



2020 Annual Report 20



Edmund Rice
FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

Liberating Lives Through Education

**Liberating Lives
Through Education**



VISION

Our vision is for access to quality education and **lifelong learning opportunities for all**, supporting empowered communities that determine their own futures.





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CHAIR

Report



To say this has been a difficult year for all is to state the obvious. ERFA, our community, programs, and supporters, in fact, all connected with our organisation, have felt the effects of the pandemic.

Yet all have continued to support ERFA with passion, energy and most importantly, resources. The financial strength of ERFA is critical to our continued effective and efficient use of our supporter's funds.

Your Board and the committed staff of ERFA, lead by the inspiration of our CEO, Bren Arkinstall, have focused on working with all our stakeholders to continue maintaining programs that are inclusive and empowering and which result in sustainable and autonomous futures.

We have also been focused on ensuring the sustainability of ERFA itself through this challenging year. In particular, we have focused on reducing ERFA's own operating costs while remaining committed to continued investment in the expertise of our people to ensure an efficient, transparent and responsible organisation.

I would like to recognise the enormous contribution of our CEO, Bren Arkinstall, and the staff of ERFA. Their daily commitment to continue to deliver is inspirational.

To all in the ERFA community, my sincere thanks. The engagement of you all, including the EREA community, the Oceania Leadership Team, and many others, has given life to the projects we have delivered. I would particularly like to recognise the contribution of the EREA schools who continue to support our projects.

Many thanks also to my fellow Directors for your dedication and the skill and wise council you bring to your Board roles. Directors Marty Sanderson, Ed Phelan and Joel Egan will leave the Board this year. On behalf of you all, I thank them all for their significant contribution to ERFA. Each has brought professionalism to their Board role and deep empathy for those we seek to support.

We also welcome Ann Rebgetz to our Board this year. Ann is Principal of St. James College in Brisbane. The addition of Ann's unique skills is a blessing to our Board.

I thank all those who have engaged with us this year and hope that you continue your support in transforming lives.

Paul Gallagher
Chairman





CEO Report

2020 was a year like no other. The global crisis that is COVID-19 will shape the way we work and live for many years to come. It placed immense pressure on our global communities, including our own Edmund Rice Community here in Australia.

Many of our partner programs were forced into lockdown situations and were unable to continue regular operations and services. For those that were able to operate in some way, the focus shifted immediately to respond to the changing and emergent needs of their communities. As a result, our organisational focus needed to shift quickly also. We did this by regularly meeting remotely as a management and board and maintaining clear lines of communications with our partner programs.

The shift in focus enabled us to assist and empower the most vulnerable in their response to this deadly virus and its human, social and financial consequences. Every conversation was challenging and weighted with uncertainty. However, I couldn't be more proud and grateful for the way our staff rose to the challenge. Their ability to adapt quickly to remote working and find new ways to get things done enabled the organisation to contribute significantly to our global partnership response to the pandemic. ERFA was also eligible to receive financial support from the Australian Government through the Jobkeeper Program, which assisted greatly in meeting our financial obligations to our partners.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the 500 Supporters and our amazing EREA school communities, ERFA was able to provide \$1.4M in support to Programs in Australia and Overseas during 2020. Given the restrictions on social distancing, the locking down of cities and financial constraints placed on many families, this is an incredible result. We are so fortunate to be blessed with so many generous Australians who see the value in investing in people who are vulnerable and seek education to break the cycle of poverty.

I would like to formally acknowledge our staff in Australia and Africa, who continue to work with unwavering

commitment every single day. Our work in Africa is so much more visible thanks to our Africa Development Office in Nairobi. The provision of in-country support and capacity building ultimately provides a platform for our communities to work towards future sustainability. Once again, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the entire Graham family for their vision, belief in this Office and generosity towards this project.

Without a doubt, the economic and social impacts of the pandemic will continue long after this virus is contained, with research suggesting continued spikes in hunger, lack of education, poverty and family violence in communities we are present with around the world. Now more than ever, we must come together to be compassionate and committed to the needs of those humans who are most vulnerable.

To all of our amazing supporters – thank you for your generosity and continued contributions. Our team will continue to work as hard as we can to steward your generous gifts to have maximum impact. Our clear strategy and commitment is to carry on the legacy of Edmund Rice – transforming the lives of the poorest through access to quality education.

Bren Arkinstall
CEO

GUIDING

Principles

ERFA's development work ensures lives are changed through an empowered education and we are committed to:

- Giving priority to programs which engage with the most vulnerable, marginalised and exploited.
- A partnership approach to development characterised by integrity and transparency.
- Providing innovative and meaningful ways to connect our supporters with our work to facilitate a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities; and to engage and motivate them to be a force for positive change.
- Partnering with local communities to identify, plan, deliver, monitor and evaluate development programs that are inclusive and empowering and that, over time, will result in sustainable local management and autonomy.
- Being inclusive and offering support in a spirit of human solidarity regardless of race, gender, religious or political beliefs.
- Promoting and advocating children's rights and participation, gender equality and equity and empowerment of people with disabilities.
- Promoting and advocating sustainable living and prudent use of earth's resources.
- Financial transparency and an effective and efficient use of supporter funds; investing in the expertise and skills of our staff; and an efficient and well run organisation.





