The Australian Himalayan Foundation | Annual Report 2011/12

Helping the people of the Himalaya

Sustainable health, education and environment projects

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Who We Are

The Foundation's objective is to ensure the long term viability of our sustainable programs throughout the Himalaya. Our programs are in alignment with the UN Millennium Development goals that help to reduce poverty and address human rights – gender equality, child rights and the rights of marginalized groups in rural regions of the Himalaya.

Our Vision – Helping Himalayan Communities

Our vision is to help the people of the Himalaya achieve their goals.

We aim to do this by working with local communities in Nepal, India and Bhutan to improve:

- Education
- Health and Medical Services
- Environment and Wildlife Conservation

Who We Are

The Australian Himalayan Foundation is an international development organization founded 10 years ago in Australia. We are a not for profit aid agency, with tax deductibility status and with no political or religious affiliations. The Foundation is a Member of the Australian Council for International Development.

In 2012 the Foundation was granted AusAID accreditation which will provide a level of government funding in the future.

Supporting the Australian Himalayan Foundation

Over the past 40 years, thousands of Australians have visited the Himalaya. For many it is an opportunity to trek beneath the world's highest peaks and appreciate some of the world's most hospitable cultures.

Yet the Himalaya is not just an adventure playground. Although the lifestyles of the local communities may at first appear idyllic, for most it is anything but easy - with medical assistance, education and care for the environment often falling short of their needs.

The Foundation has focused on generating grassroots funding within Australia, while it has also established relationships with key donors who share our vision. Over the last five years we have been able to increase our level of support for our programs by 500%, thanks to the generosity and commitment of our donors.

The Foundation provides you with the means to help the Himalayan communities achieve their goals – and of giving something back. The Foundation has comprehensive guidelines in place to clearly distinguish between development and welfare support.

Our Affiliates

The Foundation aspires to be one of the leading aid agencies in the Himalaya. It has forged relationships with key overseas aid agencies that share our vision. These include the Hillary Himalayan Trust in New Zealand, the Himalayan Trust (UK), the American Himalayan Foundation and the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation (Canada). By working together our combined expertise will enable the Foundation to expand its programs, in particular to the impoverished districts of the Solu Khumbu region of Nepal where it conducts its flagship Teacher Training, Quality Education (TTQE) program. The Foundation also works closely with the Australian Embassy in Kathmandu jointly supporting a Cancer Screening and Education program that provides much needed heath support in rural communities of Nepal.



Our Programs

The Australian Himalayan Foundation supports education, health and environmental programs in Nepal, the Indian Himalaya and Bhutan.





Saving Snow Leopards

Over the last seven years we have supported initiatives to protect the elusive and endangered snow leopard. Our current support focuses on an education and livelihood program in the Solu Khumbu region of Nepal.

Program Partner: Snow Leopard Conservancy (SLC), USA

Assisting Tibetans in Exile

We support Tibetan people living in exile in the Indian Himalaya with a number of projects including a cultural troupe in Kalimpong and vocational training for students attending school in Salagura in the Himalayan foothills.

Program Partner: Australian Tibetan Society (ATS)

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Teacher Training – Quality Education

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Our major initiative in the Solu Khumbu region of Nepal. Our 15-year program focuses on teacher training workshops that will ultimately impact impact on over 300 schools, 1,600 teachers and over 40,000 children.

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Program Partner: Rural Education and Environment Development (REED), Nepal

Educational Support for Girls in Bhutan

We provide scholarships for young girls who would not otherwise be able to attend school in Bhutan. Our support is focused on one of the remote mountain districts where girls' education is still beyond the financial reach of many families.

Program Partner: Respect, Educate, Nurture & Empower Women (RENEW), Bhutan



Other Initiatives

Himalayan Art Awards

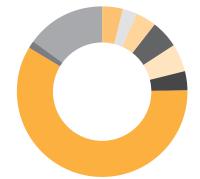
Managed by Margie Thomas, our acclaimed Himalayan Art Award aims to help emerging artists develop their creative medium. The awards are self-funding. The artists (currently selected from Nepal and Bhutan) commit to producing two works that are auctioned by the AHF to support further scholarships.

