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of Abdara Girls School

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*Winter snow at Hope House Kabul - trying out newly donated winter clothing and hats.*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON • DAME QUENTIN BRYCE



The Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO

November, 2019

### Message from Patron

As Patron of Mahboba's Promise, I commend the organisation on its continued dedication in helping disadvantaged women and children in Afghanistan.

Their approach sees them providing practical assistance and relief to those most in need in as well as creating a lasting impact through education and vocational training programs and providing a platform for young people in leadership.

This year the organisation has supported several young women from regions across Afghanistan to undertake and complete further education. Hope Houses are operated by tertiary-educated women, with several more recent university graduates working as teachers. Older orphan boys have been trained at the organisation's confectionery factory in sweet-making, business administration and marketing, and work at the business part time while completing their university studies or secondary education.

Many of the staff in Afghanistan have been raised through the work of Mahboba's Promise and are now employed by the organisation in various leadership roles, using their own experience to inspire better futures for young orphan children. Grassroots organisations like Mahboba's Promise are proving to be absolutely vital in building opportunity for both women and men in Afghanistan.

While the situation in Afghanistan is far from resolved, Mahboba's Promise continues to make a profound impact across many regions of the war-torn country.

Congratulations to Mahboba's Promise on another year of achievement. I am proud to be Patron and encourage all to contribute to the work of this significant organisation in any way they can.

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**Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO**  
25th Governor-General  
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## FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR & VICE PRESIDENT



*A young girl in class at Kabul Hope House*

## FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR & VICE PRESIDENT

### “FORTIFYING LEADERSHIP”

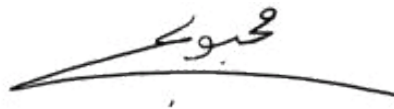
As another year passes, I am proud that Mahboba's Promise continues to be a leading organisation in providing a sustainable future to vulnerable women and children in Afghanistan. Over the past twenty-two years, Mahboba's Promise has adhered to the values of compassion and integrity to empower women and children to make a lasting difference in their own lives. This past financial year has been no different, with a handful of young women from orphaned backgrounds graduating from Law and Political Science degrees, with another three receiving full scholarships to study at Kabul's leading universities.

One of these recent graduates is Roya who graduated from our all-girls school in Panjshir Valley. With the support of Mahboba's Promise, Roya moved from Abdara Village to Kabul. While studying Law and Political Science, she also worked as a nanny at Kabul Hope House, caring for young Arezu. Not only has Roya received her Bachelor's Degree, she also gave Arezu a happy childhood, despite the traumatic hardships she faced from a young age. Our plan for the next financial year is to send Roya back to Panjshir Province where she will be the Principal of Abdara Girls School. Her journey has been difficult but inspiring for young girls in Afghanistan, and we hope she can be a role model for over 350 students at Abdara Girls School.

This year we were fortunate enough to partner with Learning For A Better World (LBW) Trust, who thoughtfully funded university scholarships to four well-deserving orphans in our care, three of which are young women. Mahboba's Promise has a strong focus on further education and I am so grateful of LBW Trust who share this same focus. Narges, Marjan and Mohammad are all studying Law and Political Science, while Sahab is completing a degree in Health Science.

Despite the precarious situation in Afghanistan, I see the good in the work we are doing. For a country ravaged by war, the future is still uncertain but we continue to grow. Our sustainable projects are thriving, creating work and training opportunities not only for Widows, but also for their children. While our projects grow so does our office in Afghanistan, which has undergone huge improvements so that the organisation can further its impact. All staff are qualified and exceptional at their jobs, proving that the most effective way to help Afghanistan is to use its people to build their own future.

As always, I am eternally grateful for the support my organisation receives day in and day out. Supporters of Mahboba's Promise have assisted us in achieving all we have set out to achieve this year. I hope you will be with us as we continue our mission to make Afghanistan a safer and more peaceful country for all.



**Mahboba Rawi**

Vice President and Founding Director  
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated



*Attigullah designed a cake for Mahboba's Promise at the confectionery Factory*

## REPORT FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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The Management Committee are delighted to be able to update you in this annual report. As we reflect on the last 12 months, the focus for Mahboba's Promise has been on growth, aspirational growth that is, of the young women and children in leadership.

After years of instability and conflict, it is clear that the future of Afghanistan relies on strong leaders. Mahboba's Promise has the unique opportunity to shape the environment for Afghan children and embed leadership skills in both young girls and boys, empowering them to become effective leaders. This goal will require a continued effort from the organisation and it is this focus that will provide the platform for our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.

The progress Mahboba's Promise has made over the years in such an uncertain landscape is remarkable. When Mahboba Rawi began this organisation in 1998, it would have been hard to believe that several young women from Mahboba's Promise would be graduating from Law degrees. A vote of thanks from the Management Committee to the donors and volunteers of Mahboba's Promise who give tirelessly to the cause. Without the dedication of countless donors, this development would simply not have been possible.

Our focus to develop leadership in children, alongside our strong sustainable development goals, will ensure that we impact the lives of children in Afghanistan in a meaningful and perpetual way. It gives me great pride to share these messages on behalf of the Management Committee, and once again thank you for your continued and committed support.



