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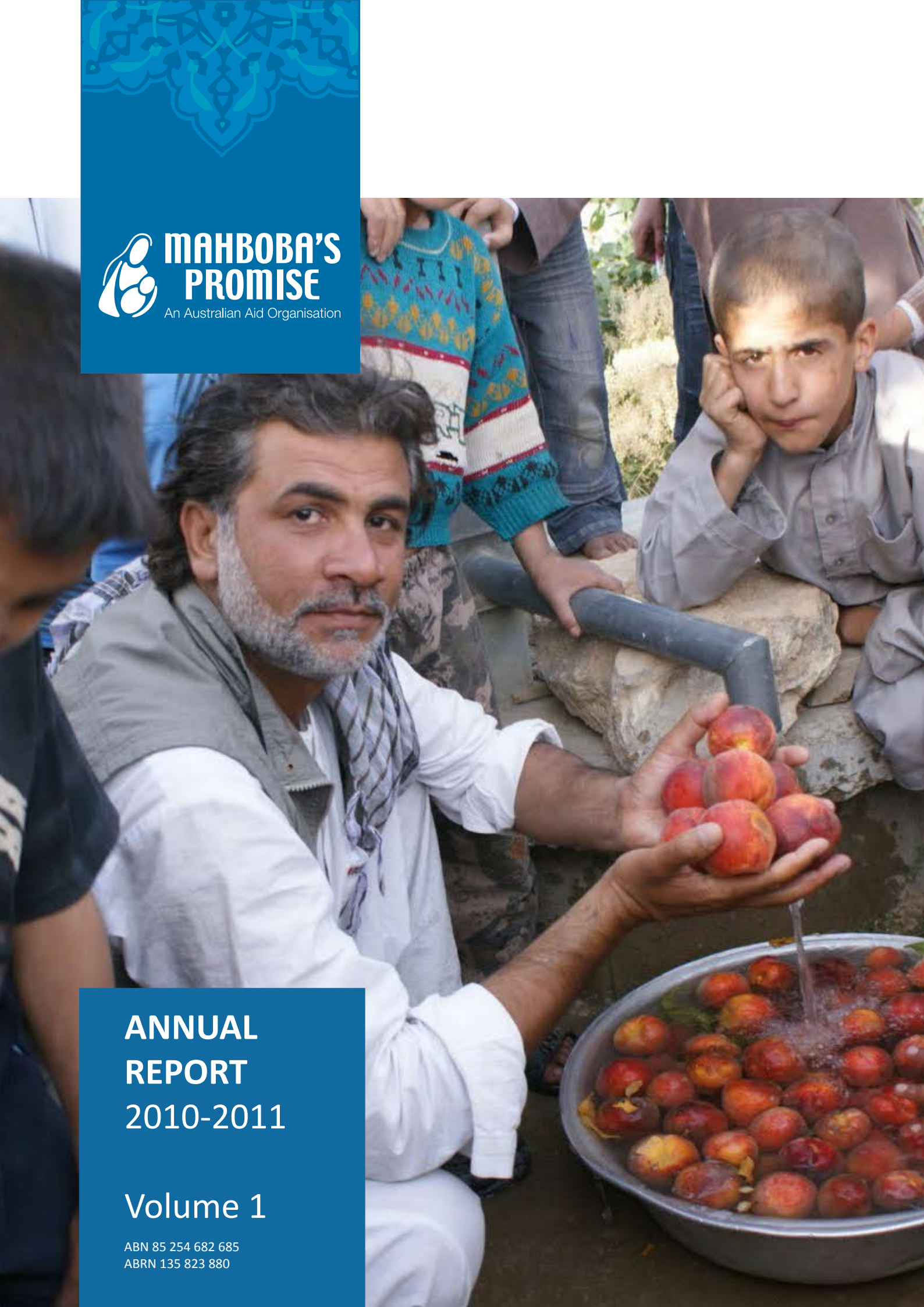




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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

In my role as Governor-General, I have the privilege of engaging with special people who work tirelessly to improve the lives of others in need. Mahboba Rawi is one of those people. Recognised for her dedication, compassion and courage, she transforms lives of Afghan widows, children and orphans facing hardship and disadvantage.

Mahboba's fundraising in Australia allows her non-profit organisation to establish and sustain locally-staffed schools and health clinics. It also helps women to participate in vocational training programmes, encouraging self sufficiency and a brighter future for Afghanistan.

As patron for Mahboba's Promise I commend Mahboba's efforts in raising the standards of those who need it most.



Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia



MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MAHBoba RAWI



This has been a truly eventful twelve months for Mahboba's Promise and for me personally.

In Australia, we were honoured when Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia kindly became our Patron. This was fantastic for me and for Mahboba's Promise. In Afghanistan it said so much to the widows and children and to our workers, because it meant someone so important in Australia really cared about them.

