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Maboba and final year girls
at Abdara Girls school.
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Children at Hope House Panjshir Valley • Sarah Kerrison

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON • DAME QUENTIN BRYCE



The Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO

A message from our patron

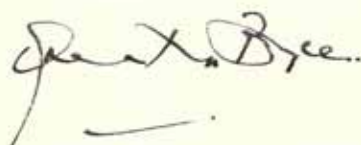
As Patron of *Mahboba's Promise*, I am delighted to congratulate the organisation on its continued work in giving hope to so many who would otherwise struggle to survive.

This year we have witnessed a decline in the stability of Afghanistan and a subsequent increase in the incidence of poverty. The government has had little success in filling the void left by the withdrawal of troops. This is a time when civil society organisations like *Mahboba's Promise* are absolutely vital. Although the situation in Afghanistan does not attract as much media attention as some of its neighbouring countries, it continues to be an extremely challenging place, especially for women and children left destitute by decades of war.

Australia is a country with firm commitment to equal opportunity. We come from diverse backgrounds and we have a tradition of reaching out to people less fortunate.

Mahboba's Promise upholds the values of compassion, tolerance and peace by serving vulnerable women and children in Afghanistan. It strives to empower them to improve their quality of life. In Australia, *Mahboba Rawi* is a role model for inclusiveness and women's rights.

I encourage you to support the exceptional work done every day by this significant organisation.



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

FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT



Amy Jean Harding

"20 YEARS OF WORK COMING FULL CIRCLE"

Over the past few decades, I have laid down many plans and this year I have had a chance to make Mahboba's Promise more sustainable. It's so nice to see that our projects are producing capable people who can not only support themselves, but are also contributing back to the projects that supported them previously. We have not only provided these young men and women with qualifications; we have also taught them how to be humanitarian.

The biggest change we have seen this year has been with Hope House. This project is shifting to focus on early childhood education. Our older children that were living there have been moved to "Half Way House", which is still close by, but a step towards their independence. The house is designed to accommodate the older boys for 18 months, so that they can gradually integrate back into the wider community.

The next change we have seen is that our social enterprises have started to bear fruit and provide key skills for our boys and girls. A significant new project has been our confectionary factory, which is now being led by four of our boys. We also now have young people in our community qualified in a range of skills ranging from plumbing and mobile phone repairs, to photography and filmmaking. Our projects are building greater resilience as the children that we raised are so

willing to share their expertise with us free of charge. We are a community in ourselves, and a family within a community.

The Panjshir Valley projects are another thing that I am incredibly proud of. This area did not allow girls to go to school, yet now we have our first female law student. The change in the community's attitude towards women is remarkable, and you can also see the effects on neighbouring communities. Our 30 maternity health trainees are so well respected in the community that they are now being called 'doctor'. The situation in Badakshan is also very similar to this.

Something that I am very happy about is that the majority of my workers in Afghanistan are women. In a country dominated by men, this is a big achievement and a step toward equality.

In Australia, we made some efforts to start initiatives that build bridges between different communities; a move that I think is really important especially while the violence in the Middle East is creating fear within this country. Our "Open Your Heart, Open Your Home" initiative encouraged people to open their homes and invite people from another culture to have a meal. As a result of this project, we have had some incredible people come to work with Mahboba's Promise.

In the office, I have an extraordinary team and we have seen vast improvements in the way the office runs over the last year. The staff are full of passion, selflessness and harmony, from a diversity of cultural backgrounds. We have incredible volunteers and a focussed management committee.

Mahboba Rawi

President and Founding Director
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated

REPORT FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FULL CIRCLE

Today as I sit and reflect over the past year as I introduce this report, I feel enthusiastic and excited, but above all incredibly proud of what has been achieved at Mahboba's Promise over the last 12 months.

Our focus for this annual report is "Full circle". The girls on the front cover are a reflection of this. Eleven years ago they started school here. Now they are in their final year and nearly ready to go to university. This is a great achievement in an area where virtually no girls went to school not that long ago.

After nearly 20 years of operations in Afghanistan we are now starting to see the fruits of our labour, both in terms of the effects for local communities and for our organisation itself. Whether it is our young men who, having come out of Hope House, have now graduated from a plumbing course and are now providing their skills to Mahboba's Promise. Or perhaps it is the girls from Abdara school who completed a maternity health course and are now called upon by their community. The examples of these 'returns' for us seem particularly strong at this time.

I have the privilege of being part of the Management Committee – and when we hear feedback from Afghanistan on such positive success stories we realize the great inroads that your contributions make and how we really do have an impact on the lives of the women and children in Afghanistan in such a positive way. A huge thank you on behalf of the Management Committee to each and every one of you for your contributions.

Going forward we will need to firmly position our organization both here and in Afghanistan for a successful future across our two countries and continue our efforts collaboratively. Our path forward will not be without challenge, but by finding new ways to innovate and regenerate existing projects we unlock our true potential as human beings.

Khurshida Ajam



Vice President
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated



Abdara Girls School • Panjshir Valley



Mahboba's Promise Incorporated raises funds in Australia for sustainable development projects for women and children that are managed and implemented in Afghanistan. It is a non government, non-profit, organisation and a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), 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. Afghanistan is highly dependent on civil society and foreign aid.

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

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.

ABOUT US

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.

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 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.