2020

in Review

ACTIVITY

Report

ERFA's hope is to inspire, challenge and engage each participant to be a lifelong agent for change.



Immersion

Unfortunately ERFA's Gone Fishing and Gone Trekking experiences couldn't proceed in 2020. However, drawing on the spirit of immersions, ERFA's Nairobi branch hosted cross-cultural conversations between Edmund Rice Karibu Group and Australian Edmund Rice school students, sparking new insights into the vast differences and common struggles African communities are facing.

Annual Golf Day

After a difficult start to 2020, ERFA's third annual golf day went ahead in August in St Lucia, Brisbane. It was another successful event where over 140 participants joined to raise funds to *Liberate Lives through Education*. Through supporter generosity, \$14,000 was raised. At around \$500 a year to educate a person in the places ERFA works, the funds raised will be used to change the lives of 28 people (and their families and communities).



500 Supporters' Group Luncheons

As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, the purpose of the 500 Supporters' Group's work for the Ruben Centre was put into perspective. With Melbourne in lockdown in May, the annual AFL event went online, raising a record \$570,000 to support the work of ERFA partner program, Ruben Centre in Nairobi's Mukuru slum. A further \$200,000 was raised during the virtual Spring Racing event making 2020 the 500 Supporters' Group most successful year yet.



Together, we will increase people's access to education to not just change their lives, not just their families lives but their entire community.

ACFID Compliance

Following a robust self-assessment, ERFA is proud to report that we maintained our compliance with the Australian Council For International Development's (ACFID) Code of Conduct, representing seven years of continuous membership. The process provided a valuable opportunity for ERFA to appraise and to continuously improve our operations, policies and processes in recognition of our role as an international NGO with the UN Sustainable Development Goals at our core.

Edmund Rice Foundation Nairobi Branch Office

ERFA's capacity-building work continued throughout 2020 with 25 participants representing 10 Kenya-based programs attending development workshops. Participants attended a 3-day financial skills workshop and a 3-day child and adult safeguarding workshop. The Nairobi Office conducted a total of 72 site visits to assist partners with programming, financial management, planning and reporting as well as with their agriculture projects.

Website Transformation

With support from the ERFA community, 2020 brought about an incredible transformation of the ERFA website. The updates provide concise information for those looking to support ERFA or access information on ERFA funded programs. The website was received with fantastic feedback, both in its visual appeal and its quality.

Best Foot Forward – teaching resources

To extend the impact of Best Foot Forward, our annual school-based giving campaign, ERFA partnered with Edmund Rice Education Australia to develop a suite of educational resources for international development. Resources were made available in Term 4, catering for various year groups and subjects. ERFA's hope is this suite of resources helps to stimulate Australian students' interest in the field of international development and the state of global poverty.

PROGRAM

Evaluation & Learning



With the impact of COVID-19, 2020 was a particularly challenging year for ERFA's partner programs.

Many of the planned initiatives and activities simply could not take place with extended lockdowns and uncertainties. Despite this, the resilience and agility of our partner programs to adapt and deliver initiatives in innovative ways was truly inspiring.

On the ground, partner programs established new relationships with local organisations to provide much-needed COVID-19 awareness training, advice and relief for to their beneficiaries. School shutdowns forced programs to develop strategies to keep students engaged and to support their wellbeing. Where possible, technology, including online forums, pre-recorded video, SMS and social media, were utilised to adapted programming. These creative initiatives have been retained in many partner programs to expand the way services are delivered.

Even during these difficult times, ERFA's partner programs maintained due diligence and continued to report their progress to ERFA, both formally in quarterly reports and informally in email and video conferences. In Kenya, ERFA's Nairobi office continued to provide in-person support to partner programs, including hosting a 3-day financial management workshop and conducting 72 field visits.

Halfway through 2020, ERFA conducted an online survey for its network of partner programs, with the aim of gathering honest feedback about our working relationships. The survey included a partnership health check and an assessment of capacity building strengths and weaknesses. Overall, responses to both sections were very positive. Two areas where partners requested further collaboration were access to Edmund Rice networks and access to cash and in-kind resources. Requests for capacity-building support included increased training sessions in financial management and project design.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, in part as a response to the survey, ERFA placed significant emphasis on assembling our partner programs together in online forums. Throughout the second half of 2020, ERFA delivered online training sessions for the benefit of partner programs in the areas of development and non-development activity; project design, funding and management; risk management; and anticorruption and anti-fraud. These virtual workshops brought together diverse partners from 8 countries and were an opportunity to share unique solutions and insights into the similar challenges programs faced. They were such a success that they have become a permanent fixture of ERFA's capacity-building toolkit.