A decade ago from the refugee slums in Kabul where people lived in tents in the middle of winter, I picked up widows destitute, traumatised and unwanted. All I could do was to feed them and tell them I cared and people in Australia cared. At that time I did not think about their future, I was just sustaining them, keeping them going. But little by little, year by year, we helped them regain their health and strength, heal their emotional wounds and got them into learning and training. Now I see them earning a living with the tools we have provided and I am so proud of them. How powerful is that word "care". To hear that someone cares makes a world of difference; a beautiful word to give and to receive.

I would very much like to acknowledge and thank my brother, Sidiq Rawi, whose hard work, courage and compassion have helped turn your dollars into such a positive force for good. Sidiq manages all our operations in Afghanistan. His job is one that tears at the heart and can cripple the spirit, for so much need and tragedy confronts him every day. He comforts in such a practical way, instilling optimism and confidence and telling people that we care, Australia cares. I asked him eight years ago to give me a year of his life to help me with my work in Afghanistan, I did not know then that he would dedicate himself so selflessly, for so long. Thank you Sidiq and especially thanks to your wife and children for supporting you in this work.

I did not visit Afghanistan this year because my beautiful daughter, Tamana, was expecting a baby in February. Sometimes I feel so guilty that my own family here has had to go without, so in this special year for Tamana I wanted to care for my daughter and my son. I will, however, be leaving shortly and visiting Afghanistan again in the new financial year.

Thank you again
Mahboba Rawi OAM



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mahboba's Promise Inc is a non-Government, non-profit, voluntary association which raises funds to help improve the lives of poverty-stricken women and children in Afghanistan.

At the end of last year, Mahboba Rawi, our founder, received the Order of Australia Medal for service to international humanitarian aid in Afghanistan. This award sent a clear message that, after a decade of dedication, Mahboba's work had been well and truly recognised. In April 2011, The Sydney Morning Herald, listed Mahboba, as one of "50 Women of Influence" alongside leaders such as Aung San Suu Kyi, Hillary Clinton and Australians including Gail Kelly.[1]

Further recognition came when Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia graciously agreed to become the Patron of Mahboba's Promise.

While such honours and awards are far removed from the dust and hardships of Afghanistan, the publicity generated record donations. Mahboba's Promise Inc. was endorsed by the Australian Tax Office at the beginning of this year so that donations to our development projects are now tax deductible. This combination of events gave the Management Committee the confidence to authorise a record amount of funding from income and reserves to Afghanistan in 2010/2011 for current and new projects.

The Association's strong cash reserves coupled with the favourable exchange rate for the Australian dollar were contributing factors in our decision to make such a large commitment. Two new capital projects were started; the first phase of a new community centre in the Panjshir Valley generously funded by Dick Smith and a new centre for our work in Takhar with monies raised by our Muslim Fundraising Group.

Jo Hassan, our Office Manager, was joined by Sadia Rehman during the year. The work-load has increased dramatically with the added compliance required by the tax office and other stakeholders. I would like to thank Jo for her contribution this year and welcome Sadia.

Sidiq Rawi continues to be the Executive Director of our implementing agency in Kabul, also called Mahboba's Promise, which is registered as an NGO in Afghanistan. Our thanks go to Sidiq and his staff for their dedication and diligence under very difficult circumstances.

In my role as President, I have worked with our Management Committee to guarantee the Association's high organisational, governance and financial standards and adherence to the ACFID (Australian Council for International Development) Code of Conduct and the guidelines of the Office of Charities and all other relevant legislation.

I am especially grateful to all other members of the Management Committee for their support and commitment during my term as President. I would like to in particular to thank Phil Kerrigan who retired as treasurer this year for his steady hand and good advice.

This will be my last report as President. I am standing down due to work commitments. I have enjoyed my four years as President of the Association. It has been an honour to see the Association grow and to see the extraordinary work funded in Afghanistan through Mahboba's Promise. Thank you.

Don Gough
President
Mahboba's Promise Inc



Boys at Hope House. Photo :Sanaz Fotouhi



WHAT WE DO

VISION

Our Vision is to provide a sustainable future within a secure environment for disadvantaged Afghan women and children.

MISSION

Mahboba's Promise aims to provide effective overseas development aid to disadvantaged Afghan women, widows, children and orphans. We will achieve this through sustainable development programs such as the establishment of schools, health clinics and community facilities destined to be operated by local authorities and communities.

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 for the people of Afghanistan 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 Afghan women, widows, children and orphans;
- In our Governance, we will endeavour to be professional and accountable and compliant by:
 - 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 employment training;
 - have effective consultation with all stakeholders including beneficiaries and value their participation in our programs;
 - secure basic human rights including the principles of gender equality and child protection in our program design;
 - 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.
- 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 Afghan women, widows, children and orphans;
 - ensuring that the Association is at all times financially responsible;
 - developing, implementing and reviewing the Policies and Procedures of the Association.