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

HOPE HOUSE KABUL

Early childhood centre opened through Make a Mark Australia. Provides paid places for children to generate income



22

boys graduated from our plumbing course



10

boys and 3 girls complete confectionery training

11

boys and 2 girls to leadership training in India

PERMACULTURE FARM AND WOMENS DAIRY CO-OPERATIVE

10

Widows permaculture trainees

6

Cows and 7 calves

2800 kg Peaches

2100 kg Tomatoes

1050 kg Okra

700 kg Cabbage

700 kg Grapes

420 kg Bean

350 kg Garlic

350 kg Onion

280 kg Green Beans

210 kg Eggplant



*New solar panels saving \$30000
Per annum in pump fuel costs*

HOPE HOUSE PANJSHIR VALLEY



30

girls graduated from the tailoring course



30

girls graduated from midwife course

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Delivery of effective aid for the benefit of women and children of Afghanistan is hampered by the world's longest-running major armed conflict which over the last thirty three years has devastated health, education, economic systems, and lives.

This year, more challenges are being faced as the newly elected President attempts to organise his government, and international troops are withdrawn. This has resulted in reports that the Taliban is intensifying its campaign to regain areas that were previously under the control of the U.S. posing huge threats to the security of the nation.

Combining this with the drop in local currency and the subsequent hike in food prices, as well as the huge rates of unemployment, Afghanistan is increasingly reliant on the help of civil society and foreign aid. The dire situation is reflected in the increased rate of drug use, which has nearly doubled since 2012 to include 1 in every 9 people, including women and children – making a total of 3 million illegal drug users. Afghanistan appears to be back at the same level of development as it was in 2002 when the Taliban left.

Conflicts in other countries continue to dominate media reporting. This has resulted in less attention being on Afghanistan, requiring us to be more proactive in promotion and fundraising. One way of preventing the situation from spiralling downwards is to maintain a strong, healthy civil society.

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

This year has seen the reaffirmation and strengthening of Mahboba's Promise relationship with the Australian Embassy in Afghanistan, at the time when a new ambassador, Mr Matt Anderson took on the post. There has been a focus on vocational training, so that orphans and widows can be integrated into Afghan society. These new programs have been designed to better use with Mahboba's Promise education centres so that there is a synergy between the different activities.

The Kabul Hope House has been working to transition older students to living in the community. Importantly, some services are moving to a cost recovery model for those who can afford it; a move which will ensure the long-term sustainability and viability of Mahboba's Promise projects. This development environment has been strengthened further by improvements to Mahboba's Promise social enterprises, the Permaculture Farm and the Confectionary Factory.

STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY

On the 16th of May, the children of Hope House, Kabul and Hazrat Ali were invited to the Australian Embassy. Thirty-five children attended the afternoon accompanied by Mahboba. The ambassador and his colleagues spent the afternoon playing with the children, and this was followed by an afternoon barbeque with soft drinks.

On the 14th June, the Australian Ambassador paid a visit to Hope House Kabul. During this visit he opened the make a Mark Australia (MAMA) Early Childhood Education Centre, which is set up for orphans under the age of seven. During this visit, the Ambassador also confirmed that he received permission to fund the \$10,000 worth of repairs needed on the Abdara Girls' School in the Panjshir Valley.

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS - VOCATIONAL TRAINING



2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS - VOCATIONAL TRAINING

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Confectionery Project

This project was established in September 2014 in partnership with Dunya Confectionary factory, a pre-established business. There are currently ten boys from Kabul Hope House and three other girls being trained to make pastries, dry sweets and cookies, birthday cakes and wedding cakes, and ice-cream.

The factory currently rents two shops where they sell their produce, and they also supply to four supermarkets when there is demand. This currently generates just enough revenue to cover the salaries of the nine full time employers and the operational costs. It is hoped that as the factory grows it will be able to not only cover its own costs, but also generate funds to contribute to other Mahbobas' Promise Afghanistan projects.

After being trained, the orphans and widows are equipped to be employed by the factory and may even one work towards starting up their own confectionary and pastry business.



Hope House Plumbing Training Project

This project started in November 2014, funded by an Afghan citizen living in Belgium. Twenty-two orphan boys from Kabul Hope House partook in this training, which included six months of both theory and practical sessions, three days a week from nine am until midday.

We are proud to announce that all 22 of these boys graduated at the end of April and were given certification, and a plumbing kit. During the graduation ceremony, the governor of Area 17 of Kabul praised the immensely beneficial work of Mahboba's Promise and promised to cooperate with the organisation in the future and facilitate cooperation with other educational organisations. Several boys have already put their skills to use, fixing plumbing problems in our centres. It is hoped that they will gradually establish themselves as reliable plumbers in their wider community and be able to become self-sufficient.

Abdara School Tailoring Project

On the 26th April 2015, 30 girls from years 10, 11 and 12 graduated from a tailoring program. This program aimed at providing the girls with training so that they have the ability to help them become self-sufficient and generate their own income.

The girls underwent a six month course that taught them skills in cutting, dress making, dress designing, needle work, sewing, and curtain designing and making. On graduating, each student was presented with a new sewing machine and other related materials to get them started in their profession.

This project, like the Badakhshan maternity healthcare project mentioned on the following page, is an important step in allowing girls to actualise their potential and be active in society; an important aspect of stopping the cycle of disadvantage for women in Afghanistan.

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS • COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Badakhshan Maternity Healthcare Project

During November and December 2014, 30 girls who had recently graduated high school from different villages of the Yaftal District participated in a midwifery course. In this program they learnt about hygiene, the human body system, disease control, first aid, and maternal healthcare.