**Khurshida Ajam**

President  
Mahboba's Promise Incorporated



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

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

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

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

## ABOUT US

Our 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 to break poverty cycles.
- Providing mentoring for children to encourage them to study and learn social and leadership skills.
- Lifting widows out of poverty by helping them find somewhere to live, access to medical care, assistance with problems, and education for their children.
- Encouraging widows to become self-sufficient through vocational training courses.
- Using the permaculture model farm we have developed in Kabul for training and to help feed our beneficiaries.

Our funds are raised almost exclusively from the Australian public.

## WHAT WE DO

### VISION

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

### MISSION

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

### GOALS OF OUR WORK

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, accountable and compliant by:

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

## 2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



*Children of Panjshir Hope House keeping warm with their new blankets and beanies*

## 2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

### THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan still remains one of the most challenging places in the world for women and children. The delivery of effective aid is hampered by what is considered the world's longest-running major armed conflict. Forty-years of armed conflict has devastated health, education, economic systems and the lives of its population.

Mahboba has visited Afghanistan almost every year for the last two decades. Disturbingly, she has reported that the security situation has been worsening over the last few years. This places even greater pressure on the ability for safe and effective delivery of our development programmes.

The moral of the people in Afghanistan is quite low and the prevalence of regular bombings has been taking its toll. There are more people than ever seeking help from Mahboba's Promise Hope House that simply cannot be assisted with our current resources.

This is the space that Mahboba's Promise operates in, aiming to make a small difference to improve the quality of life of widows and orphans. We continue to provide hope and much needed love to Afghanistan.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH Badakashan Medical Clinic

The construction of this project was completed in 2018. However, due to security concerns and bureaucracy of the local government, training in maternity healthcare was not able to commence this year.

### Parwan Community Garden

It was another successful year for Parwan Garden, with high production of fruit trees, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant and pepper.

### Permaculture Farm Kabul

The installation of a new greenhouse saw tremendous results for cucumber production, with a large portion being sold at the local market.

### Widows Outreach Program

Major accomplishments this year included the enrolment of 17 girls and 3 boys into the outreach program, assisting widows with the cost of education for their children.

### Women's Dairy Coop

Two animal barns at the Dairy Co-op were renovated to house more animals and increase space for animal feed storage.

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

#### Confectionery Factory and Shop

The Confectionery Factory continues to be a popular sweet shop in Kabul, contributing to the social enterprises increasing success this past year.

#### Helen Miller Midwifery Training

The project has provided eight young women from underprivileged backgrounds with formally recognised training in nursing and maternal care.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT

#### Early Childhood Centres Kabul and Panjshir Valley

Our early childhood centers in Kabul and Panjshir Province continue to foster a supportive learning environment, preparing young children for formal primary school education.

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

Our Hope Houses continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for hundreds of young children in need. Construction of our new Badakhshan Hope House is almost complete, with the orphans set to move in during the second-half of 2019.

#### Abdara Girls School

We have 170 girls enrolled in the school, with several young women going on to attend university in Kabul.

## 2018 - 2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



*Widows receiving grocery vouchers at Kabul Hope House*

### WIDOWS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Widows Outreach Program was established in 2004 to address the large incidence of widowhood in Afghanistan following decades of conflict. With the number of widows in Afghanistan estimated to be anywhere between 600,000 and 2 million, women and their children who have lost the family's breadwinner have a high risk of falling into extreme poverty. A high majority of these widows are illiterate and often unskilled, yet another barrier that prevents these women from earning an income to support their several children. The objective of the program is to identify widows that require assistance to support their children and become financially independent.

Through our Sponsorship program, widows are provided with monthly grocery coupons and opportunities for vocational training. Providing these monthly grocery coupons alleviate the financial stress many widows face. This allows

them to focus on ensuring their children are eating nutritious food and attending school, rather than begging on the street which is a common occurrence in Afghanistan. The second component of the program focuses on providing vocational training and work opportunities to widows. This takes place within our Hope Houses and throughout other projects such as our Permaculture Farm and Parwan Garden.

There are currently 104 widows and 95 children directly benefiting from this program. Major accomplishments this year included the enrolment of 17 girls and 3 boys into the outreach program, assisting widows with the cost of education for their children.

## 2018 - 2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



Parwan Garden

### PARWAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

There are currently over 194 plants in the nursery, providing widows, the community and the Hope House children with fresh produce year round. These include fruit trees, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant and pepper. The direct beneficiaries of the program include 20 widows and their children who come to the garden each month to collect rice, fresh fruits and nutritious vegetables. A portion of the produce is sold at the local market to help cover the operating costs of the garden.



Fresh produce from Parwan Garden

## 2018 - 2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



*Mr. Gulabuddin delivering fresh produce to the Hope Houses*

### PERMACULTURE GARDEN KABUL

The Permaculture Farm was established in 2010 on the outskirts of Kabul, addressing the issues of low food security, lack of nutrition and environmental destruction in the area. The farm is designed to be self-sustaining, following a system of agriculture that utilises patterns and features of the natural landscape. The project not only provides nutritious fruit and vegetables for the local community and our Hope Houses, but also provides disenfranchised widows with training and work opportunities.