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

AFGHANISTAN TODAY

The challenges faced by Afghanistan are daunting. It remains one of the poorest countries in the world today. Conflicts of the last decades have affected generations and especially marginalised women and children, yet there is hope.

Many children still work in the streets or on the land and do not attend school. Their mothers are helpless to give them literacy skills because they too are uneducated. Some analysts believe that the lack of education is the biggest factor holding the country back from reclaiming its future.

A major challenge for the Afghanistan Government is finding enough teachers, especially for rural schools. The pay is poor and often delayed and new graduates prefer to work in the private sector and stay in towns. The shortage of women teachers is especially challenging as it directly impacts on the number of girls who can receive education.

The problem is exacerbated in rural areas. Despite the growth of cities in Afghanistan, approximately 80% of the people still live in rural communities. It is in this environment that the Abdara School for girls in the Panjshir Valley is making such a difference. We have always believed that education is the key not only for individuals, but to build the country as a whole. We raise funds to provide supplementary education, support schools like Panjshir Valley and run life skills and vocational training courses.

These rural communities are still largely reliant on subsistence farming with communities highly susceptible to drought and other natural disasters. The Mahboba's Promise permaculture project has the potential to teach farmers new skills that can help increase food security in rural areas and complements our work educating and nourishing mind, body and spirit.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Raymond Nelson who was President of Mahboba's Promise Inc from 2004 to 2007, visited Kabul in May 2011. He was impressed with the work on the ground, "There are so many problems in Afghanistan and in Kabul in particular; it is amazing to see what has been achieved by Mahboba's Promise."

Development programs continued to offer the opportunity for vocational training and educational support to many. Mahboba's Promise operates in three areas; Kabul, Panjshir Valley and Takhar. Our activities in Kabul focus on vocational and educational training courses. Nearby is the permaculture initiative, where a model farming demonstration site is taking shape. In Panjshir Valley, a remote region north of Kabul, we support an integrated community development project centred around education and in Takhar in the north-east of the country, we have a community project which originally started when we repatriated orphans who were displaced by an earthquake in Takhar and sent to Peshawar in Pakistan as refugees.

POSITIVE EDUCATION OUTCOMES • KABUL

Mahboba's Promise in Kabul provides educational support classes, sport, and art classes to over one hundred severely disadvantaged orphans and local children in the community who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend school. Many of these children were originally on the streets.

Supplementary educational support helps to prepare children who have never been to school so they can join classes with confidence and after school classes to help children to catch up with other children of their own age. This encourages them to persevere at school and attain better grades.

As part of the program, Mahboba's Promise makes sure the children have uniforms, stationery, and any informal fees paid and



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Taekwondo training: Photo: Sanaz Fotouhi

appropriate transport to get them safely to school and back. The centre works with local schools to provide a lunchtime meal where possible or at least try and combat hunger, by making sure the children have access to a meal before school so they have a better opportunity to concentrate and learn.

In consultation, schools in the community are helped by supporting them with training materials and teacher training on controlling classrooms without using physical punishment, and by improving facilities at the schools.

Individual and team sporting activities after school and recreation programs, improve child morale, building their self esteem and giving them time to play. This addresses their emotional well-being and improves communication between children of different backgrounds and language groups.

One of the successes has been the Taekwondo classes which has helped build the children's self esteem and self-worth. In March 2010 Virginia Haussegger who visited the Hope

House Centre reported on Najeeba from Hope House, a gold medal winner in the local Taekwondo championship. *"In a nation of traumatised citizens, little girls like Najeeba are emerging as beacons of hope for Afghanistan. I'm just grateful that Australia is playing a role in their destiny."* [2]

We support the schools through our Sister School Program encouraging cultural exchange and interaction.

In line with providing a safe and secure environment for the children, all the Mahboba's Promise NGO staff that interact with the children have attended a three day training workshop conducted by Children in Crisis (CIC). CIC also ran workshops for children attending the centre where they learned about their rights and responsibilities.



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Boys at Hope House during character building workshop

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE SHINE

In order to build a stronger Afghanistan, we need future leaders.

With the help and encouragement of Initiatives of Change Australia www.au.iofc.org and fundraising from Australia, Mahboba's Promise has three times this last year selected two young men from programs in Kabul to travel to the Indian centre for Initiatives of Change, Asia Plateau, to join the intern program there. Initiatives of Change is a diverse network committed to building relationships of trust across the world's divides.

Asia Plateau is a special place: "Over the past four decades ordinary men and women of all classes, races and religions have experienced here, a change in attitude, motivation and behaviour causing ripples in their personal lives, families, workplaces, communities, and sometimes much beyond." [3]

For these young men, like Khalid and Javed who attended the course this year, the experience brought about a profound change in outlook. They told Mahboba they felt more hopeful that they could control their own future and escape their history of neglect and struggle. Khalid wrote to Mahboba about his time on the course; *"We met a lot of people who really inspired me by their life stories. One of my dreams for my country Afghanistan is for a country without family conflict... I myself had some conflict. So I started changing myself to end a very small part of that conflict in my country."* [4]

On their return to Kabul, they conducted character-building and peace-making workshops with the aim of preparing other young people to take responsibility for their country's future.