With the funding of the Fell Foundation, we were able to provide the girls training textbooks, flip charts, a projector and stationary, as well as supplying each participant with first aid kits, blood pressure kits, stethoscopes, a mobile phone plan to maintain proper communication, and food for lunch breaks.

These girls are now highly respected in their communities and have bought a range of healthcare services that were previously unavailable, especially to women. This has improved the overall health level of the entire community and reduced the prevalence of preventable diseases and death.

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS • COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

Permaculture Farm and Dairy Cooperative

In 2009 Mahboba's Promise purchased two hectares (five acres) of land just outside Kabul for the purpose of creating a holistic and sustainable permaculture site. Recently the farm has come under the management of Mr. Gulabbudin and the project has seen a vast improvement. His agricultural knowledge has also helped increase soil fertility and, in combination with the maturing trees, the output of the farm has increased remarkably.

The Women's Dairy Cooperative continues to improve and currently has ten trainees who are all women. The farm operations are overseen by the care taker, Mr Hamza who lives on the property with his family.

The cooperative not only produces dairy, but also meat, and has a total of 13 animals, including six cows and seven calves. Two of the cows gave birth over the year. We plan to purchase more to increase the productivity in the future.

In May, solar panels were installed on the Permaculture farm and dairy cooperative. These solar panels now provide the power required for pumping water from the well to the project site. The power for this was previously produced by a generator, costing \$250-300 for fuel each month. We are now able to redirect these savings towards our other programs. We are very grateful to Loom Grower for funding this.

In the future there are hopes for more solar panels and water wells to further increase the productivity of the farm.

Initiatives of Change

Initiatives of Change is a worldwide movement that brings together people of diverse cultures and backgrounds that are committed to the transformation of society through changes in human motives and behaviour, starting with themselves. The movement aims at empowering people to address world needs.

Mahboba's Promise has collaborated with Initiatives of Change since 2010, and have so far sent 11 boys to the leadership training course. This year, for the first time, with the fundraising help of Caroline Edwards and Jane Mills of Initiatives of Change in Australia, we were able to send two young women across to India to participate in the program.

The women, Shabnam and Hajer, attended the Caux Scholars Program in India in December this year. During the program, they partook in exercises that showed the importance of trust-building, especially when dealing with conflict. They also had lectures on sustainable development, peace building and conflict transformation theories, inner governance, power dynamics, politics and leadership, and traumatic grief.

One of the things that stood out to Shabnam was meeting Mr Rajmohan Gandhi and his wife, Usha Gandhi. She learnt from him that "No matter how many things in this life may divide us, they are never as strong as the things that bring us together."

After their successful scholarship on peace-building and conflict resolution, they have also been selected to attend a second program called the Creators of Peace Facilitation. This will be held in August 2015.

Vitamin Angels

During the year, Mahboba's Promise collaborated with Vitamin Angels, a charity based in California, to provide vitamins and minerals to pregnant and lactating women who are at risk of being deficient due to poverty and malnutrition.

The distribution of these vitamins commenced on 10th June after a very long process of getting the vitamins through customs. It began in Kabul with 100 pregnant and lactating women each given a bottle of multivitamins. The project then hopes to extend this distribution to Parwan and Panjshir. This will help with the women's health and also give their children a healthier start in life.

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS • CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Hope House Kabul

Hope House Kabul currently houses 43 children, 40 of which live there on a permanent basis. The children attend school outside of Hope House, and the centre also employs a principle and one teacher on a permanent basis. Three voluntary tutors, boys that have grown up in Hope house, supplement this.

The highlights at Hope House Kabul this year were the opening of the MAMA (Make a Mark Australia) Early Childhood Education Centre, the continually strengthening relations with the Australian Embassy and Ambassador, and all the children passing their medical check-up at the Elaj Medical Hospital.

There are 22 children who have grown up and are nearing the age of reintegration into the community. As stated by the Department of Orphanages, boys and girls above the age of 18 cannot inhabit the same premises as smaller children between the ages of 4-7 years. We have thus hired a home next to the premises and the boys will move there early in July, while the girls have moved to the top level of Hope House, making space for the kindergarten downstairs.

This new house will be called “Half Way House”. “Half Way House” is part of the eventual transition to being fully independent and self-sufficient adults. The young men and women are all attending either high school or university, and additionally contribute to the organisation of the younger children, or are helping with the confectionary operations. Some boys also undertook the plumbing course and are now accredited plumbers.

Panjshir Valley Hope House

There are currently 35 children using the facility, of these 18 stay at the centre on a full time basis. The others are day visitors that come to study, play sports and have safe care. The centre employs 10 people including the principle, teachers, security and cleaners.

All the children appear to be much healthier this year, and they also attended a medical check-up in Kabul, which they all happily passed. Mahboba visited the community centre several times while she was in Afghanistan. During these visits, she addressed child protection policy and spoke individually with all the children, making sure that any of their problems were resolved.

The community centre is run in a similar manner to Hope House Kabul, with two boys leaving the house to move to the “Half Way House” in Kabul this year, gradually transitioning into the working community.

Takhar Hope House

The Takhar Hope House is currently home to 25 children, with an additional 20 children staying just during the day. The area has faced many challenges this year; first, a very harsh Winter with heavy snowfall, then major flooding during Spring.

Due to the risks associated with the high snowfall in Winter, the children were sent home for three months, so that only the boarders remained. In response to the flooding incident which contaminated the drinking water, a new well was built which now supplies not only the women and children living in the centre, but also the adjacent community.