OUR People



Board of Directors

Mr Paul Gallagher, Chair

Ms Christina Longmire, Treasurer

Mr Anthony Coates

Mr Joel Egan

Mr Edward Phelan

Ms Ann Rebgetz

Br Martin Sanderson

Ms Jodie Sangster (resigned 25 August 2020)

Mr Alan Zammit AM
(resigned 25 August 2020)

ERFA Staff

Brisbane Office

Mr Bren Arkinstall, Chief Executive Officer

Mr John Beckinsale, Programs, Policy and Risk Officer

Ms Kelly Campbell, Database Coordinator

Ms Emily Faller, Programs Director

Ms Finley Stupkin, Communications Coordinator

Mr Jarrod Turner, School Partnerships Manager

Melbourne Office

Ms Louise Allison, Donor Relations Manager,
South West

Br Robert Stone, Compliance Officer

Br Bill Wilding, Relations Manager

Nairobi Branch Office

Mr Richard Patris, Africa Development Manager

Ms Lillian Adipo, Agriculture Program Manager

Ms Joy Henry, Administration Coordinator

Mr Samuel Karanja,
Africa Relationships and Immersions Officer

Mr Sammy Muga, Africa Development Officer

Mr Mark Okeyo,
Finance and Capacity Building Manager

Ms Grace Wanjugu, Financial Administrator



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**Liberating Lives
Through Education**

VISION

2020 at a glance

In a year plagued by a global pandemic, we rose to the challenge. ERFA:

Our vision is for access to quality education and **lifelong learning opportunities for all**, supporting empowered communities that determine their own futures.

Worked in

6 countries

Australia, Kenya, India, South Sudan, Timor Leste and The Philippines



Directly impacted the lives of

47,924 people

and hundreds of thousands more indirectly



Disbursed approved funding of

\$1,892,490

to support programs globally



Partnered in delivering

25 programs



How we help

2020 dealt many harsh blows. Despite this, through ERFA Partner Programs:

18,456
children

received education and health services



359 people

living with disability were directly supported



19,727
women

were supported in economic empowerment, health, vocational training and mentoring



2,039
employed

people in paid and volunteer work directly supporting communities



STORIES *of inspiration*

The COVID-19 pandemic has created the most significant disruption of education systems in the world's history.

Australia

Developing Community Leaders Initiative

Fostering future community leaders

The Edmund Rice Centre WA's Developing Community Leaders Initiative (DCLI) provides a platform for young people of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds with opportunities to learn about and take the lead in community programs and initiatives. Emerging Leader, Derek Nannup, is an active participant in the program, his community and the wider Australian community. A proud Whadjuk Noongar man, Derek has dedicated his life to strengthening cultural connections for Aboriginal young people.

Through DCLI, Derek became a member of the Mirrabooka Police District Youth Advisory Group and several reference groups, including the Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Action Plan Steering Committee. Derek was also recently elected to the Board of the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia. In addition, he has worked with the Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and the Aboriginal Health Council of WA and established the Boorloo Indigenous Youth Yarning Circles.

His determination to break the negative cycle within young Aboriginal people has inspired his remarkable life. In recognition of his efforts, Derek was awarded the WA Young Person of the Year. This is the second year in a row an Emerging Leader from DCLI has won this prestigious award. ERFA is proud to support indigenous outreach and youth leadership programs in partnership with the Edmund Rice Centre at Mirrabooka.



Nairobi, Kenya

Mary Rice Centre Kenya

Empowering students and carers

Mary Rice Centre Kenya (MRCK) is a transitional centre providing services for children with special needs and their families from Nairobi's Kibera slum. Following lockdown procedures imposed by the Kenyan Government, children attending the Centre reported a regression in physical and educational development. So, when the Government declared disability-based organisations as essential service providers in June, MRCK quickly resumed their work.

Children like Faith* resumed physical therapy. Her mother was trained in basic therapy, ensuring it could continue from home. Teachers also worked with the children individually and included parent and guardian participation, enabling carers to provide support from home. In addition, teachers made in-home follow-ups with the children to support their progress.

MRCK also extended support to students undertaking vocational classes. The Centre sourced and distributed materials to students to continue their practice while at home. Importantly, students were encouraged back into the Centre for one-on-one guidance with their teacher to keep their studies on track.

** Not her real name*

Australia

Cross-cultural conversations

Making meaningful connections

With the impact of COVID-19 felt globally, ERFA's powerful school immersions program shifted online. Parade College Victoria and Edmund Rice Karibu Group in Nairobi participated in a cross-cultural conversation. Their discussion sparked new insights into the vast differences and common struggles the communities face.

For the young Australian students, the meeting was a candid opportunity to gain a perspective of the unequal effects of the pandemic. While social distancing and regular testing became a new normal in Victoria, many Nairobi residents live in confined spaces, unable to social distance, learn or work remotely. During the discussion it was discovered that a COVID-19 test in Kibera cost around AUD \$130, equivalent to a full month's wage and enough to feed a family for a month.

Despite vast differences, both groups were able to find common ground in the struggles their communities are facing. Whilst not the same as visting in person, online "immersions" can be a powerful tool in connecting Australian students with the people of Africa. Students are able to learn and become passionate about the pursuit of social justice and being an agent for change in their own community.