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MEDICAL CENTRE

The Medical Centre was established in 2008 with the help of Variety Australia, at Mahboba's Promise Kabul headquarters. Although the number of government clinics are increasing, there are no clinics nearby. Both a doctor and a dentist attend the clinic.

The establishment of the clinic was an important element in improving the health of the widows and orphans that Mahboba's Promise supports as well as the health of villagers from the surrounding community. The clinic also provides counselling for children and adults who were suffering from stress-related disorders.

Children who attend our classes visit the centre and had a check up during the year. One of the major roles of the clinic has been in preventative medicine, providing advice on hygiene and nutrition and dental health.

HANDICRAFTS

Handicraft project

With limited employment options for women in Afghanistan, Mahboba's Promise Handicraft Project is enabling women to develop skills and provides real opportunities for them to earn an income for themselves. Raymond Nelson commented "In the Handicrafts department there is a very evident buzz of excitement and enthusiasm."

The Handicraft project is run by Manager Zahera and two assistants and we also employ a local designer.

Widows learn embroidery and those with aptitude become extremely skilled needlewomen. The project has become affiliated with the Afghan Women's Business Federation (AWBF) and with their help the woman can participate in national and international exhibitions. AWBF also runs courses for women wanting to run their own business or cooperative.



Example of needlework

Currently there are 125 women enrolled in the project. Each six months 35 women join the project to learn hand-embroidery and needlework. A number of the women are handicapped and depend on selling their craft work to make a living.

Tailoring Course Kabul

In addition to our Handicraft Project group, we also have another group of widows and orphaned girls learning to make clothes which are then decorated by the Handicrafts group. Currently there are 13 students enrolled and two tailors and two trainers working to train the women in cutting and seaming to a high standard.

Once trained, the women are given a sewing machine and come regularly to get assignments from the tailors where they continue learning valuable skills. The women and girls make all the school uniforms for children resident in Hope House and for the Abdara Girls' School. These are reported to be of a high quality. They also make clothing for orphaned children and other pieces that are on-sold to the Handicraft Project for further embellishment.



Fresh watermelon from the permaculture garden - a real treat



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PERMACULTURE PROGRAMME REAPS REWARDS

Agriculture holds great hope for the people of Afghanistan. In addition to staples like wheat, barley, corn and rice, Afghanistan has the climate and capacity to produce high value products such as pomegranates, apricots, almonds and grapes, as it did so before the Soviet invasion.

Rebuilding Afghanistan's once vibrant Agricultural sector is a key long term component in strengthening and stabilising the nation given that up to 85% of the population rely on agriculture to earn a living [5]. Food production and distribution are constantly disrupted by the insecurity in Afghanistan so being able to grow food locally is vitally important for the local population.

Mahboba's Promise is tackling this challenge with the establishment last year of the Permaculture Project, undertaken with funding from Muslim Aid Australia.

Permaculture is a practical concept for growing food in harmony with the environment, inspired by traditional wisdom from sustainable farming cultures. It uses organic methods and therefore has limited reliance on costly fertiliser and herbicides.

The reason why permaculture is so appropriate is that the principles can be applied in urban and rural environments and to any scale. Even small kitchen gardens can yield vegetables and herbs that will make a difference to the economic and nutritional well-being of widows and orphans. This means that the target for training courses in the future ranges from widows who have a few pots or a small yard to farmers.

There are several objectives to this project:

- The demonstration garden is intended to function as a training centre for sustainable farming using permaculture techniques. This platform can be used to teach a wide range of skills including gardening, small animal husbandry, water conservation, soil improvement, nutrition and landmine awareness. In this context widows and orphans, school groups and local farmers can learn valuable skills that will enable them to nurture themselves with better food and potential income, as well as nurturing the environment.
- Food produced from the project will be initially used at Hope House, reducing its reliance on donor funding to purchase food in Kabul and thereby become more self sufficient.
- It is also intended to be a nursery resource for the provision of fruit trees and seedlings for those who have land and to provide initial tree stock for other community gardens. It is hoped that, some income will be generated through the sale of trees and plants.

Over the course of this year substantial preparation work has been undertaken. Construction to date has included the surrounding wall, a composting toilet, composting bins, a water tank, and the permaculture training centre building.

The land purchased for the demonstration site was dry and barren. Planting beds have been subsequently prepared and enriched with compost and irrigated. Using permaculture farming methods of water conservation, soil building and pest control, the land has been transformed into a green oasis, with the first crops including water melons, and it is now ready to be used as demonstration site for training.