In a positive outcome, four of the eight children who had come to stay at Takhar Hope House after the Badakhshan landslides of April 2014, were able to return to their extended families as they had become in a better position to take care of them.

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS • CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Hazrat Ali Community Centre

Located in the Kabul suburb of Shar-e-Now, Hazrat Ali Orphanage set up in the home of Mahboba's uncle, HajiFazal Ahmad Sabitin 2003. For sometime he worked managing the centre independently, but as his health was deteriorating, it was decided that Mahboba's Promise should take on more management responsibility.

The centre houses 16 children who are taught by a young lady that has graduated from High School. A highlight for the children from Hazrat Ali was the visit to the Australian Embassy with those from Hope House Kabul. They also attended a medical check-up at the Elaj Hospital, which they all passed.

Abdara Girls School

This project has been overwhelmingly successful, and the school now has one of the highest rankings in the area. This year twelve students sat their leaving exam and all passed with a high rank. One student has qualified to study law in Kabul. This will be the first time ever that a girl from this area is allowed to move away from her parents and attend university alone in Kabul.

As previously mentioned, the school also ran a tailoring program and produced 30 graduates. From a village where no one woman was allowed to go to school, we now have girls becoming lawyers, teachers, nurses and tailors.

The Australian Embassy also funded the repairs that were required on the assembly hall, and there is now a safe place where the girls can comfortably sit and read their library books.



Sarah Kerrison with Girls from Abdara Girls School

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS • VISITS

MAHBoba'S VISIT

From May to August 2015, Mahboba Rawi visited Afghanistan to review the Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) organisation and all project activities. Although in the beginning she felt overwhelmed by the declining standards of living in Afghanistan, her visit was a success and Mahboba oversaw several improvements to projects and attended many special events. Some of the highlights of her visit are listed in the following passages.

Mahboba visited the Panjshir Valley several times over the course of her stay. During these visits, she noted that the assembly hall roof had been damaged by the heavy snow fall, and that it was no longer safe. For this, Mahboba secured a \$10,000 donation from the Australian Embassy in Afghanistan and organised repairs to be made. Mahboba also spent a lot of time with the children of Panjshir Valley Hope House and Abdara Girls School, having picnics, and additionally explaining child protection policy

to both the children and employees. She also organised a reading competition to encourage the use of the library.

In Kabul, Mahboba accompanied the children from Hope House Kabul and Hazrat Ali to the Australian Embassy, meeting the new Australian Ambassador, Matt Anderson. At Hope House, Mahboba drove the construction of the MAMA Early Childhood Education Centre, which the Ambassador officially opened during his visit in June. This centre will provide the early education that and learning stimulation that was previously available only to the wealthy. This will mean that they will not enter primary school at a disadvantaged level.

Mahboba also organised a screening of "Love Marriage in Kabul" in the garden of the Australian Embassy. Along with those from the Australian Embassy, representatives from the US, UK and Canada, and photographer Andrew Quilty were present.



2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS • VISITS

SARA'S VISIT

In November 2014 Sara Kerrison, a second year university student from Australia, spent two weeks at Mabboba's Promise Hope House in Kabul. This is her reflection:

He came up to my window before the car had even stopped, the small boy. It was so cold that I could see his breath on the air as he asked me for change, I couldn't speak the language enough to even say no to him. So we just stared at each other. He was grim but he had bright eyes. This was my first night in Afghanistan.

I thought everything I had seen in four months travelling through India had prepared me for the poverty in Afghanistan, but seeing this small boy standing on a street corner in the middle of the Kabul night, it broke my heart all over again.

Looking at him I wondered how much one child can possibly tolerate. On top of being orphaned and homeless in temperatures that reach below freezing, the street children of Afghanistan have to cope with the added danger of random Taliban attacks. Theirs is a life of certain uncertainty.

When I finally arrived at the offices of Mabboba's Promise later that night I was full of immense relief to meet all the warm and beautiful children who call Hope House their home. If not for Mabboba's Promise I thought to myself, it could have easily been one of these children knocking on my car window that night.

The following two weeks were a particularly difficult time for Afghanistan. Kabul was fired on by Taliban missiles, and it suffered several very serious suicide bombs; even the Police headquarters were attacked. Despite this, when people ask what that time of my life was like, I tell them that because of Mabboba's Promise it was full of more happy moments than I can possibly count, and that I wasn't afraid – I was hopeful.

For those two weeks I lived with the children of Kabul Hope House, I sat in on their classes, shared their meals and helped with their homework. I played soccer with the boys and danced with the girls. At night I would sit by the fire drawing pictures with the younger boys, or giggling endlessly while looking at funny pictures of dogs and monkeys on my computer.

Whether they are from the Panjshir Valley or Sydney, Canberra or Kabul, all kids deserve a chance to live a normal childhood. Mabboba's Promise gives them that opportunity; to live, learn and laugh in peace. In a country full of uncertainty, Hope House is like a sanctuary in the centre of a storm.

Most of Australia's foreign aid investment is going towards infrastructure, but my experiences have led me to believe that it is people-oriented projects such as those run by Mabboba's Promise that will make a real long-term difference in Afghanistan.

Projects like the Panjshir Valley Girls School, the midwives training and the backyard gardens initiative have a much larger impact than teaching a single person. When you empower someone with knowledge, you give them hope for their future and when people are skilled and have the resources to positively engage in their own community, Afghanistan will heal itself from the inside out.

