



MHCDASA

Mission in Health Care & Development
Australian Support Association

2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT





Our Mission

To give hope and build self-sufficiency in the community
served by MHCD

Our Vision

To see MHCD communities flourishing, independent, and
empowered

Chairman's report Dr Julie Monis-Ivett OAM

It is with a great deal of pride that I share our achievements of this past year.

MHCDASA's role is to support the work of Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD) in DR Congo. Everything we do in Australia is ultimately to benefit the people of eastern DRC where 5 million people died in the "Congo" war of 1996 – 2004.

Some background information about MHCD to enable you to understand why our committee is inspired to help in this most disadvantaged country in Africa.

MHCD is a faith based humanitarian organisation of around 100 full time staff and many volunteers that works predominantly on the eastern border of DRC in South Kivu province. Its home base is on 10 acres in Luvungi town where its main hospital, schools and accommodation complex are situated.

MHCD has grown from 1 empty building in 2008 to 34+ buildings, including many hospital buildings, a trade school, midwifery college, 3 radio stations, an assembly hall, an accommodation complex, solar street lights and many development programs. The work achieved each year is transformative to the lives of the people, especially the vulnerable women, babies and the many orphans.



Hospital 2008



Hospital buildings 2018



Midwifery college students

Much must be attributed to the vision and financial backing of Dr Luc Mulimbalimba and his family as well as MHCD's dedicated staff and volunteers and our many supporters.

This year's highlight was achieving DGR status which enabled tax deductibility of donations. We especially thank Julie Irwin our Public Officer for her commitment and diligence. We hope this equates to more individual and corporate donations. We are now registered with the Australian Charities for Not-For Profits Commission (ACNC).

The low point this year was the assassination attempt on Dr Luc's life in June. The repercussions from being an honest MP who is not corrupt, has been very disturbing and traumatising for Dr Luc and his family. They are currently safe in Australia.

The high point from all of this is our risk management plans to make MHCD sustainable without Dr Luc have been totally successful. Dr Luc trained administrators for each area of MHCD's work and they have successfully continued their work. The hospital, schools and all programs continue smoothly as does demand for our support of MHCD activities.

MHCDASA Committee



Julie

Jenny

Shirley



Julie

Sharon

Mary

Our MHCDASA committee comprises Julie Monis-Ivett Chairperson, Jenny Weaver Treasurer, Shirley Lamb Secretary, Julie Irwin Public Officer, Sharon Geue Resource Coordinator and Mary MacFarlane. We farewelled 3 members of our original committee in Anne Miller, Doone Winnall and Sarah Cunningham and members Elle Brown and Emma Humphries. Relocating to a rural town, family and work commitments resulted in these wonderful people leaving, however, they continue to support our work.

What does our committee do?

1. holds an annual quiz night and silent auction and fundraises at every opportunity
2. sends a container every 18 months – 2 years
3. transfers money from Australian donors to MHCD in DR Congo
4. holds regular meetings and keeps detailed records for our auditors
5. advocates for the work of MHCD across Australia
6. when possible advocates for MHCD when in Canberra to keep DRC on their radar
7. when possible visits DR Congo to review the programs our supporters have funded

General Review

Last year Jenny, Shirley, Elle and I returned from DR Congo enthused to do more in DRC. We started with developing our Mission, Vision, goals, strategies and our activities. View our strategic plan on our website and join in our excitement with our Mission to give hope and building self-sufficiency in the communities served by MHCD and our Vision to see MHCD communities flourishing, independent and empowered.

We rather ambitiously had this as a 2 year strategy but in reality we expect it will be our 5 year strategy. Well over \$350,000 of building and infrastructure programs. One large philanthropic donation and MHCD has the plans and expertise to move quickly to build midwifery accommodation and a college, then the orphanage complex and then resource and build at least 10 health clinics per year for each of the midwives who graduates to enable them to work, look after their communities and become sustainable.

We have started activities to achieve many of our goals.

Our Goals

In DR Congo

1. To support MHCD to build suitable infrastructure
2. To resource MHCD to support the communities
3. To create safety and security in the community

In Australia

4. To be a conduit to introduce MHCD to likeminded organisations
5. To work with MHCD to find secure long term financing
6. Raise awareness within the Australian community of the integrity of MHCD and the needs of its communities

As we support the work of MHCD one question asked is “What does MHCD do?”