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*Panjshir Valley Hope House
Foundations laid April 2011*

PANJSHIR VALLEY HOPE HOUSE DICK SMITH CENTRE

Mahboba's Promise identified many orphan boys and girls in the Panjshir Valley who have not only had no access to education but suffer abuse and live precariously. Panjshir Valley experiences severe winters and these children endure many deprivations.

Mahboba's Promise has been helping orphans for over ten years overcome obstacles and get to school. We found that apart from nutrition and nurture, we needed to build self-worth and confidence so they enjoy school and do not later drop out. This is achieved through additional educational support to make up for lost time and reinforce lessons. We also provide opportunities for sport to help build healthy bodies, self-esteem and encourage team work.

On average the orphans who go through our program in Kabul do exceptionally well at school. This is very unusual in Afghan society where orphans are usually the most disadvantaged in society.

With the generous support of Dick Smith, a well-known Australian adventurer and entrepreneur, Mahboba's Promise has started to build a new community centre which will replicate the programs we have successfully run in Kabul. This centre will offer residential care to orphans we believe are in danger and day care support for other orphans and disadvantaged children. Vocational training classes are also planned.

The local community have participated in the planning of this project. The local government in the Panjshir Valley gave the land free of charge in the Onaba District and the first stone was laid by the Governor's Deputy.

One of the early aims of the project is to provide employment and training for locals during its construction. Mahboba's Promise employed a local site engineer from Kabul, who visits once or twice a week to review its quality and compliance. When the surrounding wall was built, many of the local people, including the local Mayor and staff from the Governor's office participated and lent a hand in the building. There are a number of local firemen who we hope to enlist to assist in the construction of the building in the near future which will provide them with valuable skills training.

By the end of the financial year, the surrounding wall had been built, the foundations laid and part of the first floor walls constructed. Significant construction work is expected to be completed before winter.



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PANJSHIR VALLEY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In 2002 Mahboba's Promise built the first school for girls in the Panjshir Valley in the village of Abdara. In 2004, Mahboba's Promise entered into partnership with the Ministry of Education who registered the school and provided a Principal and one teacher. The Government provision was inadequate and Mahboba's Promise decided they would need to continue to support the school and the children until such time as the education system in Afghanistan could offer a comparable standard of education. In addition a decision was taken to support the Government Boys' School which was also under-resourced.

To support both schools and the community, Mahboba's Promise constructed a Medical Clinic. This was later taken over by Government, but Mahboba's Promise continues to provide support for a female medical physician and for medicine for women and syrups for children.

Mahboba's Promise continued to support the schools in Abdara in 2010/11 by providing teachers and transport so that female teachers can reach the school. Many of these teachers are unregistered and we provide transport to the new government teachers training college as well as funds for private courses to improve the quality of the teachers' own education. In addition we help children overcome obstacles that would prevent them from attending school by providing uniforms and stationery.

Each year we fund the girls'school so that the girls can move up an additional year in the school.



*Abdara Girls School
Panjshir Valley*

TAKHAR COMMUNITY CENTRE

When Mahboba's Promise worked in Peshawar refugee camp in Pakistan we were asked to help a group of boys who had been orphaned by an earthquake in Takhar. A kindly man had gathered up the orphans in the chaos of the earthquake's aftermath and taken them for shelter to Peshawar hoping to find support. Instead they found it very difficult to survive and were living hand to mouth with no access to schools or services.

Mahboba's Promise organised food and accommodation and got the boys into school. When the time was right, the whole group was repatriated to Takhar but it was difficult for them to integrate back into society and so we have continued with the help of the community to ensure the boys received a good education and had access to vocational training. The community not only supported all the work of Mahboba's Promise but identified other children at risk in the community who were not attending school or who had dropped out of school.

With the generous support of donations raised by our Muslim Fundraising Group, it was decided a centre was required to offer the support and vocational training that these children require. Land has been purchased and a surrounding wall has been built.



2010 - 2011 WELFARE PROJECTS



Girl from Hope House.
Photo: Sanaz Fotouhi

WELFARE PROJECTS

Mahboba's Promise started by offering welfare to widows and orphans in the devastating aftermath of the Russian occupation and the instability that followed. This welfare work continues alongside our development initiatives. Here is a graphic description from Raymond Nelson who visited the office on a day when welfare was handed out: *"The office is a hive of activity with widows in burqas and children at foot explaining their needs and receiving thoughtful and experienced consideration from Sidiq and going away with some plan and usually a few dollars to help them in the short term".*

We have two defined welfare programmes, outreach and residential care. The Outreach project provides destitute widows and their families with vouchers to obtain food. These are families where the widow is not yet ready or able to attend vocational training and it is the first step in their journey towards self sufficiency.

The residential care is for orphans who have no extended families to take care of them and we offer care so they can join our Positive Education Outcomes program. The Hazrat Ali Orphanage in Kabul has been helping children since 2001 and there is residential accommodation in Hope House, Kabul and in Takhar. Funds for these projects are separated from development project funding.