Dehli, India

Youth Advocates for Social Harmony (YASH) project

Educational out-reach

Through PRATYeK and the YASH project, ERFA provides support to children's groups hailing from slum situations in India. The YASH project revolves around genuine child participation for child-led advocacy, the provision of mental health sessions, and sustainable development workshops. The project also provides academic support to students, with free tuition classes aligned with their school curriculum.

In 2020, connections quickly shifted online following imposed lockdowns to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Access to smartphones and laptops is still a far-fetched dream for children who belong to vulnerable communities, so this was no easy feat. PRATYeK provided all YASH groups with a tablet to help them continue their learning and stay connected. Dry rations were also provided to families in need.

In reflection of their tremendous hard work, all students passed their academics with flying colours. Incredibly, six students scored marks above 75%. Enterprising YASH children even raised funds during COVID-19 by selling homemade masks to purchase and distribute dry rations to people in need.

LOOKING *back*

The Evolution of ERFA

As the successor of the Christian Brothers' Foundation for Charitable Works (CBFCW), 2021 will mark ten years for ERFA as the national entity. In this decade, ERFA has undergone an evolution to become a true international NGO with the UN Sustainable Development Goals at the heart of our work.

The Constitution, which governs the way ERFA operates, was formally amended in 2013. It provided a shared blueprint to guide ERFA's transformation from an entity that was primarily focused upon fundraising towards one focused on sustainable development.

Achieving the Constitutional objective to obtain the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) membership was a significant milestone.

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) is the peak body for Australian non government organisations (NGOs) involved in international development and humanitarian action.

2011



Edmund Rice
FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

ERFA established as a national entity



\$1.3m contributed to development projects

2013



\$1.8m program funding



ERFA granted trusteeship of overseas and domestic aid funds



First AGM held

Appointment of Chief Executive Officer for the new entity



\$1.9m program funding and support



ACFID
MEMBER

Full ACFID membership achieved


Gone Fishing Immersion to East Africa introduced



2012

2014

2019

 **\$3.3m program funding and support**

ERFA's branch office opened in Marsabit Plaza, Nairobi

Best Foot Forward launched




Gone Trekking experience to PNG introduced





Workplace giving launched

2017

 **10 countries**

 **35 programs**

 **141,000 people** directly impacted

 **\$2.4m program funding**

Appointment of new Chief Executive Officer

Programs Director role created to support ERFAs evolution towards Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)

2015



\$574k raised through fundraising activities

\$2.37m funds to international development

Commenced capacity-building towards **DFAT accreditation**



Training conducted in Africa to support program partners compliance with the ACFID Code of Conduct



\$2.96m raised



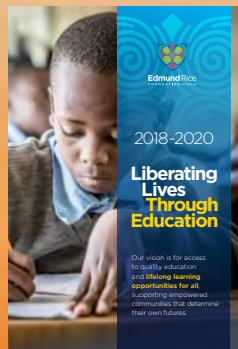
\$2.59m program funding and support

2016



\$2.648m program funding and support

New Strategic Plan
Liberating Lives through Education (2018-2020)



ERFA's Kenya branch office registered



19,000 women supported in health, and training



2,039 people employed



500 Supporters 'virtual' Luncheons raised \$750,000



COVID pivot
Kenya branch conducted **capacity-building** with 11 program partners across Africa.

ERFA facilitated **Community Development in Practice** online sessions connecting partner programs from 8 countries.



2018

2020



Since achieving ACFID membership, ERFA has increased concentration on capacity-building of our own organisation, and of our implementing partner organisations, to meet the criteria and adopt best-practice outlined in the ACFID Code. Through shared learning, ERFA has strengthened our program partnerships and program delivery to ensure the work undertaken has the best possible chance of empowering communities and creating lasting change. We've established robust policies and processes around development activities, contributing to the realisation of human rights and the delivery of Sustainable Development Goals.

We've also sought to increase our impact in other ways. Since the first immersion in 2014, ERFA's 'Gone Fishing' and subsequent 'Gone Trekking' experiences have provided meaningful connections with the people of Africa and Papua New Guinea. Over 70 Australian business leaders have embraced this opportunity, gaining understanding and insight with lasting impact. ERFA's hope is to inspire, challenge and engage each participant to be a life-long agent for change.

ERFA's Strategic Plan, *Liberating Lives through Education* (2018-2020) introduced some significant shifts for the organisation. Taking inspiration from Edmund Rice, who devoted his life to educating those made poor, ERFA has returned to its roots, to the power that lies in education. We've sharpened our focus, recognising now more than ever, appropriate education brings opportunities to build essential life skills and addresses inequality.

We recognise that with the right kind of support, lives can be changed. **Liberating Lives through Education** is our contribution to this change.

ERFA continues to seek out new funding opportunities to complement the incredibly generous support of our private donors, supporter groups and the extraordinary commitment of the EREA schools' network and their alumni, who have remained our most significant contributors over the decade and, in many cases, longer. Their commitment to lifelong giving was never more evident than in 2020. As the COVID-19 pandemic swept the globe, our supporters dug deep, making it possible for ERFA to continue providing funding and support to program partners in new and innovative ways.

ERFA is committed to carrying on the legacy of the Christian Brothers' work in global mission and the tradition of Edmund Rice.



