboba day and night to receive hugs, advice, love and attention from their mother and they were all attended to.*

*There are many activities that the children participate in. They all do Taekwando, which is brilliant for many reasons: fitness, coordination, confidence. I watched them play soccer, football. I saw them learning handicrafts and embroidery. They all help with chores around the orphanage.*

*I also witnessed Widows Day at Hope House in Kabul. It occurs once a month and is a lot of work for the employees of Hope House; it requires a lot of organisation. Widows arrive from miles around, by truck or by foot. They wait for long hours for their name to be called out to receive a package of rice, flour and oil. During that time Mahboba is listening to their stories and their needs. Sadly, there are some widows that arrive but are sent away because they do not have a sponsor. Mahboba's Promise does not have enough funds to help everyone.*

## AFGHAN VISIT BY AMY JEAN HARDING



Photograph: Khalid Malikzoda

*I spent my time on Widows Day photographing the women waiting in line, talking to each other, receiving their packages. I also photographed them sewing with the machines in the sewing room. I had the opportunity that day to teach some widows photography and they really took to it.*

*We also had the opportunity to visit a Widow in her home, at the top of one of the mountains that surround Kabul. We had to walk a lot of the way because it was too steep and dangerous for the car to drive, and I felt sick with sadness when we arrived. The widow and her family have very little. Mahboba's promise had built a much needed toilet for this women and her family. She previously would wait until dark before she could go to the toilet so no one would see her.*

*While in Afghanistan, Mahboba worked from first light to late into the night. When not with people, she was discussing and organising on her phone constantly. She never stopped.*

*My deepest lesson learnt from going to Afghanistan is that I have come back with a huge responsibility to make the most of my life. I have realised what an insult it is to all those people I saw that don't have a choice, if I am not to make the most of this life I have been given.*

Amy Jean Harding.

## VISITORS, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS



Photograph: Khalid Malikzada

### AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY VISIT

After visiting Hope House in the Panjshir Valley in June 2014, Mr. John Philp, the Australian Ambassador for Afghanistan, invited 45 orphans from the Kabul and Panjshir Hope Houses to visit the Australian Embassy in Kabul for lunch and some entertainment.

The Ambassador and his embassy staff warmly hosted the children, providing hot dogs and ice-creams. The Ambassador spent time talking with the children, and the children also played cricket and soccer and skated with the Australian Embassy staff, including Meg Tapia, Political Secretary for the Ambassador, and Mr. David Windsor, Deputy Ambassador, as well as other guests and Australian nationals.

The Ambassador and his colleagues enjoyed the company of the Hope House kids and promised to invite some more children to the embassy in the future.

### DONORS

Mahboba's Promise is truly fortunate to have such a strong supporter base in the form of donors and volunteers. Donors provide the much needed funds to sustain the operations while volunteers give their time and knowledge for the benefit of the organisation.

Regardless of the actual amount donated, all of our donors are special people who have made a choice to give their trust to Mahboba's Promise.

The following major donors listed in alphabetical order deserve special mention for their outstanding contribution:

- Anita Sekely
- Ajam Nominees
- Dick and Pip Smith
- Make a Mark Australia
- Muslim Aid Australia
- Network of Caring
- Omni Executives
- Petrina Slaytor
- Red Rocket Foundation

We would also like to acknowledge other donors who specifically designated a project that they wished to support in Afghanistan. This has enabled us to undertake particular initiatives such as maternity training, digging a water well, improving quality of education through providing extra tuition and books, building a library, running the farm and dairy, and keeping women at risk safe.

The sponsorship program remains invaluable for us, helping us to plan into the future for so many children and women. Your sponsorship donations directly change lives instantly, stopping children from begging on the streets and then giving them an education. Sponsorships allow widows the chance to gain a vocational skill, become self-sufficient and enable them to look after their children. For this we are truly grateful for your support.

## VISITORS, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

### VOLUNTEERS

We quite simply could not function without our talented volunteers. Volunteers bring their range of skills and experience which helps us to innovate and improve. The regular volunteers in the office have been very committed to their work and help enormously with administration and the running of daily operations. By making use of Volunteer hours for administrative tasks we are able to save on staff costs and thus reduce our overheads. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Several groups have all contributed significant support during the year.