DEVELOPMENT VERSUS WELFARE AND TAX RECEIPTS

Mahboba's Promise has worked hard to achieve this year's endorsement from the Australian Tax Office so that gifts of more than \$2 are tax deductible. The first step in the process was to become an AusAid (Australian Government's Overseas Aid Program) 'approved organisation' under OAGDS. (Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme).

The tax deductible receipt is only available for donations for development work. This is an important distinction as in Afghanistan there is still much humanitarian aid or welfare work to be done. We have seen many times how an initial hand-out of cash or food helps the widow as a first step towards self-reliance and a better life. *"Without a foundation, we cannot build a roof,"* says Mahboba. Without lifting the physical and emotional health of a widow and her children above the breadline, there is no hope for further progress. So this welfare work is a vitally important part of our work.

We continue to need help to fund welfare work. Donors that are retired and do not pay tax can for example, help Mahboba's Promise with welfare projects, by advising us that they do not need a tax-deductible receipt.



GOALS FOR 2011/2012 • IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

GOALS FOR 2011/2012

A major goal for the next financial year is to raise funds to complete the building projects commenced in 2010/2011. Once these projects are completed, we can start to better support local communities in Takhar and the Panjshir Valley.

This support is so vital for children from poverty stricken rural families who start at a severe disadvantage and have many obstacles to overcome just getting to school. Without intervention, this initial disadvantage will put those children at a permanent disadvantage. With the skills we have learned dealing with disenfranchised communities in Kabul, we can turn that situation around, lifting confidence and self worth, filling in the educational gaps and growing healthy bodies.

Panjshir Valley schools continue to need our support and we will continue to fund this community.

The women trained through the tailoring and handicraft project are now turning out work of a high standard and we need to identify markets for them locally and overseas. The ideal might be to find partners overseas with access to markets who can also provide feedback on acceptable design.

Permaculture has reached an exciting stage and with the help of international volunteers, we are hoping to start running informal courses in the coming year, leading on to courses devised by the Permaculture Institute of Afghanistan and then to courses that will have international accreditation.

A long term goal is to identify institutional donors who will partner us in our work in Afghanistan and provide financial support, but in the immediate future, the projects rely on our Australian donors who have helped achieve so much good work already in Afghanistan. The majority of our funding comes from our sponsorship program and it is essential for Mahboba's Promise that these donations continue and grow.



RELATIONSHIP WITH IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Our work in Australia raises funds for projects in Kabul and maintains an awareness in Australia of the rigors and obstacles facing impoverished communities in Afghanistan.

Our sole implementing agency in Afghanistan is Mahboba's Promise – an independent NGO registered in Afghanistan with the Ministry of Economy, Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Mahboba's Promise NGO is an observer member of ACBAR (Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief). Our Executive Director in Afghanistan for the last eight years has been Sidiq Rawi, brother of Mahboba Rawi, our founder.

Mahboba's Promise NGO works closely with local government and with the community in each area where it has projects. This close liaison is important for the stability and sustainability of projects and mitigates some of the security risks.

Sidiq Rawi Executive Director of Mahboba's Promise NGO in Afghanistan with fresh peaches from the garden



2010 - 2011 • VISITORS AND FUNDRAISING



Raymond Nelson at Hope House in May 2010

VISITORS TO MAHBoba'S PROMISE NGO IN AFGHANISTAN

Raymond Nelson, a previous President of Mahboba's Promise Inc, visited Kabul in May 2011 and spent time with the staff and beneficiaries of the various projects.

Mahboba's Promise in Afghanistan had visits from both the Australian Defence Force and the Australian Embassy during the year.

Donna Mulhearn and Martin Reusch delivered parcels of clothing donated by the school community at Asquith Girl's High School in Sydney's north.

PUBLICITY AND FUNDRAISING

The major pillar of our fundraising continues to be our sponsorship program. It is so rewarding to think that all those \$35 and \$50 donated regularly can be so important and provide continuity.

Each year we have appeals at the time of Ramadan which are very important for us and for the Muslim community who participate so generously.

During the year appeals were run including a highly successful Chocolate Indulgence Night which raised funds for the new centre in Takhar.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONORS

In Australia we raise funds to support the work of Mahboba's Promise NGO in Afghanistan. We get no financial support from Government in Australia, so quite simply nothing happens without donations. Thank you all so much for making this work possible. Mahboba collected the first donations in an earthenware pot. She could hear the money hitting the hard clay. Who knew that the money donated then would be the catalyst for an organisation that would ultimately affect so many lives? We encourage our donors to remember that donations to projects in a developing country reach out and help lives now and in the future and sometimes for generations to come. Our Muslim Fundraising Group, worked hard organising events and raising funds and we are very grateful for their ongoing support.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

Every year Mahboba's Promise is indebted to its volunteers who have supported the Association in so many different ways. Fundraisers, volunteers in the office and in the country, in every state, you have remembered Mahboba and continued the good work or joined us this year to make the organisation stronger. Volunteers not only work without pay, they bring information and new ideas into play. They bring a smile because they come forward inspired to help. They are the life and soul of Mahboba's Promise and we thank you all.