Schools for the Himalaya

Our Schools for the Himalaya program, which was established by Lincoln and Barbara Hall, is aligned to our Teacher Training – Quality Education program.

Schools in Australia are encouraged to raise funds for a 'cluster' of schools in Nepal to help improve basic facilities and educational resources. There are also opportunities for schools to visit the Solu Khumbu region, as Abbotsleigh School did in April 2012, and gain firsthand experience of the extent and effectiveness of our educational program.

Program Expenditure



Zanskar Primary Health Care, India	4.1%
Snow Leopard Project, Nepal	2.7%
Tibetans in Exile, Northern India	4.0%
Bhutanese Girls' Educational Assistance	5.2%
Cancer Prevention & Screening, Nepal	5.2%
Educational Scholarships for Underprivileged Children, Nepal	3.7%
Teacher Training & Quality Education, Nepal	58.8%
Other Projects	1.5%
Program Support	14.8%

Teacher Training – Quality Education (TTQE) – Our Flagship Program

Our Quality Education Program has been described as one of the most ambitious in rural Nepal. We are well on the way to improving the educational outcomes in 300 schools, boosting skills of over 1,600 teachers and providing a better education for over 40,000 children in the impoverished districts of the Solu Khumbu (Everest) region, a world away from the popular trekking trails.

Our program delivers a series of workshops to improve the training of primary school teachers and introduce the concept of child friendly teaching methods.

Our 15-year program continues to go from strength to strength. We are currently entering the 8th year of the program and are now focused on the Nele district of Solu Khumbu. As with all the districts in the south of the Solu Khumbu, there is a dire need for educational support – literacy and attendance rates are low, and the schools poorly resourced.

Promoting the true value of education is integral to the success of the TTQE program. We work with the wider community – local community groups and parents and teachers associations – with year round workshops as well as Child Clubs to help children appreciate their rights and role in the educational process. Above all the Foundation recognises that quality education empowers children to achieve their full potential. We are committed to a sustainable program not only through regular community support and liaison with the district authorities, but also with our innovative Key Teacher workshops that train the most talented teachers to pass on their skills to their fellow teachers.

The Foundation also provides resources to schools where even the provision of basic textbooks and teaching aids is considered a luxury.

The regular reports from the TTQE program leave little doubt that we are on the right track. In December 2011 we conducted a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation report, which demonstrated that teaching standards are improving, attendance rates (particularly for girls) are showing a remarkable increase and overall education outcomes are improving. With your help, we are on the right track. On the ground our program is managed by our dedicated project partners REED (Rural Education & Environment Development), a Nepalese NGO based in Kathmandu who have worked with Jim from the outset.

The Teacher Training – Quality Education Team

The TTQE program is directed by our Program Co-ordinator Jim Strang who was instrumental in 1998 in establishing the teacher training program run by Sir Edmund Hillary's Himalayan Trust.

A further dimension to the program is the valued contribution of a select team of volunteer teachers from Australia and New Zealand who work with REED in the field.



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Solu Khumbu TTQE Program Plan

Our Donors, Sponsors and Supporters

We acknowledge and thank our major sponsors including Kathmandu (Sponsor Partner), the Ian McNair Charitable Foundation, Footprints Network/ WorldNomads.com, The Sunrise Foundation, ACME Foundation, The 2011 Chairman's Trekkers, Jeanette & Peter Young Foundation, Hillary Himalayan Foundation, Tyrrells Wines, World Expeditions and the National Geographic Channel (Principal Media Sponsor).

Donors \$20,000 and over

ACME Foundation, Anonymous, Ian McNair Charitable Foundation, Kathmandu, Sunrise Foundation and the World Nomads Group (Footprints Network).

Donors \$10,000 and over

Hillary Himalayan Foundation and the Jeanette & Peter Young Foundation.

Donors \$5,000 and over

Roger Butler, Chris Edye, Bruce Esten, Dick Esten, Hunter Hall International, Inchmead Pty Ltd, Westpac Bank and ShareGift Australia.