The farm is supervised by Mr. Gulabuddin, whose intimate knowledge of the local landscape and permaculture practices has contributed greatly to the success seen this past year. Some major accomplishments from the past year include planting 300 new peach, almond, apricot and plum trees, selling 200 nursery plants to the market and the completion of the greenhouse construction. Cucumber was cultivated in the greenhouse this year with excellent results. The cucumber is used in the daily food schedule of Kabul and Panjshir Hope Houses, with the remaining produce being sold at the vegetable market. In order to increase the income of the farm, 14,000 square meters of land was leased to grow green beans and potatoes. Once this produce is harvested, they will be sold at the vegetable market and the profit will assist in covering the operating costs of the farm.

### WOMEN'S DAIRY CO-OP

The Dairy Coop is a project that runs alongside the Permaculture Farm. Mr. Aqa Mohammad is the supervisor of the Dairy Co-op project and lives on site with his wife and children, managing the everyday productivity of the Co-op. There are currently a total of 59 calves and milking cows in the Co-op. In late-2018, two animal barns were renovated to house more animals and increase space for animal feed storage. The aim of the Dairy Co-op is to produce milk for the local community and the Hope Houses, whilst also raising the calves and selling them to the market and butchers once they have grown.



*Cows and calves feeding at the Dairy Co-op*

## 2018 - 2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



*Widows employed to harvest the green beans at the Permaculture Farm*

### BADAKHSHAN MEDICAL CLINIC

Danish Abad is a village in Badakhshan Province which has no local medical clinic or hospital. People in this village must travel long distances on unsafe roads to receive any medical assistance or treatment. The Better Health Badakhshan project was secured through the Australian Embassy under the Direct Aid Program.

This project has two main components, building a basic healthcare center and providing a training facility for young girls in the field of maternity healthcare. The aim of the Better Health project and the construction of this centre is to decrease mother and child mortality rates in Afghanistan.

The construction of this project was completed in 2018. However, due to security concerns and bureaucracy of the local government, training in maternity healthcare was not able to commence this year.



*Badakhshan Medical Clinic building*

## 2018 - 2019 VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### CONFECTIONERY FACTORY AND SHOP FRONTS

The Confectionery Factory is a social enterprise that was established in 2015 to provide training opportunities to widows and orphan youth, while also generating an income for Kabul Hope House. The Confectionery Factory has a strong social purpose, training the orphans in the art of confectionery making, ensuring a future for themselves as well as their families.

Currently, there are 6 full-time employees and 11 trainees from Kabul Off-way House. The areas of the social business include marketing, administration, product distribution, and sweet production. The factory's specialty is in Afghani, Pakistani and Iranian sweet-making.

The past year saw high levels of production and particular success during Eid, New Year (Nawroz), Teachers Day, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, and larger buyers include shops in the surrounding community and downtown supermarkets.

The factory is now entirely self-sufficient and runs independently without any funding assistance from Mahboba's Promise. The store is providing much needed employment opportunities in the region, while profit made from the social business is invested back into Mahboba's Promise, helping fund several sustainable development projects.

#### Ershad

Ershad lost his Father when he was a young boy and was later enrolled in Kabul Hope House. In 2014, Ershad was one of the first orphan children to receive training in confectionery and sweet making. He now runs his own small business, making pastries and burgers for local buyers.

*"I would never have imagined that one day I would start my own business. I can now make enough money to support my family and continue my education."*

With the new business proving to be a success, Ershad has started a new life; one he never imagined he would have after losing his family.



*Staff and trainees working at the Confectionery Factory*

## 2018 - 2019 VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### CONFECTIONERY 2.0

With the growing prosperity of our Confectionery Factory in Kabul, we have plans to expand the social enterprise into Panjshir Province. Following the success of a crowdfunding campaign in early-2019, we have secured funds to deliver this project in the next financial year. The project will follow the same structure as it's Kabul counterpart, training young orphans in sweet making and business administration to ensure they have a smooth transition into adulthood. The goal is to grow the franchise so that it too becomes self-sufficient, with the intention that it will one day cover the operating costs of Panjshir Hope House.

### HELEN MILLER MIDWIFERY TRAINING

This midwifery training program was made possible by funding from the late Helen Miller in 2018 and is currently being run in Parwan Province. Parwan Province, like many rural areas in Afghanistan, suffer from poor maternal healthcare services. With high rates of maternal and infant mortality, the need to provide local women with safe access to quality healthcare is critical.

The project has provided eight young women from underprivileged backgrounds with formally recognised training in nursing and maternal care. The training course is being run by Emam Bukhari Health Institute over the course of two years. Each semester is four-and-a-half months in duration, equating to eighteen-months in total.

The program aims to train local women in midwifery so they can return home and provide quality neonatal and maternal healthcare to their communities, as well as achieve self-sufficiency as qualified health workers.



*A special Mahboba's Promise cake baked and designed by Atiqullah*



*Students of the Helen Miller Midwifery Course studying.*

## 2018 - 2019 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

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

In 2015, the Hazrat Ali Early Childhood Center opened with monetary support from Make A Mark Australia and long-time donor, Mohammad Haghdoosti, with the intention to convert part of Kabul Hope House into an early childhood learning space.

The project can be branched into two sections; early education for children aged four to seven and a nursery for children ages six-months to three-years-old. There are currently 61 children enrolled in the childhood center, with 11 children in the nursery section and 50 children in the early education section.