*Hope House Taekwondo
medal winners • August 2010*

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GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

Name	Position	Occupation	Appointed / re-elected	Meetings attended
Don Gough	President	Consultant in Spoken Communication	22/12/2009	9/10
Kris Needham	Vice-President	Education Consultant & Executive Coach	22/12/2009	6/10
Phil Kerrigan*	Treasurer	Retired businessman	22/12/2009	2/03
Mohammed Syed	Treasurer	Accountant/Financial Controller	13/12/2010	6/07
Tania Melikian	Public Officer Secretary	Property & Facilities Manager	22/12/2009	5/10
Doug Tribe	Ordinary Member	Retired businessman	13/12/2010	9/10
Greg Rich	Ordinary Member	CEO in a Management Company	22/12/2009	7/10
Anna Grutzner	Ordinary Member	Marketing Communications Consultant	13/12/2010	7/10
Sidiq Rawi	Ordinary Member	Executive Director Afghan Operations	22/12/2009	1/10
Vacancy				
Vacancy				


*Phil Kerrigan Retired as Treasurer on 25/10/2010 effective from 13/12/2010 and was replaced by Mohammed Syed

SUB COMMITTEES AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

Sub-Committee	Chair
Schools Promise	Kris Needham
Rapid Response	Don Gough
Remuneration Sub-Committee	Mohammed Syed
Afghanistan Relief Fund	Mohammed Syed
Grants	Doug Tribe
Child Protection Officer	Kris Needham
Communications Officer	Anna Grutzner
Muslim Ladies Sub-Committee	Emtissal Little
Collections Officer	Mohammed Syed



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The Management Committee
Mahboba's Promise
Suite 4, 1 Avon Rd, North Ryde
Sydney, NSW 2113

9 March 2012

Dear Committee Members,

Auditor's Independence Declaration under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001


In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Mahboba's Promise:


As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of Mahboba's Promise for the financial year ended 30 June 2011, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

(a) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and

(b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely,


Robert Mayberry
Partner


Nexia Court & Co.
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**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 2011, and the income statement, statement of 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 Committee's 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 (NSW) 1984. 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 these 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.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (NSW) 1984.

Qualification

Proceeds from donations and sponsorship are a significant source of revenue for the Association. The Association has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of donations and sponsorship prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations and sponsorship had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion as to whether the donations and sponsorship revenue Mahboba's Promise Incorporated obtained are complete.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct Financial Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated as at 30 June 2011 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.


Nexia Court & Co.


Robert Mayberry
Partner

Sydney
Date: 9 March 2012

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated

SCOPE

We have audited the summarised financial report of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated on pages 25 to 26 for the year ended 30 June 2011 in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the information reported in the 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 9 March 2012. 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
Partner

Sydney
Date: 9 March 2012

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An independent audit of Mahboba's Promise Inc financial accounts for the year 2010 2011 was conducted by

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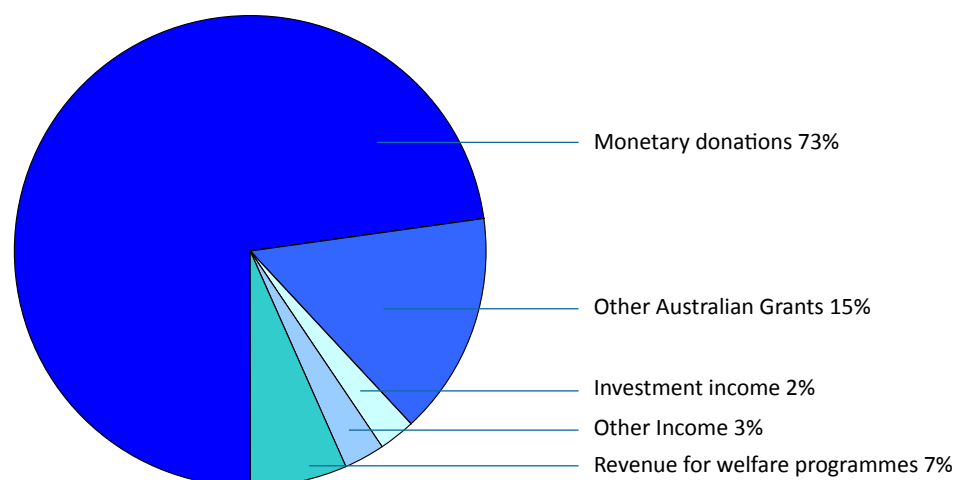
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MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ABRN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011 (Statement of Financial Performance)		
	2011	2010
REVENUE	\$	\$
Donations & Gifts		
Monetary	758,080	896,290
Non Monetary	0	0
Bequests & Legacies	0	0
Grants		
AusAID	0	
Other Australian	160,000	85,232
Other Overseas	0	0
Investment Income	25,825	13,345
Other Income	30,186	0
Revenue for Welfare Programs	68,504	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,042,595	994,867
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs - development	818,041	292,036
Program support costs	112,345	11,166
Community education	7,762	1,040
Fundraising costs		
Public	98,133	27,735
Government, multilateral and private	23,248	0
Accountability and Administration	40,084	196,747
Non-Monetary Expenditure	0	0
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	1,099,613	528,724
Expenditure for Welfare Programs	80,767	88,508
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,180,380	617,232
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	-137,784	377,635