Muslim Women's Association has been a wonderful partner and joined with us to promote the Ramadan fundraising dinner.

The Muslim Ladies Group helped increase contributions from the Muslim community in Sydney and worked very hard to raise funds and awareness for the Afghan Spirit Dinner.

World Women's Progress Group based in Lismore have been holding garage sales and other events over the last few years to collect money to buy a mini-bus. All their efforts have now come to fruition and this year we were able to buy a mini-bus to transport students to school and widows to medical appointments.

### PRO BONO SUPPORT

We are privileged to receive pro bono services from Allen's Law firm and Hausmann communications. Judi Hausmann has also personally made significant donations.

Bio Distributors, Biodynamic and Organic Wholesalers have once again provided sponsorship for the annual report and general publicity.

Jeff and Rosemary Holt, who have been long-time donors, have in addition also provided the beautiful new brochures free of charge.

### SCHOOLS PROMISE

Many schools have continued to raise funds and awareness, helping their sister schools in Afghanistan with both support and much needed funds.

For those active in the Schools Promise Program we acknowledge you;

- Auburn Girls High School,
- Asquith Girls High School,
- Cherrybrook Technology High School,
- Epping Boys High School
- Muirfield High School
- Macarthur Girls High School
- McKellar Girls High School
- Narooma High School
- Northmead High School
- Pittwater High School
- Strathfield Girls High School

Your support is invaluable to us to make a better future for young people through better education.



Photograph: Khalid Malikzada

## GOVERNANCE

### Mahboba Rawi

#### 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."

Mahboba previously held the position of President before stepping down to focus on fundraising. Once again as president, she is excited at the prospect of new development opportunities

*Meetings attended: 7/10*

### Khurshida Ajam

#### Vice 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.

*Meetings attended: 10/10*

### 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.

*Meetings attended: 9/10*

### 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 four years he has formatted the annual report 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 and quality standards manager.

*Meetings attended: 9/10*

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. Current members of the Management Committee must be re-elected every two years. Members of the Management Committee are not remunerated and each person has provided their services on a voluntary basis. Mahboba Rawi, founder and

President of the Management Committee does receive remuneration from Mahboba's Promise for her role as fundraiser. The Management Committee meet every 4-6 weeks throughout the year.

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.

## GOVERNANCE

### Mayram Oshana

#### Ordinary member

Maryam brings to the Management Committee experience in Marketing and Brand Management. She holds a Masters of Business Administration and currently works with German based pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim Group, where she is the product manager for Stroke.

Maryam has been assisting Khurshida on the marketing sub-committee and will bring additional expertise to this area.

*Meetings attended: 2/2*

### Manijah Hakim

#### Ordinary member

Manijah holds a Masters in Islamic Studies and 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. She is currently undertaking a Masters in International Development and a Masters in Human Resources Management.

Manijah is the coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme and works with the Schools Promise Committee.

*Meetings attended: 2/2*

### Mohammed Syed

#### Ordinary member

Mohammed is a former member of the Management Committee and has been involved with Mahboba's Promise over the last seven years. He worked with the Deductible Gift Recipient sub-committee to gain our successful application for charitable tax deduction status. He is currently assisting the Compliance sub-committee in an annual review to update the compliance register and calendar. An Accountant by training, he has served on the management Committee in the past as the Treasurer.

*Meetings attended: 1/2*

### Al Dawood

#### Ex Officio Office Manager

Al has worked in various government agencies for 20 years, including 10 years in management capacity. Al's professional field of expertise is in organisational development. He holds a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration and a Masters of Adult Education. In 2013, Al joined Mahboba's Promise as Operations Manager.

The role encompasses, liaising with Afghanistan, governance, fundraising and office administration. Al's main focus at the moment is ensuring the office systems are effective and that Mahboba's Promise is able to achieve its goals.