The project assists children from low socio-economic backgrounds through a cross-subsidy model, which charges economically-stable families in the community an affordable rate which helps run the project for orphaned children who do

not have financial capability. This model also has allowed the center to become self-sufficient. Any profit generated is invested back into the center or Hope House, and a small portion has been allocated for marketing purposes to assist in promoting awareness of the center and the importance of early education for the community.

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

The Early Childhood Center in Panjshir Province was established a year after its Kabul counterpart, with one-off financial support from Make A Mark Australia. There are currently 14 children enrolled in the childhood center with 6 children in nursery and 8 children in the early education program.

The education center has two teachers, Ms. Rona who teaches the older children and Ms. Amena who looks after the nursery children. Since the establishment of the center, fourteen children have advanced into primary school where they are excelling in comparison to many of their peers.



*Class photo of Kabul Early Childhood students.*

## 2018 - 2019 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### HOPE HOUSES

#### Introduction

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

The conflicts in Afghanistan have undermined the ability for many Afghan children to live a normal and healthy life, due to extreme poverty, instability and homelessness. Our Hope Houses were established to offer vulnerable children a brighter future by providing them with a safe and secure home environment, ending the need for children to beg and work to find money for food. Instead, children can access the educational resources needed to develop mentally and physically into strong, confident youth who can contribute to rebuilding Afghan society.

#### Kabul Hope House

Kabul Hope House was opened in 2004, and has since been a home to hundreds of displaced

orphans. Currently, there are 48 orphans (36 boys and 12 girls) residing at the Hope House, being provided accommodation, education, healthcare and other extracurricular activities.

During this past financial year, Kabul Hope House employed a new principal, Ms. Getta Mahasti. Ms. Geeta Mahasti holds a journalism degree and is a university professor at a private university in Kabul. She not only takes care of the operation and administration of the project, but also teaches the orphans every day. Since the employment of the new Hope House principal, the children are improving and we are expecting very good school results. In addition, there are three university girls who have recently finished their Law and Political Science degrees living at the Hope House, teaching classes to the orphan boys and girls.

During the first day of Eidul Fitr, 10 orphans of Kabul Hope House were invited by the Presidential Palace to greet Mr. Ashraf Ghani, the President of Afghanistan. The President prepared them a feast for the day. Throughout the year, the children have enjoyed day trips to Panjshir Valley and Sayad District of Kapisa Province.



*Kabul Hope House children built a snowman last winter.*

## 2018 - 2019 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES



*Children from Panjshir Hope House enjoy a day trip to Kapisa Province.*

### Panjshir Hope House

Panjshir Hope House and Community Center was established in 2013 with funding from Australian Philanthropist, Dick Smith. There are currently 36 orphans living at the Hope House; 28 boys and eight girls between the ages of seven and 15. During the day, the children attend a Government School directly adjacent to the Hope House, and afterwards participate in supplementary lessons within the Hope House. The orphans of Panjshir Hope House are very intelligent and confident, with many excellent poets and painters. Each orphan in the Hope House has their own dreams, with some wishing to be journalists, pilots, teachers and university professors.

In April 2019 Mr. Ahmad Masoud, son of Afghanistan's National Hero, Martyred Ahmad Shah Masoud, visited the centre and met all the children. He kindly donated a projector, , computers, pens, notebooks and school bags for the orphans. He also donated wood a heater and warm clothes for the winter.

There are currently 14 staff members working in the centre, including teachers, service workers, security and administration. The Principal of Panjshir Hope House, Ms. Aqela, recently graduated from teacher training college in Panjshir Province, specializing in Mathematics.



*Children of Panjshir Hope House during Kick Boxing training*

## 2018 - 2019 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES



*Orphans of Takhar Hope House in their new soccer uniforms and boots.*

### Takhar Hope House

After an earthquake in 1998, Takhar Province was left devastated by unimaginable loss, leaving many children orphaned. As a result, these orphans were sent to refugee camps in Pakistan where they were isolated at a young age with no support network. In March 2006, Mahboba's Promise moved the boys back to Takhar and in 2010 after years of fundraising, planning and building, Takhar Hope House and Community Center was established.

There are currently 49 orphans attending Takhar Hope House; 20 boys are permanent residents while 29 boys and girls are day visitors. The Principal of Takhar Hope House, Enayet Rahman, used to be one of the orphans under support of Mahboba's Promise when the project

first started in Jalozaï Refugee Camp in Pakistan. Despite his hardships, Enayat Rahman received a degree in Law and Political Science with the support of Mahboba's Promise. As an orphan himself, Enayat Rahman can understand the trauma each orphan faces and uses his own experience to inspire better futures for them.

The orphans recently received the gift of soccer uniforms and boots. Every day after school and supplementary classes, the children gather in the garden to play a game of soccer.

## 2018 - 2019 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### Badakhshan Hope House

Badakhshan Hope House is a project of Mahboba's Promise which has been operational for over one year. On a trip to Badakhshan, Mr. Sidiq Rawi (CEO of Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan) discovered 25 orphan children in an abandoned orphanage. The children were left in appalling conditions, sleeping on the floor with no blankets and worn-out clothes, with no prospects of school uniforms or shoes being provided. This orphanage was previously managed by a different organisation which had run out of funding.