LOOKING *ahead*

Towards sustainable development

VISION

Our vision is for access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all, supporting empowered communities that determine their own futures.

PURPOSE

ERFA's purpose is to support the education of the most vulnerable. Our focus on education spans from life-changing education for children to financial literacy, farming, trades, health and human rights for adults, leaving communities empowered and self-sustaining.

VALUES

Presence

- Relationships built on integrity, mutual respect, trust, accountability and transparency
- Standing in solidarity with the disadvantaged and those living in poverty
- Belief in the equality and dignity of all persons

Compassion

- Our fundamental response is compassion which awakens us to our responsibilities and compels us to take action to eradicate poverty and suffering
- Being sensitive to and informed by the culture, experience and hopes of local people

Liberation

- Empowerment through education which promotes human development and increases the capacities of local people to break the poverty cycle and determine their own futures.

HOW YOUR *donations help*

Your donations go to creating lasting impacts for communities

Thank you

We work with the poorest of communities, helping them to **create solutions** for what they've told us are their **biggest needs**. We work to **safeguard your funds** from the risk of corruption, human rights abuses, and terrorism.



ERFA's approach to programming

ERFA's core focus is on the UN Sustainable Development Goal #1, to end poverty in all its forms everywhere and ERFA seeks to achieve this through SDG #4, Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

In order to achieve our vision, ERFA's priority is to fund community education projects with a clear goal and exit strategy to ensure empowering, sustainable outcomes. We subscribe to a community development approach where the community has full involvement and leadership in planning, developing, delivering and evaluating community initiatives. ERFA also partners in the delivery of community-based projects where partner organisations deliver skillbuilding initiatives in specific areas such as literacy, vocational training, microfinance, human rights and advocacy training.

ERFA does not partner in delivery of projects for evangelisation or partisan politics. ERFA also has robust policies and processes in place so that we, and our partners, do not knowingly or unwittingly support terrorist activity.

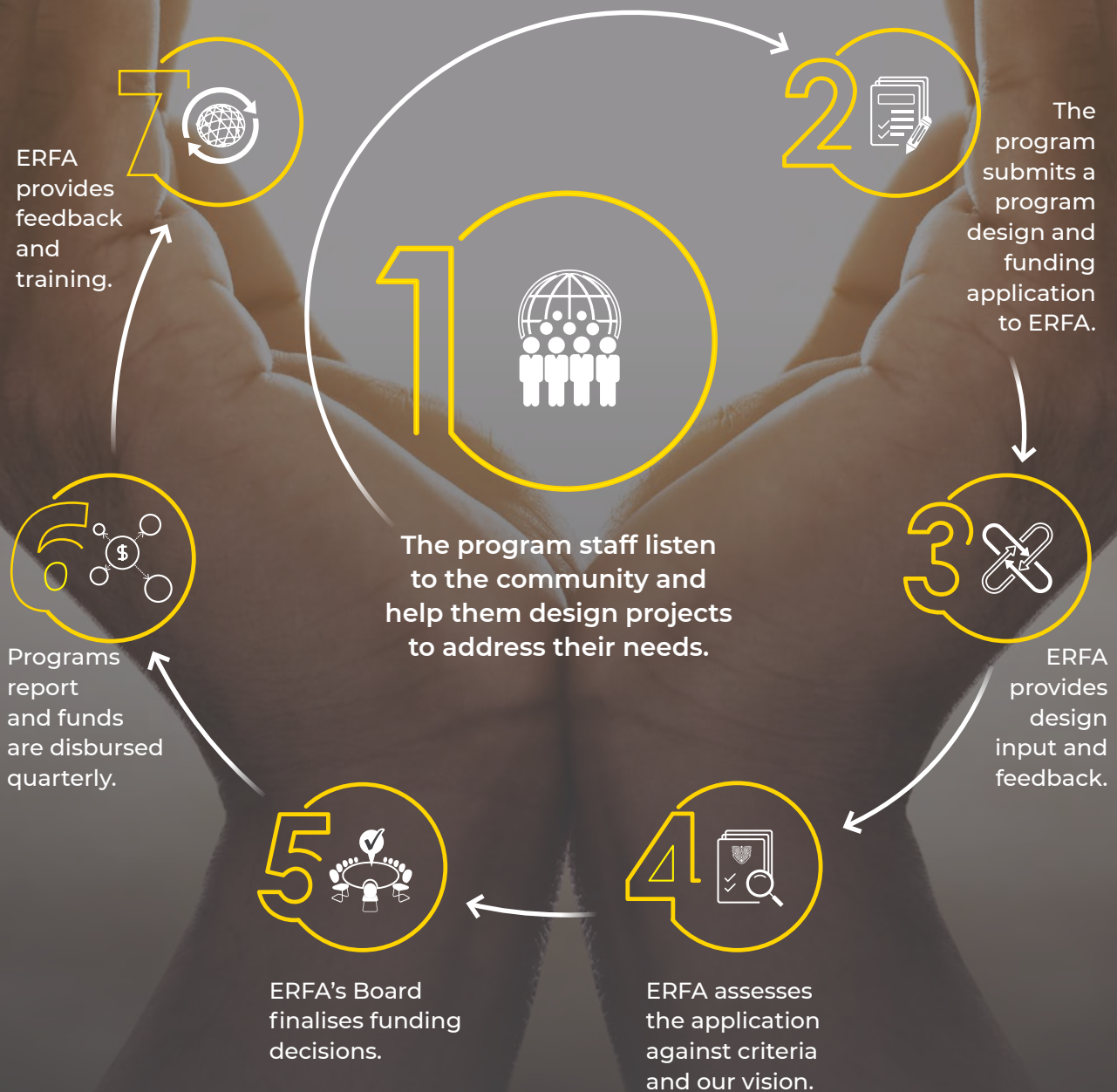
ERFA supports fixed-term development Projects that lead to sustainable change. ERFA will only support welfare activity in exceptional cases according to policy. ERFA will occasionally provide humanitarian assistance in unique emergency situations.