*Meetings attended: 7/10*

## MEMBERS RETIRING IN THE 2013 -2014 FY

Name	Position	Occupation	Retired	Meetings
Sue Denham	Ordinary Member	Teacher, staff development	25/03/2014	6/8
Carol Flanigan	Ordinary Member	Lawyer	25/03/2014	5/8
Dawood Godard	Secretary	School teacher	10/09/2013	0/1

## SUB COMMITTEES AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

Sub-Committee	Chair
Compliance	Martin O'Dea
Child Protection	Mahboba Rawi
DGR Afghanistan Relief Fund	Kumar Sri-Pathma
Marketing & Communications	Khurshida Ajam
Schools Promise	Mahboba Rawi

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An independent audit of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated's financial accounts for the year 2013 2014 was conducted by:

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



### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED

#### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2014, and the income statement, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the declaration.

#### Management Committees' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Members of the Management Committee of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct Financial Standards, the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED (CONTINUED)

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct Financial Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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Nexia Court & Co.

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Robert Mayberry, FCA  
Partner

Sydney

Date: 5-11-2014

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SUBDIVISION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO THE MEMBERS OF MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED.**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2014 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.

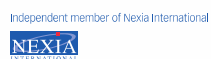
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### INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Mahbobas's Promise Incorporated

#### SCOPE

We have audited the summarized Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct Summary Financial Report of Mahbobas's Promise Incorporated on pages 20 to 24 of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2014 in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards.

#### AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the information reported in the ACFID summarised financial report is consistent with the annual statutory financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed our audit opinion in our report to the members dated XX December 2014. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report.

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**Nexia Court & Co**  
Chartered Accountants

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**Robert Mayberry, FCA**  
Partner

**Sydney**

**Dated:** 5-11-2014

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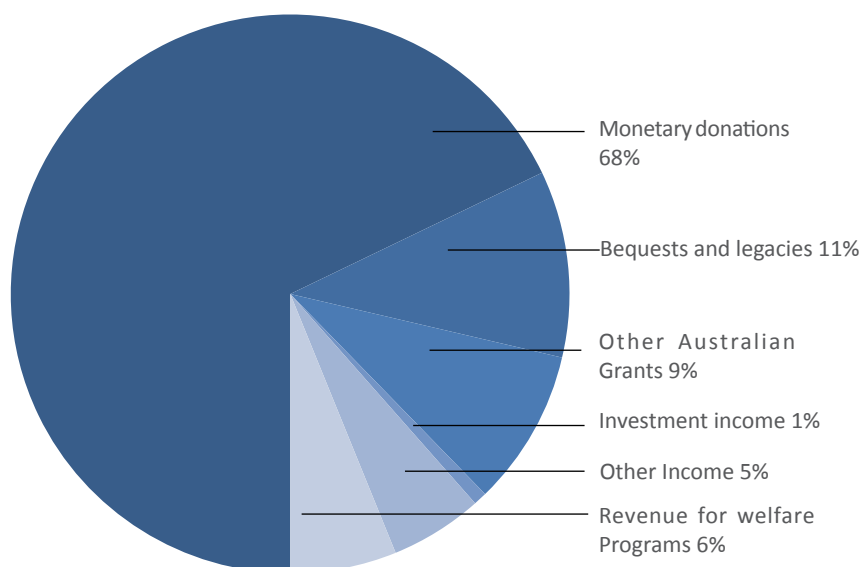
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MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (Statement of Financial Performance)	2014	2013
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$	\$
<b>Donations &amp; Gifts</b>		
Monetary	723,551	784,096
Non Monetary	0	0
<b>Bequests &amp; Legacies</b>	115,232	0
<b>Grants</b>		
AusAID	0	0
Other Australian	96,573	155,826
Other Overseas	0	0
<b>Investment Income</b>	8,267	9,324
<b>Other Income</b>	57,128	19,460
<b>Revenue for Welfare Programs</b>	65,573	70,186
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,066,324</b>	<b>1,038,892</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		
<b>International programs</b>		
Funds to international programs - development	555,700	476,512
Program support costs	149,246	154,526
<b>Community education</b>	12,234	32,102
<b>Fundraising costs</b>		
Public	144,320	118,999
Government, multilateral and private	19,185	22,443
<b>Accountability and Administration</b>	50,385	65,213
<b>Non-Monetary Expenditure</b>	0	0
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>931,070</b>	<b>869,795</b>
<b>Expenditure for Welfare Programs</b>	65,586	59,721
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>996,656</b>	<b>929,516</b>
<b>EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>69,668</b>	<b>109,376</b>