Mahboba's Promise took responsibility of the orphanage in June 2017 and it has since been relocated to a rental building in the city of Faizabad, the capital of Badakhshan Province. The new centre provides accommodation, education and healthcare for orphan boys and

girls. The project has eight staff including admin, teachers, security guards and service workers.

There are currently 33 orphans living at the Hope House. During Nawroz celebrations, all the orphans received new school uniforms, bags, books and stationary. During Eid festivities, all orphans were gifted new clothes and shoes. This past winter, the children's rooms were equipped with heating to keep them warm, along with new winter clothing. Additionally, five orphans who recently turned of school age were enrolled into the government school near the Hope House.

Construction of the new Hope House building is close to complete, with the orphans expected to move in during the second half of 2019.



*CEO of MPA, Sidiq Rawi, greeted by the orphans of Badakhshan Hope House.*

## 2018 - 2019 • CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### OTHER FACILITIES

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

The Chehl Stoon Orphanage project was funded by Mr. Khalilullah Abawi, a loyal supporter and sponsor of Mahboba's Promise. Mr. Abawi began this project after witnessing the amazing work we do at Kabul Hope House. Mr. Abawi generously funded all construction costs, materials and supplies for the new orphanage. The project construction commenced in May 2017 and was recently completed.

The next phase of the Chehl Stoon project is to convert it into an operating orphanage. The objective of this project is to meet the needs of 50 orphan boys and girls who are suffering from poverty and harshness, with no access to education. However, monthly operational funds are required to start the orphanage and enrol new orphans.

#### **Off-way House Kabul**

Off-way House is located adjacent to Kabul Hope House and serves as a home for older orphan youth as they transition into greater society. Currently, there are 11 orphan boys residing at the house while they complete their studies and work part-time at the Confectionery Factory.

#### **Abdara Girls School**

Abdara Girls School was one of the first projects by Mahboba's Promise, having been built a year after the Taliban was overthrown in Afghanistan. At that time, no girl in Abdara Village was going to school. Today, there are 170 students from Class 1 to 12.

During our team's recent visit to Abdara Girls School, students were recently gifted with new stationery, uniforms, books and bags. There have been several young women graduate from the school who have gone on to complete tertiary education. Roya is one of these women.

#### **Roya**

After graduating from Abdara Girls School in 2014, Roya was seeking an opportunity to continue her higher education. Families in Abdara Village can be restricting, making it hard for girls to fulfill their ambitions. Because Mahboba's Promise has a close connection with the community through motivating them to send their girls to school, Roya's family agreed to allow her to attend university in Kabul. Through sponsorship, she has been able to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science.

"I have now finished university and want to use my education to be a change maker in my village. I sincerely appreciate Mahboba's Promise for supporting me through education, and hope to see more girls go on to follow their dreams."



*Roya recently graduated from Law and Political Science.*

## 2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

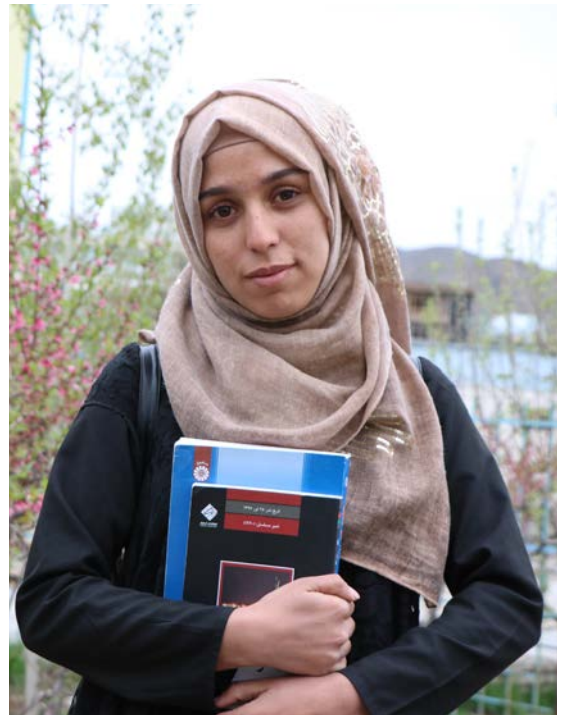
This past financial year was a stand-out for women at Mahboba's Promise. Funded by our partner LBW Trust, three young women, Sahab, Narges and Marjan, were awarded full scholarships to university in Kabul. The young women were selected based on their outstanding academic achievement and work ethic, and are now completing their tertiary studies. Narges and Marjan are both studying Law and Political Science, while Sahab is completing a degree in Health Science.

### SUCCESS STORIES

#### Marjan

Marjan is a twenty-one-year old woman who has been under the support of Mahboba's Promise for the past eight years. Her father died in a car accident, leaving her mother to raise five children without any source of income. While Marjan has experienced immense hardship in her life, she has always remained determined to receive an education. After excelling in high school, she gained admission to study Law and Political Science at Gawharshad University and has successfully completed her first year of study. When she is not at university, Marjan returns home to help her mother and tutors her younger brothers with their school work.