MHCD started in 2008 with one empty hospital building.

Today it administers:

1. The 120 bed hospital with 3 operating theatres, reception area, pharmacy, dental clinic, ophthalmic clinic, women's, men's, maternity, surgical and paediatric wards, and has 30 full time staff. Treatment is frequently free as the patients are mostly poor.
2. The Polytechnic (trades) school with over 1300 students of which conservatively 600 are orphans. There are 35 full time teachers. A few students pay the \$25 per month fees with some paying \$4 per month and most paying nothing. These are all poor people with minimal funds and MHCD insists it is important that everyone is given a chance at an

education and career. These limited funds do not enable the staff to be paid and it is greatly appreciated that Highland Christian Church in Mittagong contributes approximately \$1800 per month towards the education of 125 orphans. We thank Tom Cecil for sending many hundreds of computers for the IT/computer program each year.

3. The Great Lakes midwifery/nursing college with an accredited 4 year diploma program for 50 students. The hospital doctors and midwives teach with additional hands on training at the hospital. The first 10 nurses graduated in July 2018. It costs \$800 per year for their tuition. We thank Sam Cookes and the Zonta clubs of Berry and Cumberland for funding the ongoing education of students.
4. The accommodation complex for 26 volunteers enables volunteers to be in good care while staying with ensuite bathrooms.
5. Pamela Community hall holds over 400 people and can double as a church hall, refuge or classrooms.
6. 3 community radio stations based at Luvungi hospital, Uvira and Makobola with 12 full time staff including journalists. Community radio stations can't advertise for money or share political information. Over 1 million people listen to the broadcasts in health, hygiene, meal preparation, music, communication and it brings families together with talk back. The radio notifies birth attendants where to collect their birthing kits.
7. There is also a building for the solar battery storage and mortuary.

MHCD administers 2 other hospitals, one at Uvira which has 20 full time staff around 70 kms away and the second in rural Kinshasa over 2000 km away just outside Kinshasa city.

MHCD also administers

1. the distribution of over 18,000 birthing kits from the Birthing Kit Foundation (BKFA)
2. many ongoing microcredit programs as well as new programs
3. supporting over 600 orphans at the polytechnic school
4. supporting 7 primary schools
5. supporting 3 orphanages
6. arrival and distribution of the contents of containers from Australia



Midwifery students



Food preparation classes



Woman receiving her birthing kit

Achievements

There are so many to share. The greatest achievement for the committee was formalising our Mission, Vision, goals and strategies to take us forward. One of our goals to secure long term financing was to get Tax Deductibility of donations which was achieved within 6 months.

Our first priority in DRC was building more toilets at the Polytechnic (Trades) school that only had 2 toilets for 1300 students. The 4 bathrooms and 6 toilets were constructed within 3 months.



A very proud achievement last year was the graduation of our first 10 nurses from Great Lakes Nursing College. These nurses are fully qualified midwives. These are our first graduates.



The graduating class

Riding to remote communities

A baby with the midwife

The inspiration to have a 4 year nursing diploma came from the Birthing Kit Foundation funding the 3 week Midwifery Seminar Trainer (MST) programs of 2014/15 where 36 MSTs graduated. For many this was their first opportunity to believe they could learn more and they requested the nursing diploma course which was then established at Luvungi grounds. Several remote communities now have fully trained health professionals whose role is to also continue training Traditional Birth Attendants from their original MST program.



Ndolera health clinic

Beds for the clinic

A woman with her birthing kit

In an ideal world once graduated the nurses need a health clinic with some beds and equipment in their remote community. For Ndolera community this was made possible by donations to enable a clinic to be built, equipped with hospital beds and fully resourced. It is hoped they will have a small pharmacy attached to give financial sustainability. Ideally every graduating nurse should have a clinic and resources. It would cost \$3000 to build and equip a clinic.

The long term benefits for a nominal outlay of \$3000 for a microcredit program gives sustainable food, income, education and empowers the women. Katagota is a village devastated by war, rape and mass killings. We were able to fund a microcredit program within 3 – 4 months of meeting the women. The women were desperate for food and financial security. Many individual donations enabled this program.