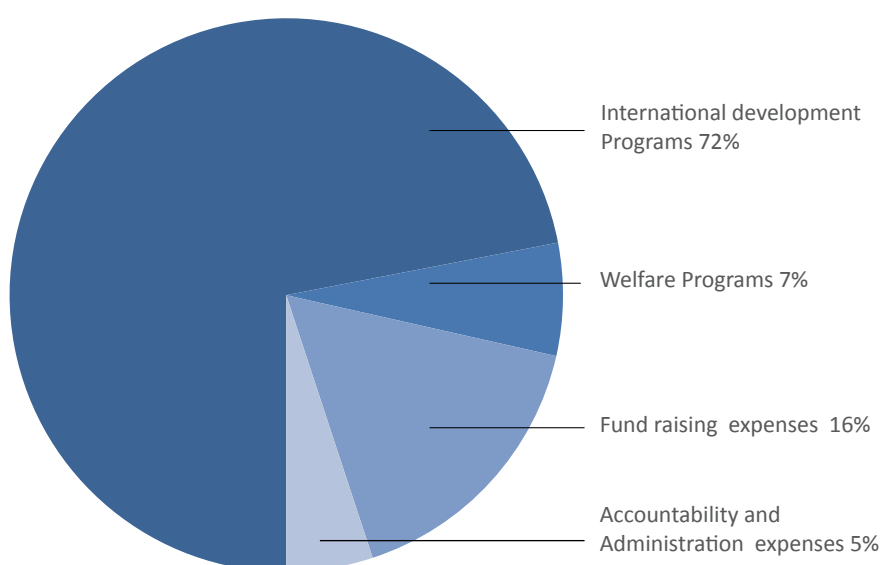
Note: During the financial year, the agency had no transactions in the Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs category or in the Domestic Program category.

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### 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.*

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MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2014 (Statement of Financial Position)	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	601,810	573,649
Trade and other receivables	47,017	6,729
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	7,018	9,949
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>655,845</b>	<b>590,327</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	9,436	1,377
Investment property	0	0
Intangibles	0	0
Other non-current assets	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>9,436</b>	<b>1,377</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>665,281</b>	<b>591,704</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	4,800	8,905
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	9,301	7,243
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	16,202	11,821
Other	0	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>30,303</b>	<b>27,969</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	10,672	9,097
Other	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>10,672</b>	<b>9,097</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>40,975</b>	<b>37,066</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>624,306</b>	<b>554,638</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	0	0
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>624,306</b>	<b>554,638</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>624,306</b>	<b>554,638</b>

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MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880  
ACFID FORMATTED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2013	554,638	0	0	554,638
Adjustments or changes in equity due to, for example, adoptions of new accounting standards items of other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenue over expenses	69,668	0	0	69,668
Other amounts transferred (to) or from reserves	0	0	0	0
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2013</b>	<b>624,306</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>624,306</b>

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ACFID FORMATTED TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available end of year
<b>Designated Purpose or Appeal</b>				
Dick Smith PV Education Centre	0	52,000	52,000	0
Make a Mark Australia	0	13,446	13,446	0
Muslim Aid Australia	0	9,627	9,627	0
Hausmann Communications	0	5,000	5,000	0
Bio-Distributors	0	16,500	16,500	0
<b>Total for Other Non-Designated Purposes</b>	<b>573,649</b>	<b>969,751</b>	<b>941,590</b>	<b>601,810</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>573,649</b>	<b>1,066,324</b>	<b>1,038,163</b>	<b>601,810</b>

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).



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### Deductible Gift Recipient Status

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

### Complaints

Mahboba's Promise has a process for handling any complaints about it. Please direct your complaint to the Operations Manager by calling the office on (02) 9887 1665 or by email to [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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