*"I'm studying law so I can become a lawyer and protect girls from human rights abuses and injustices. I've lived my life in poverty so far and I know that no one can change this life for me unless I create a better future for myself and my family. My mother has suffered many hardships and difficulties after the death of my father and it is my mission is to return a smile to the face of my mother. If there was any way I could possibly gain my master's degree, I'd be really keen to study a master's degree as well."*



Marjan on her way to university in Kabul

#### Neda

Neda is a 15-year-old boy living at Panjshir Hope House. His father died before he was born and his mother passed away during childbirth. He was raised by his maternal grandmother in Gulbahar, just outside of Panjshir Valley, while his other two siblings lived with their paternal grandfather. Neda was the only one living with his grandmother and by the end he was doing most of the housework due to his grandmother's old age. After his grandmother passed, he was enrolled into Panjshir Hope House. Neda enjoys being with other children in the Hope House and has become a talented kick-boxer. Earlier this year, Neda along with six other boys competed in the kickboxing championships of Panjshir Province. He was victor of the day, taking out the championship cup. After every match, Neda and the other Hope House boys hug their opponents and console them, as they are taught sportsmanship is more important than winning.

## 2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS • SUCCESS STORIES

### Maneja

Maneja began receiving support from Mahboba's Promise over fifteen years ago. After the death of her husband, she was burdened with extensive medical bills for two of her six children that were extremely sick at the time. Her son suffered from kidney failure and was able to undergo surgery in Kabul when he was younger. One of her daughters had a hole in her heart and was taken to Germany for an operation, but due to complications during the surgery she later passed away. Not only was Maneja left to struggle with her grief, but also left with medical expenses. Since this turbulent time, Maneja has participated in many of our training course. Most notably, Maneja has spent time working at our Permaculture Farm, planting trees, vegetables and fruit. These days, Maneja visits the Kabul Hope House twice a week and helps out in the kitchen;

*"When I come to the Hope House, I feel it's my own house and try my best to keep the orphans happy by telling them jokes during their break after classes."*

Kreshma, one of Maneja's daughters, recently completed her Journalism degree and is currently working as a teacher in the Hope House.

Badam-Gul thanks her sponsors who, over the past fifteen-years, have helped her through several difficult times;

*"Your generosity and donations have made many positive changes to our life. Thank you again for your generous and continuous support."*



Maneja working at the Permaculture Farm



Nooreea during a trip to Kapisa Province

### Nooreea

Nooreea is one of the youngest children at Panjshir Hope House, living there with her older sister and brother. Her life so far has been nothing short of traumatic, losing her mother at a young age and her father later incarcerated for her death. Despite these struggles, she often declares she is the strongest among the Hope House children, even though she is the smallest. Nooreea is always laughing and is very expressive and bold. Sometimes her grandmother or cousin takes the three siblings to see their father in jail. Nooreea has been at the Hope House for two years now and loves it because she gets to sing, play in the snow and study. One of her fondest memories of the Hope House so far was when Mahboba visited a few months ago and took all the children to swim and play by the river.

## 2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS • AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

### AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

#### Community Open Day

Our first Community Day was held at our new office, originally Ryde Council Chambers. Ryde Council offered a lease to Mahboba's Promise on generous terms. The building has a large hall, offices, car park and open area at the front that allowed us to run the indoor/outdoor Community Day.

The day was to welcome everyone from the local area and enjoy Afghani culture and hospitality. Mr Chris Gordon, Deputy Mayor of Ryde, attended, as did Robin de Crespigny, author of 'The People Smuggler'. Everyone enjoyed the Afghani live band, henna painting, stalls, carpets, raffles, cultural display, and the fabulous Afghani food.

#### Refugee Week Dinner

In cooperation with Ryde Council, Mahboba's Promise hosted a Refugee Week Dinner on Saturday 22 June 2019 at its Community Hall at 74 Agincourt Road, Marsfield. Attendees included Mahboba Rawi, the Mayor of Ryde Jerome Laxale and members of the local community.

Entertained by a live Afghani band, the diners enjoyed an Afghani and Palestinian meal and listened to personal stories by various people about their experiences in coming to Australia. Mahboba shared her own story of how she fled her country of birth and became a refugee 30 years ago.

The stories highlighted a common thread of success by people overcoming adversity and becoming a thriving part of the web of Australian multi-ethnic society.



*Mahboba's Promise community day in early 2019.*

## 2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS • AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS

### AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS

#### Bibi's House (Australia)

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

#### Mothers Music Group

Our Mothers Music Group was funded by the City of Ryde, teaching children how to manage their frustrations and improve their communication through music. The program's aim was to engage, connect, entertain and encourage children, allowing them to express creativity while also reducing anxiety and stress. Every child actively participated in the classes, with children from different cultural backgrounds interacting through the drumbeats; language was not a barrier while participating in the program.

#### Swimming Program and Retreat

The swim and gym program had another successful year, with over 50 Afghan youth and mothers utilizing the complementary swimming lessons and fitness classes. The program utilized an innovative family-centric approach that built on the strengths of Afghan families and culture to develop a sense of inclusion and belonging to the broader Australian community. The program taught critical swimming skills and beach safety to the newly arrived Afghan community. The swim and gym program included a retreat for all participants who completed the program, an opportunity for families to come together and share their stories and experiences as new migrants.