Over the year the secondary polytechnic (trades) school grew from 800 to over 1300 students. There are morning and afternoon classes to accommodate the numbers. The subjects are ones which will hopefully ensure jobs and an income. There are solar technicians, social studies, agronomy, tailoring classes, mechanics classes (car), computer courses, food preparation and English classes along with the usual history, geography and basic maths.

Dietsch Academy in the village of Sange is a school opened for the many orphans and students who in 2009 lost their parents when a diesel tanker overturned in the village and exploded killing over 300 people. Since then 3,500 students have been supported by Cathy, Nathan, Elaine and John Dietsch. This year 160 students received a school kit including uniforms, sandals and school resources paid for by the Dietsch family.



Students at orphanage



With new uniforms



Tom Cecil with the satellite dish



This year a satellite dish and 5 KW solar station was installed to enable internet at the computer centre and at the accommodation complex. We also installed a new solar station and battery storage facility for the hospital and the new mortuary.

The committee has been busy gathering many resources for the next container. Including medical goods from SA Health, dental chairs and mattresses from the Women's and Children's hospital, boxes women's clothes from Equinox, second hand clothes, 50 bags of new children's clothes from Pat Wood's Canberra sewing team, 700 kg of sheets from Spotless, sewing machines, rolls of fabric from individuals and Hambour Fabrics, Days for Girls packs, chairs and blankets. The cornerstone to our container is to have somewhere to store the goods donated. We sincerely appreciate the generous donation of a storage container by James and Janine Eckermann from Ultrasafe.



Medical equipment



Days for Girls sanitary pack

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens won the top ACSO (Combined Service Organisations) Award for its Program "Health, Safety and Security for Women in South Kivu". The \$2,600 went to continue support for the women's programs on Impact Radio in Uvira and the corresponding microcredit programs which provide women with income earning training and resources. One of the benefits for remote Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) is they can contact the hospital for their ambulance if there is a woman having birthing difficulties. The unexpected benefit was improved security from being able to contact the radio station should any suspicious people be seen.



Journalists receiving their phones



The accommodation complex

The fulltime employed MHCD builder continues to build more classrooms and hospital wards. When bricks are needed the call goes out over the radio and local volunteers gather to make the bricks in order to keep the cost down. The volunteer accommodation buildings now have formal gardens and outdoor sitting areas for evening chats.

Fundraising is essential to continue our work, especially the sending of a container every 18 months. In February the committee held our quiz night which made \$5,633.45 profit. We thank Sharon Geue our hard working organiser and Anne Miller for our all important questions.

There are many churches in South Australia supporting the work of MHCD. Father Thomas and members of the Mt Barker Anglican church congregation after hearing about the need in DR Congo have chosen to focus on helping MHCD with organising fundraisers, gathering clothes, and making new clothes and uniforms for the children. Other churches supporting MHCD span from Mt Barker to Strathalbyn and Middleton and their enthusiasm has been very heart warming for the committee. Father Thomas and his committee organised a dinner and auction raising \$5,351.

Treasurer's report Jenny Weaver

This year MHCDASA continued to support MHCD in the following ways: -

1. Donations were received from supporters around Australia and the funds transferred to MHCD. Over the year a total of \$60,570AUD was sent to and received by MHCD in 13 separate transfers. This converted into \$41,595.94 US dollars for a range of projects or as general donations to MHCD.
2. The biggest fund raisers run by the MHCDASA Committee in South Australia were the Precious Gifts Campaign which raised \$2,273.93 as a Christmas Appeal with targeted donation and a Quiz Night in February which raised \$5,633.45.
3. Mt Barker Anglican church under the guidance of Father Thomas organised a Sunday dinner and auction which raised \$5,351.
4. MHCDASA is lucky to now have three regular donors who have money deposited fortnightly or monthly.
5. Large donations have been received regularly from Ginninderra Church in Canberra, the Bethesda Ministries International (BMI) and the Highlands Christian Church in Mittagong. They support specific programs for MHCD with a particular focus on the students and school at Luvungi.
6. Donations for women's projects have come from various Zonta Clubs namely, Central Goldfields, Berry and Southern Gold Coast Tweed. The Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens won the ACSO (Combined Service Organisations) Award and received \$2,600 which funded women's programs on Impact Radio and microcredit programs.
7. Funds raised for the next container started to come into the MHCDASA account at the end of the year and are held over until the next container is sent.
8. Tax deductibility was gained through the year and our Deductible Gift Recipient or DRG status came into effect on March 6th 2019.