Donors \$1,000 and over

Janine Arnold, Steve Bateman, Darryl Bell, BHP Billiton, Boral CMG Pty Ltd, Robin Boustead, W Budnik & J Johnson, Margie & Graham Burgess, Russell Burton, Julie Carmichael, Challenger Institute, Gregory Chambers, Rachel Clacher, K & H Dolman, Lucille Fisher, David Frish BNM Group, Pamela Fruin, Christine Gee & Bryce Courtenay, Sally Goodspeed, Deborah Hallam, Alison Harvey, Andy Henderson, Michael Hibbs, Dawn Hintze, Peter Holder, M & C Jarvis, Peter Joseph, John Leece, Peter Lemon, Macquarie Bank, Matthew Flinders Anglican College (Buderim), Eammon McCloskey, Chris & Ross McDiven, John McGauran, Justine Monahan, O Nwanodi, Joy & Tom O'Neill, Shelley Parker, Pearson Australia, Penn Foundation, Jennifer & David Pickering, Kay & Leon Pietsch, Sylvie & Peter Price, Coke & Dick Pollitt, Rotary Club of Emerald, Pip & Dick Smith, Alan Waldron and Westfield Corporation.

Donors \$500 and over

Chris Adam, Roger Band, Penny & John Bates, P Bell, Christopher Birch,

Jude Bird, Barbara Briggs, Garry Browne, Chris Jensen Burke, Andrew Crouch, Benjamin Crouch, Ian Daly, Bernadette Doyle, Penny & Bill Farrant, Stephen Fischer, Heath Francis, Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Susan Grace, Murray Gunn, Norman Guy, Lisa Hacker, Jo & Michael Hayes, Himalayan Mountain Guides (Nepal), Hom Yoga, Stacy Horton, David Hudson, Bradley Jackson, Peter Johnson, Troy King, Nathan Lee, Gayl Lefebure, Kris Madden, Margie Marsh, Heather McNeice, Tony Munday, Chu Melanie Ng, Fariba Niktavakoli, Vickie Owens, Allie Pepper, Roger Pollard, Chris & James Pollitt, Jane Prider, Helen & Andrew Purdam, PWC Perth, Wendy Rule, Soroptimist Int. Cambridge, Springwood High School, Andrew Stobart, Gary Thomas, Tania Tobias Total Abundance Action Coaching, Susan Vanderheiden, John Veron, Gertie & Walter Wagner, Margaret Watroba, Amanda Wilkin, Helen Woittiez & Sean Downes, Max Wolvers.

Donors \$200 and over

Patricia Anderson, ANU Mountaineering, Simon Baggs, Rob Barrow, Andrew Broad, Duc Minh Bui, Ray Carless, Carolyn Carmichael, Matthew Cloudsdale, Janet Cooper, Joan Miriam Crabtree, John Danilovic, Peter Devlin, Catherine DeVrye, Lloyd Donnelly, Sally Egan, Jan Fawcett, Ross Fitzsimons, Deborah Forbes, Ian Gibson, Rowan Haigh, Nigel Harvey, Ian Henderson, David Hind, David Hodgetts, Denise Hopkins, Sue Hush, Annalisa Koeman, Colin Laing, Jeremy Larkins, Soren Kruse Ledet, John Leece, Michelle Lim, Declan Lindsey, Ray Marsden, Richard Mason, Sheena McCaffrey, Neil McGregor, Stella Mearns, Phillip Moore, Evelyn Myers, Mike Nelson, Andrew Parsons, Robert Perrins, David Philpotts, Peter Pittorino, Graham Price, Mike Probert, Bona Rai, Sylvia

Ransom, Mark Richardson, Rotary Club of Ryde, John Seccull, Lois Smith, Ivor Spillett, Lesley Walker, John Wilson, Terry Young and Elizabeth Zenner.

Our Supporters, who contribute on an annual basis, are the backbone of the Foundation. We thank them for their continued generosity and value their commitment and interest in our work.

We would also like to thank the following individuals and groups who organised fundraising treks and challenges in support of the Foundation: Heath Francis and his Quality Education trekkers, Wild Women on Top's Everest trekkers, yoga teacher Justine Monahan, climber Margaret Watroba, Bhutan trekker Heather McNeice and friends, Graham Burgess and his trekking group, climber Chris Jensen Burke, Kathmandu's Summit Club trekkers, climber Allie Pepper, the 2011 Sydney Running Festival Sherpa Team, trek leader Brigitte Muir, adventure runner Gareth Andrews, climber Ashina Phekoo, runners Bhala Rai and Bruce Chadlowe.