We cannot build Afghanistan better, to ensure peace and prosperity, we have to invest in hope.

I will never forget the children of Hope House, and the hope they have given me, the greatest success and satisfaction of my entire journey was making them smile. So when people ask me if Afghanistan was a sad or scary experience I tell them that the only thing I am sad about, is that I couldn't have stayed longer.



2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

One of the highlights of my 18 months in Afghanistan was spending time with the kids from Mahboba's Promise. The Australian Embassy in Kabul has a close connection with the charity, including funding various projects. During my time in Kabul, we loved inviting the children to the Embassy for soccer, face-painting and cricket. We were also warmly welcomed by the children when we visited Hope House.

Spending time with these children, who had already experienced so much hardship in their young lives, absolutely reinforced the reason that I wanted to work in Afghanistan in the first place. The work that Mahboba and her team do to ensure that these kids will have the best possible opportunity for a bright future is commendable.

Karina Munday, former Second Secretary – Political, Australian Embassy - Kabul



Awaiting the Australian Ambassadors visit - Hope House Kabul

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:

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.

Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) has an established permanent presence in Afghanistan, and employs approximately 50 local Afghan staff. MPA is a signatory to ACBAR (Agency Coordinating 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.

Mahboba's Promise Inc. (MPI) Sydney	Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA) Kabul
Role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund raising and fund distribution to MPA Overarching policy guidance General guidance and mentoring Monitoring of projects and finances Capacity building 	Role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service delivery Project implementation Needs assessments Capacity building Accountability and reporting
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.	

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NEGIN *

My name is Negin. I am the elder sister to two brothers and we arrived at Hope House when I was eight. When we first saw it we thought that it was a very nice place for living and it seemed like a palace to us. Since being here we have found many new sisters and brothers. When we arrived we were not familiar with many things, but step by step, as we grew up, we learned. Now I am in year nine at school and I am so happy to be able to go to school.

Since coming to Hope House, life has changed for me: Going to school, having a nice place to sleep, and delicious food. All of these were in my dreams and Mahboba's Promise brought them into reality.

I can read and write and I intend to share what I learn with other children as much as I can.

Besides my education I started taekwondo at Hope House. Our teacher Mrs Laila, was a very good and kind lady.

I learned taekwondo well and I earned a blue belt. I have now participated in 20 matches and was ranked 1st, 2nd or 3rd in most of them. I have won two cups and 19 medals.

At the moment I am teaching taekwondo to the children at Hope House and get great pleasure out of this. It gives me a good feeling.

At last I want to tell all of my supporters, thank you for your long support and the changes you have made in children's lives.

** Names have been changed.*

STORIES

DARYA*

Mahboba's Promise has supported me and my family since 2006. The organisation has provided us with food and educational training.

I was a student when we found Mahboba's Promise. The condition of our lives was pretty bad. I had many wants and goals in my mind, but I thought they were impossible to achieve. The future seemed so dark and this affected my decisions and goals.

I came to Mahboba's Promise thinking that hopefully this organisation could play an important role in my life; to change it for the better and bring happiness.

Enthusiastically I learned English and computer skills. Mahboba's Promise has supported me to go to some well-equipped courses.

I graduated from high school finally. This is the time that all students think about going to university. All of my classmates would talk to each other about their field of study and ask each other what they were thinking. Some of them asked me about my plan but I had no answer for them. I could not think about the higher education because I had to find a job first.

As a last resort I went to Mahboba's Promise to talk to headquarters about my future and they agreed to offer me a job. It was the first step to direct me towards my goals. After I was employed by Mahboba's Promise I was so happy and I could plan on going to university.

Mahboba's Promise supported me to go to a private university in Kabul Province. My favourite field of study was economics.

At that time I was working at Mahboba's Promise as a Secretary, Hope House Principal and Treasurer.

I graduated from university ranked 2nd in the year. I want to continue my education and my next plan is to get my Masters Degree in Economics. Mahboba's Promise not only provided me with higher education but also brought many childrens' dreams in to reality.

I want to thank Mahboba's Promise, particularly Mother Mahboba and Sidiq Rawi who have supported me to achieve my goals and presented me with a treasury of knowledge.

MOHAMMAD*

I am 22 years old. I completed high school at Abdara Boys' School.

I first met Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan CEO, Sidiq Rawi in Panjshir in 2011 and he paved the ground for my higher education.

There are many needy boys who are looking for higher education upon finishing school. After graduating I found my life dominated by a range of difficulties which kept me from pursuing higher education. After school I began working in agriculture in my village, believing there was no chance of going to university.

However, Mahbobas Promise supported me and had me admitted to University. I am now studying journalism and am in my last semester. During the time I have been studying I have also been helping out with photography and administration work in the Kabul office.

I have received practical training in photography and, when the official photographer is not available I enjoy taking shots.

As with the other older boys of Kabul Hope House, I have not only been able to pursue higher education, but also I have been able to gain work experience through working at the office. The skills I have learnt will provide me with a huge advantage in gaining employment in Afghanistan's current challenging economic climate.

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

STAFF

A core group of staff have continued to work hard to keep the office functioning smoothly. The office has a wide range of responsibilities, many of which may not be apparent to an outsider.