*Women's wellbeing session held as part of the swimming program retreat*

## 2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS • MAHBOBAS VISIT



*Mahboba with girls from Panjshir Hope House*

### MAHBoba'S VISIT

Afghanistan is a country that is politically chaotic with various groups vying for power from every direction. The country has entered a pivotal but highly uncertain time, with the widespread desire for sustainable peace a shared goal by many. Outside of politics, I see great progress in Afghanistan and through my work.

As I travelled to Afghanistan during the later half of 2018, I felt an overwhelming excitement to see the faces of the orphans and widows of Mahboba's Promise. The young orphans change so much each time I return to Afghanistan; they get smarter, wiser and more ambitious. These children have big dreams and I know there will be a future in which they can follow these dreams. I

credit the children's ambition to the role models they have within the Hope Houses. Orphans from over twenty years ago are now working in the Hope Houses, inspiring and empowering future generations of Afghan children to be instigators of peace and stability.

Afghanistan may still be in uncertain times, but I know these young children will bring nothing but good to the country over the coming decades. While my organisation isn't able to help everyone directly, I know the sustainable work I do is helping the country in the long run.

– Mahboba Rawi

## MAHBOBA'S PROMISE AFGHANISTAN

### RELATIONSHIP WITH IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Mahboba's Promise Incorporated (MPI), based in Australia, works to provide effective development aid with local communities in Afghanistan. Its principle implementation partner is Mahboba's Promise Afghanistan (MPA).

While the two organisations are separate entities, Mahboba 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 are summarised in the table below:

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

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

## STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS



*Boys from Panjshir Hope House with new winter blankets*

### STAFF

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

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

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

Nazreen Richmond together with Apurba Mukherjee are providing support in Accounting and Finance. Claire Bowyer is the Projects Officer, managing Afghan and Australian projects. Emily Mays is the Marketing and Communications Coordinator, managing internal and external communications. All our staff work beyond their official contracts to volunteer their time for Mahboba's Promise.

### VOLUNTEERS

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

## STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS



*Mahboba sitting with some girls from Panjshir Hope House*

Outside of the office, we have volunteers manning fundraising stalls, assisting with running events and supporting Mahboba Rawi in her professional engagements.

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

- Toula Serna
- Omar Rawi
- Geoff Price
- Marion Hess
- Asha Biradar
- Farha Rahman
- Mahdi Housaini
- Mohammed Housaini

### DONORS

Everything we do in Afghanistan would not be possible without the generous donors who have supported us over the year. Given the many challenges facing so many people across the world today, we are truly grateful that people continue to remember the people of Afghanistan.

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

## GOVERNANCE

### Mahboba Rawi

#### Founder & Vice-President

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

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

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

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

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

*Re-elected 19/12/2017  
Meetings attended: 4/4*

### Khurshida Ajam

#### President

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

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

*Re-elected 19/12/2017  
Meetings attended: 4/4*

### Kumar Sri-Pathma

#### Treasurer

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

*Re-elected 19/12/2017  
Meetings attended: 4/4*

### Martin O'Dea

#### Secretary

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

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

*Re-elected 19/12/2017  
Meetings attended: 3/4*

## GOVERNANCE

### 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 social work and completed a graduate certificate in international and community development. Manijah is the coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme and works with the Schools Promise Committee.

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*Re-elected 19/12/2017  
Meetings attended: 1/4*

### Sadaf Cina

#### Ordinary Member

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

*Appointed 19/12/2017  
Meetings attended: 0/4*

### Shirin Dawood

#### Ordinary Member

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

*Appointed 19/12/2017  
Meetings attended: 3/4*

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

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

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

## 2018 - 2019 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

An independent audit of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated's financial accounts for the year 2018 2019 was conducted by:

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



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

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2019 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 Sydney Partnership

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fisher'.

Stephen Fisher  
Partner

Sydney

Dated: 8 November 2019

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

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

##### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mahboba's Promise Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Management Committee's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

##### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

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

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

In preparing the financial report, the Management Committee are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

##### Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material

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misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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