ERFA's aim is for whole communities to become stronger and more confident in controlling or exerting influence over the issues affecting their lives.

PROGRAM *funding*

Making a lasting impact

ERFA helps to design projects that are community-owned. We seek to harness the existing assets, capacities, and strengths of a community towards achieving sustainable community-development.



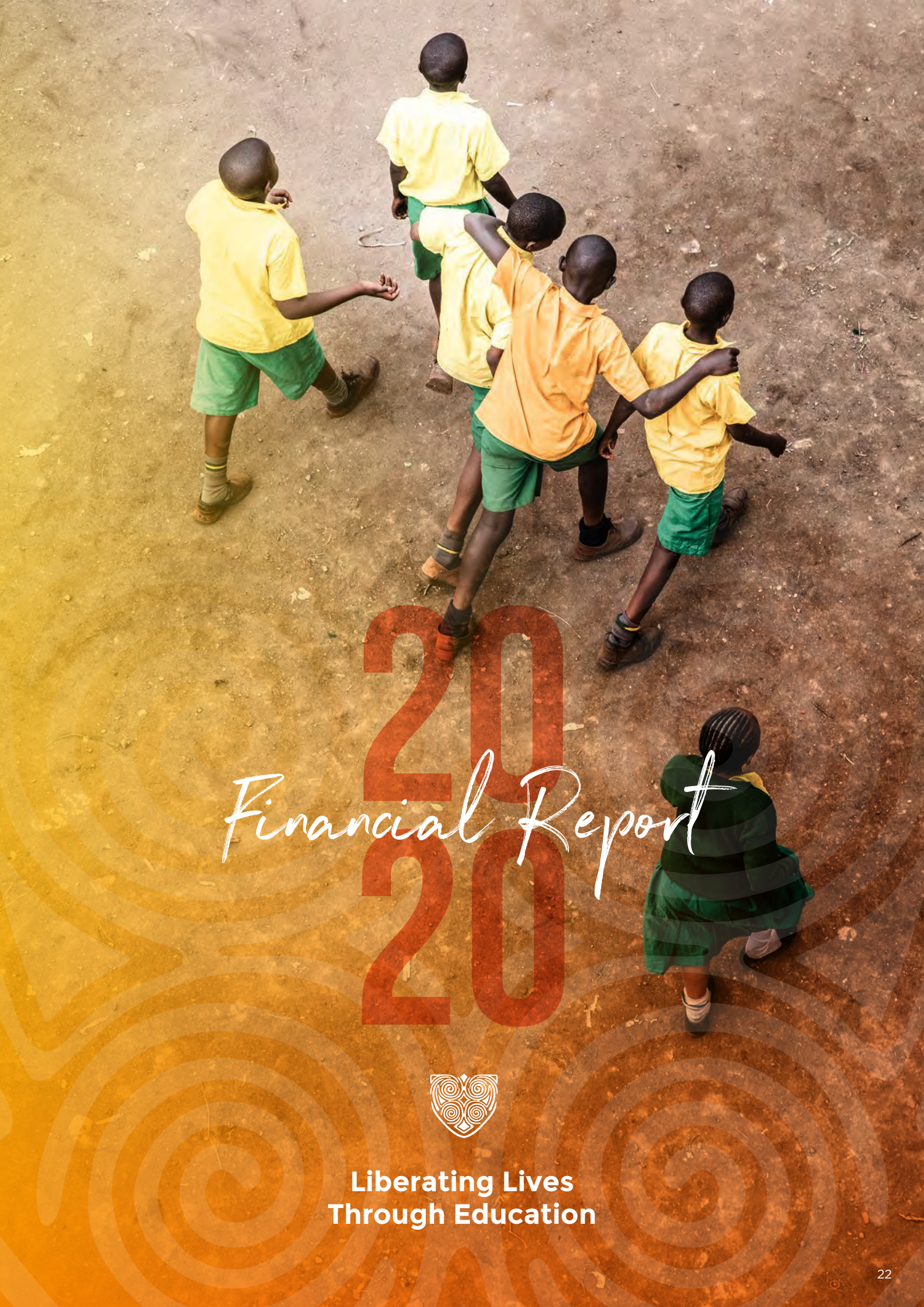


We work with local communities to deliver programs that promote continuous improvement, wellbeing and liberation for everyone.