- Administration
- Human resources / volunteer management
- Program management
- Accounting
- Marketing / communications
- Fundraising

During the year, Al Dawood took the role of Operations Manager which also included responsibility for programs, Carla Jolly and Karmen Petrovic shared administration, human resources and office management tasks and, Nazreen Richmond worked on accounts. In November 2014, Andrew Wilcox joined the team to take responsibility for marketing, communications and fundraising. All our staff work beyond their official contracts to volunteer their time for Mahboba's Promise.

VOLUNTEERS

Mahboba's Promise draws a lot of its strength from the dedication of a number of volunteer staff who tirelessly carry out a number of tasks from data entry to donor relationship management, from attending stalls at events to sponsorship updates. Our organisation would not be able to function without this team.

This year has seen a consolidation of volunteer team and, although it must be expected that there will be some churn due to the nature of unpaid work, it has been surprisingly stable. This is attributable to implementing a better thought out volunteer management strategy based on the core talents and strengths of individuals. Mention must be made of the following:

- Fiona Mackay-Cruise;
- Peter Burt;
- Francis Gallassi;
- Gabrielle Levette;

- Zaheeda Faizal;
- Azadeh Behruzikhah;
- Cindy Sun;
- Mahdi Hosaini;
- Zia Sedaqat;
- Karan;
- Nick Surgeon;
- Cocheene Smith;
- Alex Bellamy;
- Joshua Lamvohee

DONORS

Mahboba's Promise is truly fortunate to have such a strong donor supporter base. 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:

- Bianca Moore
- Dick and Pip Smith
- Heather Drew
- Make a Mark Australia
- Network of Caring
- Nicholas Brennan
- Red Rocketship
- Ric & Jo Easton

Of particular note are those donors who specifically designated a project that they wished to support in Afghanistan. Whether it was for a vocational training program, a set of solar panels, a water well or sending some students on leadership training, this kindness allowed Mahboba's Promise to serve our recipients in a far richer way.

The sponsorship program remains invaluable for us, helping us to plan into the future for so many women and children. Your sponsorship donations directly change lives instantly, stopping children from begging on the streets and then providing

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them with an education. Sponsorships allow widows the opportunity 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.

APPEALS

Ramadan is in the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and it is usually the first on the marketing calendar for the Financial Year. This year the appeal had a very good response. Incorporated into the Ramadan campaign was a dinner event that took place on July 12. Monies raised allowed us to feed the poor as well as support children affected by the devastating landslides in Badakhshan Province a few months earlier.

The Qurban Appeal for 2014, also a regular on the fundraising calendar, and it raised money for the provision of meat to the children of Kabul and Panjshir Valley.

The Winter Appeal attempts to raise funds to help prepare the disadvantaged of Afghanistan to manage the cold as Winter approaches. This includes the provision of warm clothes, blankets and staple food and, one of the major expenditures, heating materials.

Our regular Christmas Appeal usually works on the theme of gift giving and this year was no exception. Whether it was for our range of Gifts that Give cards, contributions to vocational training packages or merchandise.

The Nowruz Appeal, which took place during March 2015 in the lead up to the Afghan New Year took on the theme 'Who will give to an orphan this Nowruz'. The concept related to the Afghan custom of fathers giving gifts to children before they start at school at this time of year. Funds raised contributed to a celebratory feast for children who usually do not have much to celebrate.

Terrible avalanches that came dangerously close to our centres in Panjshir Valley prompted us to make an emergency appeal from the end of February which raised over \$15,000.

The End of the Financial Year Appeal 2015 adopted the tag line "Everybody wins when somebody shares". It is always the largest revenue making appeal, but this year the impact of the message was heightened by a more professional delivery and a strategic marketing campaign which resulted in a doubling of the funds raised compared to previous years.

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Ramadan Dinner

The financial year kicked off with an event in July 2014 when Mahboba's Promise and the Muslim Women's Association (MWA) joined forces to host a bumper dinner to celebrate Ramadan. His Excellency the Ambassador for Afghanistan, community leaders and the Muslim community showed up in force to show their support.

Recitation of the Quran by the Mufti emphasised Ramadan's message of compassion, peace and work for humanity. For many guests the highlight of the event was a hypnotising Bashir and Nasheed musical performance which created a moment of peace and helped hearts and minds to soak in the spirit of Ramadan.

Funds raised on the night contributed to the purchase of rice, clothes and other necessary materials for underprivileged women and children in different locations across Afghanistan.

Mothers' Day Dinner

Another fundraising dinner focused on the mother and daughter relationship at Mothers' Day. It attracted around 120 participants and was held at the Grand Palace in Auburn on the 2nd of May. Aside from enjoying Afghan food there were a number of activities including a 'bazaar', a mother and daughter trivia quiz, give-aways and prizes. Funds raised from the evening were specifically directed to the Takhar Community Education Centre. We were very grateful for the support of Crescent Wealth who acted as a partner for the evening.

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Love Marriage in Kabul

The delightful documentary film, “Love Marriage in Kabul” which was highlighted in last years annual report, has since gone on to be a favourite at film festivals and has won a number of awards, including the Foxtel Audience Award for best Documentary at the 2014 Sydney film festival and subsequently the best Documentary at the Canberra Film Festival.

The film tells the story of Mahboba’s determination to help a young Afghan orphan, Abdul, marry Fatmeh, the love of his life. When Abdul is unable to afford the marriage dowry demanded by the girl’s father, Mahboba steps in to unite the couple. Thanks to the generosity of the film makers, we are able to use the movie as a platform to raise awareness and funds for Mahboba’s Promise.