Nexia Sydney Partnership



Stephen Fisher  
Partner

**Dated: 8 November 2019**  
Sydney



*Confectionery Factory- Kern Hendricks*

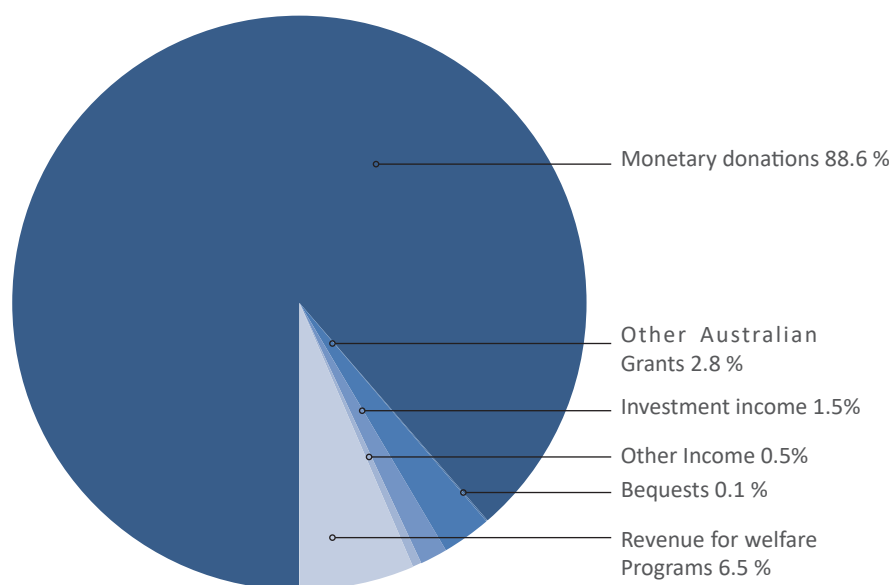
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MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019 (Statement of Financial Performance)	2019	2018
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$	\$
<b>Donations &amp; Gifts</b>		
Monetary	963,528	857,455
Non Monetary	0	0
<b>Bequests &amp; Legacies</b>	750	0
<b>Grants</b>		
AusAID	0	0
Other Australian	30,042	122,761
Other Overseas	0	0
<b>Investment Income</b>	16,697	13,552
<b>Other Income</b>	5,475	40,428
<b>Revenue for Welfare Programs</b>	70,310	81,003
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,086,802</b>	<b>1,115,199</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		
<b>International programs</b>		
Funds to international programs - development	590,892	569,845
Welfare	62,041	78,602
Program support costs	99,650	94,557
<b>Community education</b>	3,992	8,360
<b>Fundraising costs</b>		
Public	120,369	115,623
Government, multilateral and private	0	0
<b>Accountability and Administration</b>	61,871	54,804
<b>Domestic programs expenditure</b>	64,611	33,325
<b>Other expenditure</b>	8,040	0
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>1,011,466</b>	<b>955,116</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,011,466</b>	<b>955,116</b>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	75,336	160,083

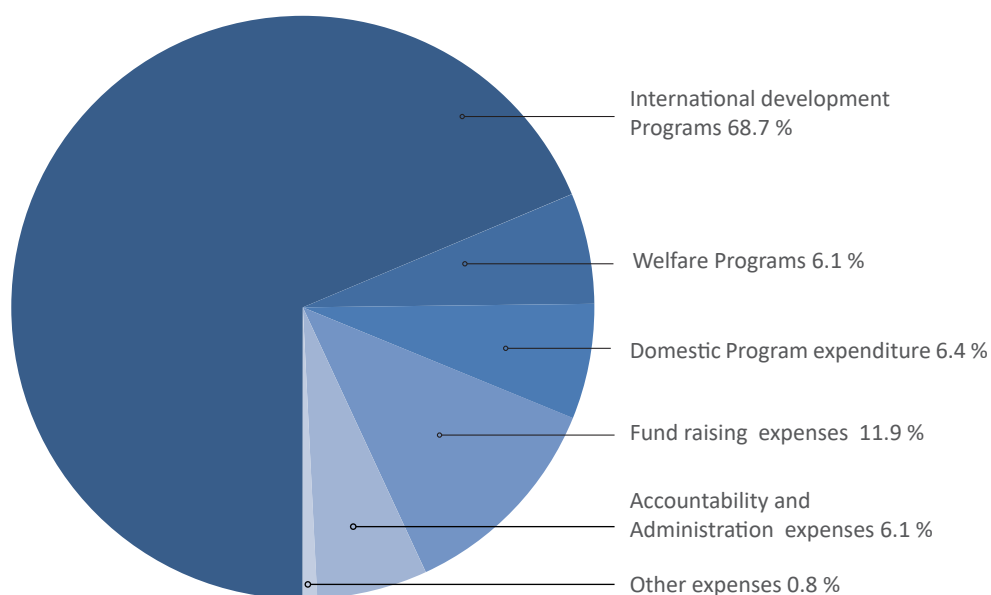
Note 1: During the financial year, the agency had no transactions in the Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs category or in the Domestic Program category.

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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.*

## 2018 - 2019 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

MAHBOBA'S PROMISE INCORPORATED • ABN 85 254 682 685 • ARBN 135 823 880		
ACFID FORMATTED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2018 (Statement of Financial Position)	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,178,165	1,073,000
Trade and other receivables	28,513	63,928
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	0	7,018
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,206,678</b>	<b>1,143,946</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	15,384	14,963
Investment property	0	0
Intangibles	0	0
Other non-current assets	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>15,384</b>	<b>14,963</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,222,062</b>	<b>1,158,909</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	3,397	9,346
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	4,001	3,694
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	31,791	35,996
Unearnt Revenue	0	6,583
Other	4,247	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>43,436</b>	<b>55,619</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>43,436</b>	<b>55,619</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,178,626</b>	<b>1,103,290</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	0	0
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>1,178,626</b>	<b>1,103,290</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,178,626</b>	<b>1,103,290</b>

## 2018 - 2019 • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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ACFID FORMATTED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019				
	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2017	<b>1,103,290</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,103,290</b>
Adjustments or changes in equity due to, for example, adoptions of new accounting standards items of other comprehensive income				
Excess of revenue over expenses	75,336	0	0	75,336
Other amounts transferred (to) or from reserves				
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2019	<b>1,178,626</b>			<b>1,178,626</b>

### CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

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

### Preparation of Financial Reports

The Summary Financial Reports contained in this Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).

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

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



*Orphans from Badakhshan Hope House reading the Quran.*



## Sponsors thank you

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## Deductible Gift Recipient Status

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

## Complaints

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

## ACFID code of conduct

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



## Afghan NGO Status

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



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