Names of some of the people in this report have been changed to protect their privacy.

Images in this report courtesy of program staff and photographer Mark Chew
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Financial Report



**Liberating Lives
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FINANCE *at a Glance*

\$3,442,949

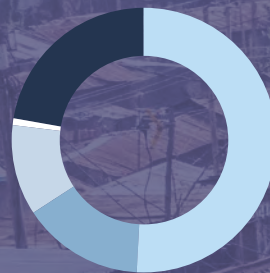
Sources of Income



- 41% Donations & gifts
- 3% Fundraising
- 6% School fundraising
- 39% School PSS
- 12% Investment/other

\$1,892,490

Funding & support to programs



- 41% Donations & gifts
- 3% Fundraising
- 6% School fundraising
- 39% School PSS
- 12% Investment/other

\$2,600,564

Expenditure



- 46% International program funding
- 8% Australian program
- 19% Program Support
- 4% Community Education
- 11% Fundraising Costs
- 12% Accountability & Admin

ERFA is committed to supporting a wide range of education projects that enable the development of the knowledge, competencies, understandings, values and actions required to create self-generated sustainable communities.

In 2020, of the A\$1.69 million provided in international program support, \$1.34 million (79.4%) was classified as development expenditure.

2020 FINANCIAL *Summary*

Income and assets

\$3,442,949
Total income for 2020

\$5,024,080
2020 end of year net assets

\$835,188
2020 end of year consolidated surplus

Expenses

\$1,892,490
Funded programs and support

\$2,600,564
Total expenditure

12c per dollar
For accountability and administration

Careful stewardship of ERFA's resources has seen the operating result for the financial year end 31 December 2020 resulting in a surplus of \$842,385. This is a \$1,086,060 turnaround on the 31 December 2019 deficit of (\$243,675). The 2020 surplus amount includes \$263,050 received from the Commonwealth Government through the JobKeeper Program, leaving the \$579,335 balance of the surplus amount being generated through operations.

The COVID pandemic saw a number of the Domestic and Overseas Programs ERFA supports forced to close. Some on a temporary basis and others permanently. Likewise, fundraising opportunities in Australia were limited. However, thanks to the generosity of our donors, the 500 Supporters' Group and EREA school communities, ERFA was able to provide \$1.89M in support to Programs in Australia and Overseas during 2020.

ERFA is in a sound financial position at the end of 2020 and has positioned itself well to serve our local and international programs through 2021 and beyond.

ERFA is committed to sharing financial information with our supporters. Full financials are available online at www.erf.org.au or by emailing info@erf.org.au for:

- Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)
- Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) as Trustee for Edmund Rice Foundation
- Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) as Trustee for Edmund Rice Overseas Aid Fund

FINANCE *Report*

Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2020

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	2,945,712	2,959,404
Non-monetary	-	-
Bequests and Legacies	-	439,104
Fundraising Income	87,305	379,355
Grants	-	60,000
Investment and interest income	88,748	146,931
Net change in fair value of financial assets classified as fair value through profit or loss	57,707	144,118
Other income	263,477	2,563
Revenue for international political or religious adherence promotion programs	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	3,442,949	4,131,475

Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2020

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
International aid and development programs expenditure		
Funds to international programs	1,197,508	2,599,411
Grants	-	60,000
Non-monetary expenditure	-	-
Program support costs	492,481	329,817
Domestic aid and development programs expenditure		
Funds to domestic programs	202,501	317,000
Program support costs	-	-
Community education	107,797	63,365
Fundraising costs (international and domestic)		
Public	275,806	672,436
Government, multilateral and private	-	-
Accountability and administration	324,471	333,121
<i>Total international aid and development programs expenditure</i>	<i>2,600,564</i>	<i>4,375,150</i>
International political or religious adherence promotion programs expenditure	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,600,564	4,375,150
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	842,385	(243,675)

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2020

<i>EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</i>	842,385	(243,675)
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>		
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>		
Foreign currency loss	(7,197)	(3,491)
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	(7,197)	(3,491)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (DEFICIT) / SUPPLUS FOR THE YEAR	835,188	(247,166)

During the financial year, Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) received no income for international political or religious proselytisation programs.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,331,473	2,216,025
Trade and other receivables	131,854	504,756
Other	56,509	28,538
Total current assets	3,519,836	2,749,319
Non-current assets		
Financial assets	1,640,256	1,581,578
Plant and equipment	45,394	24,835
Leasehold improvements	11,779	14,722
Lease assets	127,333	138,336
Total non-current assets	1,824,762	1,759,471
Total assets	5,344,598	4,508,790
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	168,664	164,734
Lease liability	38,345	31,988
Provisions	13,234	9,756
Total current liabilities	220,243	206,478
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liability	100,275	113,420
Total non-current liabilities	100,275	113,420
Total liabilities	320,518	319,898
Net assets	5,024,080	4,188,892
Equity		
Settlement	100	100
Retained (deficit) /surplus	(95,762)	30,229
Reserves	5,119,742	4,158,563
Total equity	5,024,080	4,188,892