Thank you also to our many prize donors and supporters who provided gifts and expertise to the Foundation.



Chairman's Review



The Australian Himalayan Foundation has always been a "people" organisation. We exist to support the people of the Himalaya; we have always relied primarily on grassroots community fundraising; and through our nine years of highly successful project operations, our relations with Himalayan countries such as Nepal have truly been centred on people-to-people links.

Accordingly, what comes from and happens to "AHF" people greatly affects us, and 2011-2012 was a year of several terrific highs - including some operational and developmental triumphs -and regretfully a deep low, with the death of AHF Director Lincoln Hall.

In early 2012, we succeeded in our application for Base Accreditation with AusAID. This is a major milestone for the Foundation, achieved through the amazing work of Garry Weare, Debbie Dukes and Janine Constantine - and the support of our donors. (See Garry's Program Review P.8)

That Accreditation also acknowledged our growing capacity, and 2011-2012 ended on a very high note with the appointment of Carolyn Hamer-Smith as the Foundation's first General Manager. We are very proud of how much we had been able to achieve with such a small paid administration, but our growth had also made that unsustainable, and Carolyn will be an enormous boost for the Foundation as full-time GM. Of course, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Garry and Debbie, for their many years as the "part-time" (monstrously over-worked) employees.

Another high for us in 2011-2012 was the terrific increase in funds raised. In a

year in which many such organisations "felt the pinch" of corporate austerity, our supporters remained true – and indeed more came on board – and we thank them all very much. Donations and supporter contributions rose 69% to \$440,000. Of course, we want to continue increasing revenue, as our priority remains the providing of the maximum possible benefit to the Himalayan communities in greatest need, on a cost-effective, sustainable basis.

Our funds and our ability to gain community support was also boosted, in August 2011, with the establishment of the partnership with Kathmandu (and its Summit Club) as Project Sponsor -and I'd particularly like to thank the Kathmandu team: Paul Stern and Jo Greenlees, and Sir James Strong and Peter Halkett, for their commitment and drive.

I also want to thank our new major project donors, the ACME Foundation, Perpetual Philanthropic (the Margaret Dawbarn Foundation) and the Jeanette & Peter Young Foundation. And also WorldNomads.com: Bruce and Heather McNair: Sue Badyari and World Expeditions, Heath Francis, Heather McNeice: Dick Estens and Roger Butler: Graham Burgess; and Sophie Yates, for their invaluable efforts. On March 20, 2012, our great friend, founding AHF Director Lincoln Hall, died, aged 56. He was a brilliant writer, a superb mountaineer, and a wonderfully compassionate, caring humanitarian. We will miss Lincoln, and his great work, humour and character, so much. And we will always keep striving to help the people of the Himalaya, on his behalf.

On behalf of all Directors, I thank everyone for their support, and we look forward to another successful year in 2012-13.

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Simon Balderstone Chairman



Program Review



It has been a very successful twelve months for the Foundation. We have not only significantly increased our level of support from the community, but we have been able to direct those increased funds to our projects in the Himalaya. One of our highest priorities is ensuring that your funds are spent effectively and efficiently.

In June 2012 we received confirmation from AusAID that the Foundation was successful in its application for accreditation. The application, which took well over two years, required the Foundation to ensure that all our policies and those of our overseas project partners were of the highest level and accountability, and that we had achieved visible outcomes with our donors' dollars. We passed this process with flying colours, and we are now the smallest overseas aid agency (in terms of staffing) to have achieved accreditation by the Australian Government.

We will now receive a level of government funding that will provide stability and enable us to make long term plans for the future. This doesn't mean that we don't continue to need your support - we still need your assistance and generosity to continue to expand our programs.

It all augurs well for improving the educational outcomes in the Solu Khumbu as we implement our 12-year (2008 to 2020) program. There are of course challenges – getting marginalised children to attend school is high on the Foundation's list of priorities, and a new scholarship program is being initiated this year to assist children of the poorest families as well as children with disabilities.

Naturally the question arises (as it does in any developing country) as to how the children will benefit with access to quality education. It is one that the Foundation intends to address with a long-term program for vocational training that will focus on ensuring the skills and talents of the children are retained in the Solu Khumbu.