In this financial year, the film makers took the film Love Marriage in Kabul on a tour of several centres around Australia including Melbourne and Canberra. This provided a good awareness building opportunity for our organisation; valuable for both building financial and volunteer support.

Further to the tour the Sydney office hosted its own screening at the Independent Theatre, North Sydney on March 17, and several schools have held fundraising screenings. A special outdoor screening was held at the Australian Embassy in Kabul.

Open Your Heart Open Your Home

November 2014 saw the launch of our *Open Your Heart, Open Your Home initiative*. Working with domestic issues was a new direction for Mahboba’s Promise. It was prompted by the apparent social tensions between the mainstream and Muslim communities that struck Mahboba on return from one of her visits in Afghanistan.

The concept is based on the premise that cultural diversity is a rich and wonderful part of Australia and is in response to the fear that has been generated due to conflict in the Middle East. The program asked people to open up their homes to invite friends and members of diverse

backgrounds to build cultural understandings.

The first event took place in the home of supporter Josephine Brouard in Woolloomooloo, Sydney on the 5th of November. Over 90 people from attended from both the Muslim and non-Muslim communities.

It included speeches, a Persian feast and Afghan dancing. We were honoured to have the The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamed also take part in the proceedings. The evening raised over \$10,000 for Mahboba’s Promise.

A second event based on the Open Your Heart, Open Your Home platform also took place as a daytime occasion on March 14 on the Central Coast at the Gosford Anglican Church. Thanks to the hospitality of Father Rod Bower, along with the attendance of The Grand Mufti, Mahboba’s Promise was able to present another successful meeting of cultures in an effort to build bridges.

Support Group Events

In this year Mahboba’s Promise made an attempt to build on its support group following in a fundraising capacity. The most successful of these were the recently formed Capital Country Friends of Mahboba’s Promise, based in Canberra. This group of enthusiastic supporters started off their relationship with a couple of successful stalls:

One at the Connect and Participate Expo on March 28, the other at the Fyshwick Markets on May 10. Each time making a valuable contribution to the fundraising efforts of Mahboba’s Promise.

Other major contributions from support groups included the effort from Perth lead by Caroline Edwards which resulted in Mahboba’s Promise being able to send two girls to take part in the Initiatives of Change program in Asia Plateau, India.

Schools Promise Events

The Schools’ Promise program is a very valuable part of the support network of Mahboba’s Promise. This year there was a concerted effort to re-energise this network. This involved both

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consolidating established relationships with schools such as Asquith Girls' High, and starting new liaisons such as Wenona School.

A highlight was the Asquith Girls' International Women's Day breakfast on March 5. One of the speakers was Alex Bellamy, a former pupil, who has spent part of the year working as an intern in the Mahboba's Promise office. Monies raised were donated to Mahboba's Promise.

Other fundraising visits to schools by Mahboba included Epping Boys' and Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School to

mark Harmony Day which was on March 21. Despite Mahboba's absence, as she was away in Afghanistan, the organisation still managed to be ably represented by our young ambassadors, Alex Bellamy and Cocheene Smith. This was also the case in our visit to Pittwater High School on May 5.

However even without a physical visit, there are many schools in our program who continue to support Mahboba's Promise. An example is Mackellar Girls' Campus of Northern Beaches Secondary College which held a fundraising activity in June.



Andrew Quilty

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

*Appointed / re-elected 25/3/14
Meetings attended: 3/5*

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.

*Appointed / re-elected 25/3/14
Meetings attended: 5/5*

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.

*Appointed / re-elected 25/3/14
Meetings attended: 5/5*

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.

*Appointed / re-elected 25/3/14
Meetings attended: 5/5*

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 8 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.

*Appointed 25/3/14
Meetings attended: 1/5*

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.

*Appointed 25/3/14
Meetings attended: 4/5*

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.

*Appointed 25/3/14
Meetings attended: 2/5*

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: 5/5

SUB COMMITTEES AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

Sub-Committee
Compliance
Child Protection
DGR Afghanistan Relief Fund
Marketing & Communications
Schools Promise

Chair
Martin O'Dea
Mahboba Rawi
Kumar Sri-Pathma
Khurshida Ajam
Mahboba Rawi

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An independent audit of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated's financial accounts for the year 2014 2015 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 statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Management Committees' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Members of the Management Committee of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the directors 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.

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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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

Report on the Requirements of the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and the *Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2008 (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 2008*.

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 proscribed 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 2015;
- b) The financial report has been properly drawn up, and the associated records have been properly kept for the financial year ended 30 June 2015, 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 2015 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 when they fall due.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nexia Court & Co".

Nexia Court & Co.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Mayberry".

Robert Mayberry, FCA
Partner

Sydney

Date: 21-10-2015

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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 2015 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.

Nexia Court & Co.
Chartered Accountants

Robert Mayberry, FCA
Partner

Sydney

Date: 19-10-2015

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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 2015 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 21 October 2015. 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.