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2020

Consolidated	Settlement Funds	Accumulated Funds Available for Future Use	Bequest Reserve	Financial Assets Reserve	Foreign Exchange Reserve	Specified Purpose Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance 1 January 2019	100	335,880	1,223,788	57,089	-	2,819,201	4,436,058
Surplus attributable to Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)	-	(243,675)	-	-	-	-	(243,675)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	(3,491)	-	(3,491)
Transfers to Reserves							
Bequest reserve	-	(439,104)	439,104	-	-	-	-
Specified purpose reserves	-	521,246	-	-	-	(521,246)	-
Changes in fair value of investments through profit or loss	-	(144,118)	-	144,118	-	-	-
Balance 31 December 2019	100	30,229	1,662,892	201,207	(3,491)	2,297,955	4,188,892
Surplus attributable to Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)	-	842,385	-	-	-	-	842,385
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	-	-	-	-	(7,197)	-	(7,197)
Transfers to Reserves							
Bequest reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specified purpose reserves	-	(911,524)	-	-	-	911,524	-
Changes in fair value of investments through profit or loss	-	(57,707)	-	57,707	-	-	-
Balance 31 December 2019	100	(96,617)	1,662,892	258,914	(10,688)	3,209,479	5,024,080

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	3,668,969	3,244,844
Cash payments in the course of operations	(2,584,527)	(4,036,511)
Interest received	3,371	9,184
Investment income	85,804	140,310
Net cash (used) / provided by operating activities	1,173,617	(642,173)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment of bequest income	(971)	(99,683)
Purchase of plant and equipment	(30,000)	(14,324)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(30,971)	(114,007)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Principal elements of lease payments	(27,198)	(23,110)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(27,198)	(23,110)
Net increase in cash held	1,115,448	(779,290)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	2,216,025	2,995,315
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	3,331,473	2,216,025

Consolidated table of cash movements for designated purposes for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Cash available at the beginning of the financial year	Cash Received	Cash Disbursed during year	Transfers between Funds	Cash available at the end of the financial year
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Funds Raised for	5,741	88,752	(207,358)	114,269	1,404
Edmund Rice Oceania Domestic Projects	3,988	37,375	(261,392)	239,408	19,379
Edmund Rice Oceania Developing Nations Projects					
Ruben Centre (Kenya)	170,021	699,659	(613,836)	92,074	347,918
Other African Projects	421,950	587,191	(685,882)	(22,941)	300,318
Total for other purposes	1,614,325	2,525,357	(1,054,418)	(422,810)	2,662,454
	2,216,025	3,938,334	(2,822,886)	-	3,331,473

The consolidated entity is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, and as such has an obligation to provide the following information which demonstrates adherence to the Code's financial standards. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

The only appeal which represented more than 10 percent of the total cash raised in 2020 was for the Ruben Centre.

The purpose of the table of cash movements is to ensure the accountability of cash raised for designated purposes. The table of cash movements is used to disclose the amount of cash that has been raised for a designated purpose, disbursed and remains unspent at the end of the year.

Cash raised refers to cash donations and other income actually received during the year. Cash disbursed refers to expenditure actually paid out during the year.

Notes to the consolidated summary financial report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The concise financial report is an extract from Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)'s consolidated full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements and specific disclosures included in the concise financial report have been derived from the full financial report.

The concise financial report does not and cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and its trusts as the full financial report.

A full description of the accounting policies adopted by Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) may be found in the full financial report available at erf.org.au.

The concise financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

The responsible persons declare that in their opinion:

- The concise financial report of the Company and its controlled entities for the year ended 31 December 2020 as set out in pages 1 to 3 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.
- The concise financial report is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements and specific disclosures included in the concise financial report have been derived from the full financial report.
- The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide a full understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Company and its controlled entities as the full financial report, which is available on request.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the responsible persons

Director  Dated Monday 28th day of June 2021

AUDITOR'S *Report*



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE RESPONSIBLE PERSONS OF EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 31 December 2020, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct.

This declaration is in respect of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and the entities it controlled during the year.

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S WALLACE
Partner

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)
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Report on the Financial Report

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) ('the Company') and its subsidiaries ('the Group'), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects if any, of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified opinion paragraph, the financial report of the Group is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*; and
- c) complying with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Donations are a significant source of fundraising revenue for the Group. The Group have determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of donations prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding fundraising revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether the recorded donations of the Group are complete.

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 Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (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.

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Other Information

The responsible persons are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Director's report for the year ended 31 December 2020, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially consistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Responsible Persons' for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Group 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*, the ACFID Code of Conduct and for such internal control as the responsible persons 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 responsible persons are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible persons either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities 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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.



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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and its controlled entities for the year ended 31 December 2020 included on Edmund Rice Foundation's website. The responsible persons are responsible for the integrity of Edmund Rice Foundation's website. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Edmund Rice Foundation's website. The auditor's report refers only to the subject matter described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report to confirm the information contained in this website version of the financial report.

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S WALLACE
Partner

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