Jenny Weaver

Treasurer

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

The Committee of Management has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee of Management of Mission in Health Care and Development Australian Support Association Incorporated:

- a. The financial report as set out on pages 2 to 4 are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - i. Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*, and
- b. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Mission in Health Care and Development Australian Support Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Committee of Management of Mission in Health Care and Development Australian Support Association Incorporated hereby states that during the financial period ended 30 June 2019:

- (a)
 - (i) no officer of the Association;
 - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member;
 - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the Association; and
- (b) no officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management and is signed for on behalf of the Committee of Management by:



Treasurer MHCDASA
Signed this

7th day of November 2019



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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2019**

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	2,102	322
TOTAL ASSETS	2,102	322
NET ASSETS	2,102	322
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Retained Surplus/(Deficit)	2,102	322
TOTAL MEMERS FUNDS	2,102	322

**MISSION IN HEALTH CARE AND DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT ASSOCIATION
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

	30 June 2019	30 June 2018
	\$	\$
RECEIPTS		
Donation & Fundraising Income	62,837	61,994
TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,837	61,994
PAYMENTS		
Administration	67	-
Bank Fees	420	360
Donation	60,570	55,615
International freight costs	-	5,159
Program costs	-	300
Web site development costs	-	242
TOTAL PAYMENTS	61,057	61,676
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,780	318
Retained Surplus/(Deficit) brought forward	322	4
Retained Surplus/(Deficit) at the end of the year	2,102	322



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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report has been prepared as a special purpose financial report to satisfy the requirements of the constitution. The final report is prepared on the basis of historical cost and in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012. No Australian Accounting Standards have been applied. The financial report shows the receipts and payments of the association and its bank balances at year end.

Taxation

The association is exempt from income tax on income derived from members.

NOTE 2 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following people held positions on the Association's Committee of Management during the year:

Julie Monis Ivett, Chair
Jenny Weaver, Treasurer
Julie Irwin, Public Officer
Shirley Lamb, Secretary
Sharon Geue, Resource Coordinator
Mary MacFarlene

Except where stated, transactions with related parties are on commercial terms and conditions.



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Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the Directors of Mission Health Care and Development Australian Support Association Incorporated

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Mission Health Care and Development Australian Support Association Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2019, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



GRANT THORNTON AUDIT PTY LTD
Chartered Accountants



J.L. Humphrey
Partner – Audit & Assurance

Adelaide, 7 November 2019

Thank you to our supporters

Quiz night	Containers	Financial Donations	Probono
Janet Ayliff art work	Tom Cecil with hundreds of computers	Gininderra church funded numerous MHCD projects and container transport	D Hassenberger and 3 volunteer electricians at Luvungi centre
Cocos Hair and Day spa voucher	Days 4 Girls re-washable sanitary wear	Cathy, Nathan, Elaine and John Dietsch fundraising for orphanages and schools.	Grant Thornton accountants JL Humphrey
Hahndorf fruit and veg gift basket	Equinox 28 new boxes of women's clothes	Ronda and Arthur Boyd funded the Ronda and Arthur Boyd Mother and Child clinic.	Tom Cecil setting up the computer and internet centre
PDL marketing Lyn Carpenter	Women's and Children's hospital dental chairs and mattresses	Highlands Christian church Mittagong monthly education fees for 125 orphans and container transport	Storage container donated by James and Janine Eckerman Ultrasafe Products
Solitaire Boutique cars with raffle prizes and auction items	50 bags of new children's clothes from Pat Wood's Canberra sewing team	Zonta clubs across Australia especially Adelaide Torrens, Cumberland, Berry, Central Goldfields and Southern Gold Coast Tweed.	Many volunteers making bags and rugs, collecting clothes and goods and packing containers
Many donors	SA Health many medical goods	Sam Cookes funding 2 midwifery students	EnvyUs web and logo designers
	Donors of sewing machines and fabrics	Mt Barker Anglican Church and supporting churches	Thomassina and Paul Marin for use of their shop for clothes sale
	rolls of fabric from Hambour Fabrics	Middleton church	MHCDASA committee and many volunteers
	700 kg of sheets from Spotless		
	Bags of second hand clothes from many donors like Raelene Clonan		
	Thomassina and Paul Marin		
	PDL marketing Lyn Carpenter with new clothes and jewellery		