Sustainable development is also integral to our Zanskar Primary Health Care and our Cancer Screening and Prevention program. Both innovative programs have made significant progress in the last year. The Zanskar program is in its 7th year of operation and is now providing employment to female amchi (local health practitioners) who have successfully completed an intensive health care course in Dharamsala, Northern India.

Our other programs, including support for the endangered snow leopard in upper Solu Khumbu; our program with the Australian Tibetan Society to support Tibetans living in exile in the Indian Himalaya, as well as our scholarship program for girls in rural Bhutan and Nepal have also received commendable reports as the Foundation increases its support throughout the Himalayan region.

Garry Weare Executive Director

Trekking in the Himalaya provides an unrivalled opportunity to contribute to our vital programs. We also offer a number of fundraising treks which include visits to our programs. We are thrilled that in the past year so many trekkers and travellers are taking up the challenge of raising funds through sponsorship for our programs in Nepal, India and Bhutan.



Board of Directors and Staff











Peter Hillary

and photographer.

Garry Weare

Andrew Lock -

Ambassador.

AHF Office

AHF Ambassador

Adventurer (twice Everest summiteer,

of entire Himalayan range); Expedition

Veteran trek guide with over 35 years'

experience in the Himalaya; Honorary

Club; Former Director and now

Acclaimed as Australia's most

Andrew recently became the first

Author and photographer.

Consultant to World Expeditions;

Secretary (Australia) for the Himalayan

accomplished high-altitude mountaineer,

Australian to climb all 14 of the world's

Garry Weare is our Executive Director

(Garry receives remuneration for two

workload is voluntary), while Debbie

administration on a part-time basis.

Dukes manages fundraising and

days a week, the rest of his considerable

8,000 metre peaks. The Foundation

is proud to have Andrew as its first

South Pole overland via Shackleton

Glacier, first high-altitude traverse

leader, public speaker, leader of

philanthropic missions; Author



From left to right: Simon Balderstone, Janine Constantine, Michael Dillon, Christine Gee, Lincoln Hall, Peter Hillary, Garry Weare, Andrew Lock.

Honorary State Representatives

Victoria

Chris Southgate, who has an abiding interest in the Himalaya and prime instigator of the 'Summit of Achievement' events, and Ian Williams, who has over 30 years' association with the Himalaya, and is a Director of the World Expeditions Foundation.

ACT

Zac Zaharias, a leading mountaineer with a CV that includes 14 major Himalayan expeditions, served as a UN Observer in Kashmir and is Director of Peak Learning & Outdoor Insights. Geoff Bartram has also had a long association with the Himalaya including being a member of the '84 Australian Everest Expedition, while nowadays he regularly undertakes trekking forays in the Indian Himalaya.

Western Australia

Mike Wood, who has a long association with the Himalaya including the 1993 40th Anniversary Everest expedition; Owner Peregrine Adventures (WA).

South Australia

Chris and Tashi Lachman spent over a decade running a trekking operation in Nepal. Tashi now owns Thor Travel in Adelaide and regularly leads treks to Tibet.

Tasmania

With a middle name Mallory (named after George), Brendan Moore has had a lifelong interest in the Himalaya. Growing up climbing and walking in Tasmania his next big plan is to achieve his dream and finally trek in Nepal.

Board of Directors

Simon Balderstone AM (Chairman)

Director of consultancy company: Adviser to Olympic movement; Member of the 1984 First Australian Everest Expedition; Journalist and author. Former Prime Ministerial adviser, SOCOG Board member and General Manager.

Janine Constantine

International Development specialist with 20 years' experience developing and managing aid projects for the Australian Government, United Nations agencies and NGO's. Janine adds valuable expertise to the AHF Board.

Michael Dillon AM

Adventurer and one of the world's leading mountain cinematographers and documentary filmmakers with 40 films to his credit; Member and Director of Photography on the First Australian Everest Expedition 1984; AFI award winner.