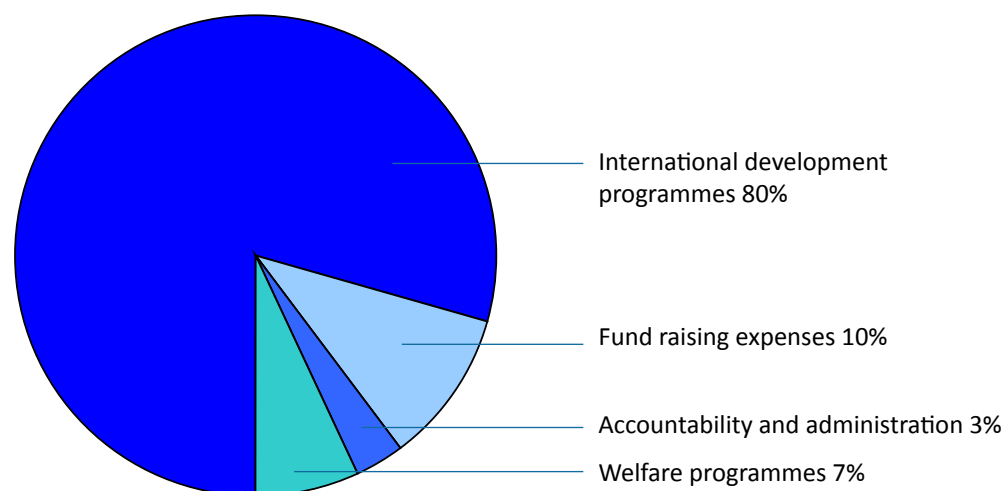


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SOURCES OF INCOME



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 • ABN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2011 (Statement of Financial Position)	2011	2010
ASSETS	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	625,417	743,386
Trade and other receivables	0	0
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	11,908	12,076
Total Current Assets	637,325	755,462
Non Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	13,828	15,951
Investment property	0	0
Intangibles	0	0
Other non-current assets	13,828	15,951
Total Non Current Assets		
TOTAL ASSETS	651,153	771,413
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	191,032	186,564
Trade and other payables	0	0
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	29,308	16,252
Other	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	220,340	202,816
Non Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	220,340	202,816
NET ASSETS	430,813	568,597
EQUITY		
Reserves	(137,784)	377,635
Retained Earnings	568,597	190,962
TOTAL EQUITY	430,813	568,597



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ACFID FORMATTED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2010	568,597	0	568,597
Excess of revenue over expenses	(137,784)	0	(137,784)
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2011	430,813	0	430,813

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ACFID FORMATTED TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available end of year
Designated Purpose or Appeal				
Takhar Community Centre	0	104,547	104,547	0
Designated Purpose or Appeal				
Dick Smith PV Education Centre	0	112,000	100,000	12,000
Total for Other Non-Designated Purposes	743,386	826,215	956,184	613,417
TOTAL	743,386	1,042,762	1,160,731	625,417

To obtain the full copy of the financial report in Volume 2

These Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at www.acfid.asn.au.

The full financial report can be obtained by going to our website at www.mahbobaspromise.org or writing to Mahbobas Promise, Inc. PO Box 6234, North Ryde NSW 2113, or emailing us at office@mahbobaspromise.org



Skills transfer - locals learning about construction techniques from Australian consultant Paul "Ringo" Kean during the construction on the permaculture site in 2010



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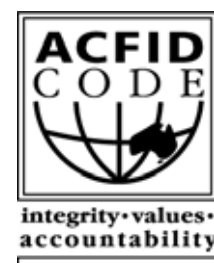
Deductible Gift Recipient Status:

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

ACFID Code of Conduct:

Mahboba's Promise Inc is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct which defines minimum standards of governance, management and accountability for non-government development organisations. Adherence to the Code is monitored by an Independent Code of Conduct Committee elected from the NGO community. Our voluntary adherence to the Code of Conduct demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability.

More information on the Code can be obtained from ACFID by visiting www.acfid.asn.au or emailing code@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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Mahboba with school Girls. Photo: Sanaz Fotouhi