Nexia Court & Co
Chartered Accountants

Robert Mayberry, FCA
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Dated: 21-10-2015

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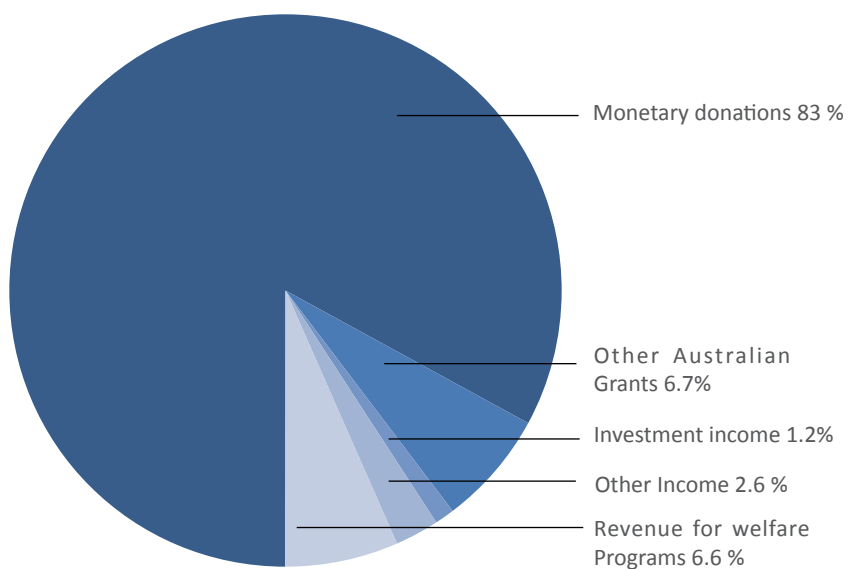
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MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Statement of Financial Performance)	2015	2014
REVENUE	\$	\$
Donations & Gifts		
Monetary	841,659	723,551
Non Monetary	0	0
Bequests & Legacies	0	115,232
Grants		
AusAID	0	0
Other Australian	68,200	96,573
Other Overseas	0	0
Investment Income	11,722	8,267
Other Income	25,974	57,128
Revenue for Welfare Programs	67,098	65,573
TOTAL REVENUE	1,014,653	1,066,324
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs - development	483,234	555,700
Program support costs	113,799	149,246
Community education	21,312	12,234
Fundraising costs		
Public	147,756	144,320
Government, multilateral and private	7,609	19,185
Accountability and Administration	53,497	50,385
Non-Monetary Expenditure	0	0
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	827,207	931,070
Expenditure for Welfare Programs	52,192	65,586
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	879,399	996,656
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	135,254	69,668

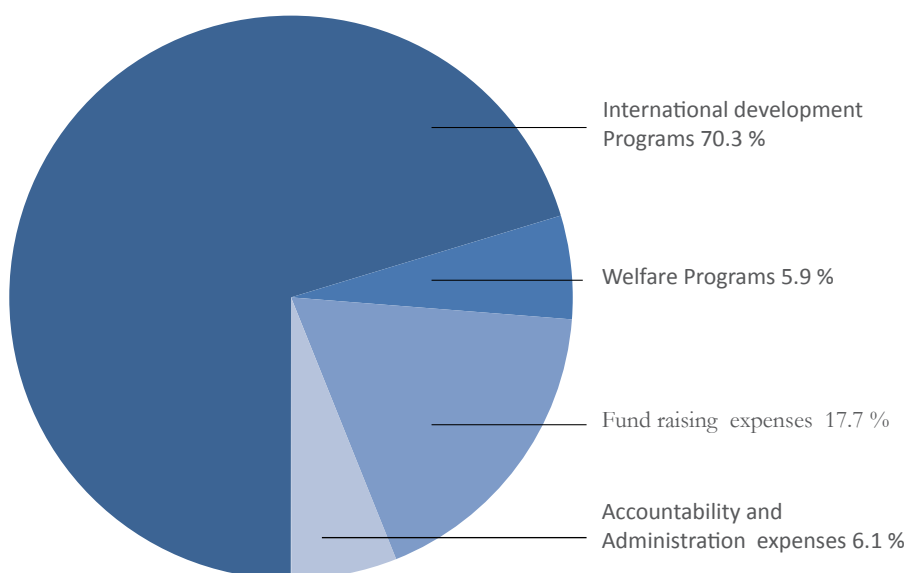
Note: During the financial year, the agency had no transactions in the Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs category or in the Domestic Program category.

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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 2015 (Statement of Financial Position)	2015	2014
ASSETS	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	721,257	601,810
Trade and other receivables	67,003	47,017
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	7,018	7,018
Total Current Assets	795,278	655,845
Non Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	7,125	9,436
Investment property	0	0
Intangibles	0	0
Other non-current assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	7,125	9,436
TOTAL ASSETS	802,403	665,281
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,583	4,800
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	6,966	9,301
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	19,293	16,202
Other	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	28,842	30,303
Non Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	14,001	10,672
Other	0	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	14,001	10,672
TOTAL LIABILITIES	42,843	40,975
NET ASSETS	759,560	624,306
EQUITY		
Reserves	0	0
Retained Earnings	759,560	624,306
TOTAL EQUITY	759,560	624,306

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ACFID FORMATTED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2014	624,306	0	0	624,306
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	135,254	0	0	135,254
Other amounts transferred (to) or from reserves	0	0	0	0
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2015	759,560	0	0	759,560

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ACFID FORMATTED TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available end of year
Designated Purpose or Appeal				
Dick Smith PV Education Centre	0	50,000	50,000	0
Make a Mark Australia	0	0	0	0
Muslim Aid Australia	0	0	0	0
Hausmann Communications	0	5,000	5,000	0
Bio Distributors	0	13,200	13,200	0
Total for Other Non-Designated Purposes	601,810	946,453	827,006	721,257
TOTAL	601,810	1,014,653	895,206	721,257

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.

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 or writing to Mahboba's Promise Inc., PO Box 6234, North Ryde NSW 2113, or emailing us at 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

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.



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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