Christine Gee

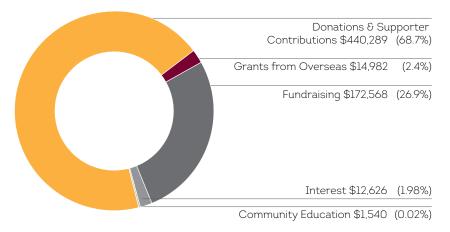
Nepalese Honorary Consul General (1987- 2009): Co-Founder of Australian Himalayan Expeditions (now World Expeditions): Attache to Sydney 2000 Nepal Olympic team, Member Chief Executive Women.

Lincoln Hall OAM (to 20 March 2012)

Mountaineer (organiser and member of the First Australian Everest Expedition in 1984; Everest summiteer 2006), trekking guide, environmentalist, keynote speaker, prize-winning author.

Financial Information

How we raised our Funds in 2011/12



Total \$642,005 (100%)

Strategy

We continue to build up our Overseas Aid account in order to fully commit to our long-term programs – in particular our financial commitment to complete the 15-year cycle of our TTQE program.

Donations

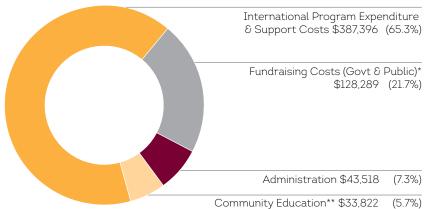
All donations go into our Overseas Aid Account for program payments and associated program costs. Donations are not spent on our administration costs.

The funds are held in a bank account with all interest credited for future program payments.

Directors' Benefits

Director Garry Weare is also the Executive Director. He is paid for two days a week. The rest of his considerable workload is on a voluntary basis. Janine Constantine was also paid substantially discounted professional fees to draft an Evaluation report for our TTQE program in January 2012. The Chairman and all other Directors did not receive payment or benefit or any kind.

How we spent our Funds in 2011/12



applications for government accreditation.
** Community Education expenses include regular

Supporter evenings, which are not organised as fundraising events, but as an opportunity for our Supporters and friends to gain an update on the Foundation. Community Education costs also include a percentage of expenditure from general fundraising events that are assigned to promoting our development programs.

Fundraising costs include all costs associated with events plus expenses integral to

Total \$593,025 (100%)

Income Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue		
Donations and Gifts		
- Monetary	413,563	228,796
- Non Monetary	-	-
Bequests and Legacies	-	-
Grants		
- AusAID	-	-
- Other Australian	-	-
- Other Overseas	14,982	30,140
Investment income	12,626	12,038
Other Income		
- Fundraising revenue	172,568	127,212
- Supporter contributions	26,726	14,850
- Community Education	1,540	6,780
Revenue for International Political and Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	-	-
Total Revenue	642,005	419,816
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Expenditure		
International Programs	770.050	0 47175
- Funds to Overseas Programs	330,058	247,135
- Program Support Costs	57,338	55,500
Community Education	33,822	11,948
Fundraising Costs		
- Public	100,793	95,747
- Government and Multilateral	27,496	22,825
Accountability and Administration	43,518	36,495
Non-Monetary Expenditure	-	-
Total International Aid and Development Expenditure	593,025	469,650
International Political and Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	-	-
Domestic Program Expenditure	-	-
Total Expenditure	593,025	469,650
Profit/Loss	48,980	(49,834)

Accompanying notes to the Income Statement are included in our full statutory financial report for 2011/12 which is available on request from our office.

Financial Information

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
- Cash and cash equivalents	394,948	345,968
- Other Financial assets	-	-
Non current assets		
- Property, plant and equipment	-	-
- Other	-	-
Total Assets	394,948	345,968
LIABIILITIES		
– Current Liabilities	-	-
- Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	394,948	345,968
EQUITY	394,948	345,968
Retained Earnings	394,948	345,968
Total Equity	394,948	345,968

Australian Himalayan Foundation Ltd has no non-current assets or any other current or non-current liabilities at 30 June 2012. Accompanying notes to the Balance Sheet are included in our full statutory report for 2012.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2012

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2010	395,802	395,802
Excess Revenue over Expenses	(49,834)	(49,834)
Balance at 30 June 2011	345,968	345,968
Excess Revenue over Expenses	48,980	48,980
Balance at 30 June 2012	394,948	394,948

A copy of the full statutory financial report for 2011/12 is available on request from our office.

Our summary financial report complies with the standards set out by the ACFID Code of Conduct. Please refer to www.acfid.asn.au for further information.

Australian Himalayan Foundation Ltd's reserves are comprised entirely of retained earnings held for unrestricted purposes. There were no adjustments, transfers or asset revaluations made in 2010-11 or 2011-12.

A copy of the full statutory financial report for 2011-2012 is available on request from our office.

Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes

No single appeal or any other form of fundraising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of the Australian Himalayan Foundation's international aid and development revenue for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

Independent Audit Report

Scope and Opinion

We have audited the summarised financial report of the Australian Himalayan Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2012 comprising the income statement, statement of changes in equity, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the declaration of cash movements for designated purposes.

In our opinion, the information reported is consistent with the ACFID Code of Conduct reporting requirements and with the annual statutory financial report dated 22 October 2012 from which it was derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion. 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. Jeff Partridge, Partner, BBus.CA Trumans www.trumans.com.au Sydney,

22 October 2012

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AusAID Accreditation

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is the Australian Government agency responsible for managing Australia's overseas aid program.

The AusAID accreditation process provides AusAID and the Australian public with confidence that where the Australian Government provides grants to Australian NGOs to implement their own aid and development programs, it is funding professional, well-managed, community-based organisations capable of delivering good development outcomes.

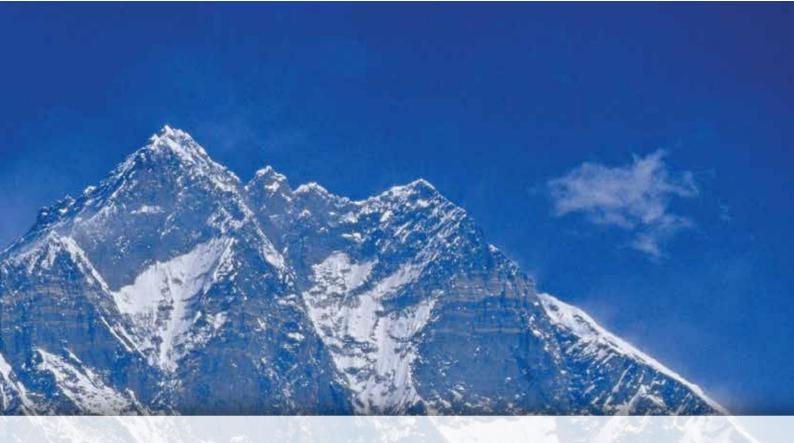
As a newly-accredited agency, the Australian Himalayan Foundation was required to demonstrate that all relevant financial and program policies and procedures were in place and adhered to when providing funds to our in-country partners. These included acquittals, audits (in Australia and overseas) and monitoring and evaluation reports. In addition the Foundation was obliged to develop stringent risk assessment guidelines and policies, and provide evidence of co-operation agreements with relevant statutory authorities in the countries where programs are implemented.

Complaints Policy

The Australian Himalayan Foundation is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a Signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory code of good practice. Information about how to make a complaint can be found at www.acfid.asn.au

The Foundation has a process in place for handling any complaints. Please direct your complaint to Garry Weare (Director) on 02 9438 1822 or email info@ australianhimalayanfoundation.org.au





How you can help

You can contribute to the success of the Foundation and its projects by becoming an Annual Supporter, or by making a donation or bequest. All payments can be made on-line or by sending a cheque to our office.

Join as a Supporter

Our Supporters are crucial to our development - we are a communitybased organization and rely on a pool of talented supporters to provide expertise, inspiration and assistance. We hold regular events and keep Supporters informed through our Yakety Yak newsletter and updates to our website.

Supporter Categories

All Supporter Fees are tax deductible:

\$50 per annum

\$75 per annum

\$250 per annum

\$500 per annum

\$1,000 per annum

Individual Family Bronze Silver Gold

Make a Donation

All donations to the Foundation are greatly appreciated, and can be made online or by post. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Make a Bequest

Create a living legacy to assist future generations in the Himalaya by remembering the Foundation in your will.

Trek for the AHF

Trekking the Himalaya provides an ideal opportunity to raise funds for the Foundation. Contact the AHF office for further information.



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