



**Edmund Rice**  
FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA  
*Liberating Lives Through Education*

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

*Liberating  
Lives  
Through  
Education*







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







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# CHAIR *Report*

Dear Supporters and Friends of Edmund Rice Foundation Australia,

On behalf of the Board of ERFA, it is my great pleasure to present the Chair's Report for the year 2022. This report reflects upon our achievements over the past year while acknowledging the challenges we faced, and our vision for the future.

With ongoing disruptions in communities, we have seen crises unfold but also remarkable resilience as we emerged from the pandemic. During these times, our ERFA community galvanised, and we kept our vision at the forefront. Education has always been at the core of our work, and in 2022, we continued to prioritise partnerships with communities who have been marginalised, to deliver skill-building initiatives.

As borders reopened, the year was filled with opportunities to reconnect with our global community and presented opportunities for new connections. This highlighted the remarkable resilience, passion, and continued support of our community, our programs, and our supporters and served as a poignant reminder that we are all interconnected, regardless of borders or backgrounds. Our actions can have a far-reaching impact on others around the world.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire ERFA community, including the EREA schools, the Christian Brothers' Oceania Leadership Team, and countless others who have contributed to the life-changing projects delivered. Your engagement and support have breathed life into new, sustainable initiatives, and your ongoing commitment is deeply valued.

I would like to recognise the enormous contribution of our CEO, Bren Arkinstall, and the ERFA team. In 2022, the ERFA team undertook an in-depth assessment of our management capacity, systems, operations, and linkages with the Australian community against a set of agreed criteria to become a base level accredited agency with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). This milestone enables ERFA to receive annual funding through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) to support programs in developing countries. It is recognition of our continued evolution as an international NGO with the UN Sustainable Development Goals at the heart of our work.

We have also embarked on a new Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025 this year.

As we look toward the future, we remain committed to our vision and values.

**We recognise the need for ongoing support and engagement from our community to create lasting change. Together, we can build a brighter future for all.**

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Edmund Rice Foundation Australia.

**Paul Gallagher**  
Chairman





# CEO Report



Reflecting on 2022, I am reminded of our extraordinary journey together. Our Edmund Rice family has again shown true grit and resilience. Despite the pandemic continuing to place immense pressure on our global communities, we emerged with a stronger sense of connection. This sense of community and connectedness rekindled as borders reopened and our ERFA team and projects resumed travel.

After a prolonged interruption, I returned to Africa and engaged with our staff and partners. I heard directly from our partners that they feel inspired to know that our Australian supporters believe in them. This belief and continued support must be recognised. It is what makes our community great, and it is what connects us all. It is what motivates our staff and partners to face the constant and profound challenges our world presents.

Thanks to the Edmund Rice Foundation Kenya Office based in Nairobi, our work in Africa has become more visible, providing essential in-country support and capacity building for project partners. Our Australian team, led by Emily Faller, has worked tirelessly to obtain base level accreditation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This involved a robust and in-depth assessment and reflects our growing stature and credibility as one of only approximately 60 organisations who carry this accreditation.

ERFA provided over \$2.2M in support to programs in Australia and overseas during 2022. We could not have made such a significant impact without the inspiring generosity of our Edmund Rice community here in Australia. Your unwavering support during challenging times highlights how deeply our community cares and is willing to invest in sustainable change.

To all our incredible supporters, your belief, generosity, and continued contributions inspire us to strive for maximum impact.

As we look ahead, our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan is intentionally ambitious yet rooted in carrying on the legacy of Edmund Rice through presence, compassion, and liberation. Over the last 11 years ERFA has continued to transform and grow this impact by having a clear focus on education and with UN Sustainable Development Goals at the heart of our work.

As we look to the next strategic period, we are building on strong relationships, presence and connection with our program partners and deep links and shared identity across the Edmund Rice network. We are a connected community unified by our mission to liberate lives through education.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities around the world.

**Bren Arkinstall**  
CEO



# PROJECT EVALUATION

## & Learning



After a long interruption, ERFA's Australian and Nairobi teams were able to recommence international travel in 2022 and see firsthand the incredible resilience, capacity and hard work of our project partners and the people in the communities they serve. These field visits added such a vital dimension to our ongoing commitment to monitoring and evaluating projects and to shared learning.

Our partners across all countries continued to report on a quarterly basis against project plans, budgets and risk frameworks via our online portal. They provided stories of change from project stakeholders, demonstrating the positive impact of their work.

ERFA's branch office in Kenya fulfilled a substantial and important role in local engagement with partner projects in Africa with our staff providing valuable training for project teams as well as supporting project design, engagement with communities, delivery of initiatives and monitoring of project progress.

Throughout 2022, our team continued to deliver online training sessions for our partners in safeguarding, image consent, project design, finance and risk management, gender and inclusivity, monitoring and evaluation, anti-corruption and anti-fraud, counter-terrorism, whistleblowing, complaints handling, partnerships and reporting. ERFA also continued to partner in the global Edmund Rice Mission Capacity Development project with a focus on governance training.

Throughout the year, ERFA sought and received valuable feedback from our partner projects including through our annual partner survey. Learnings from the feedback include that our partners find ERFA online training invaluable and would like more of this and more in person, particularly in the area of management training and financial management and reporting. The survey highlighted that 100% of our partners feel respected by ERFA.







All ERFA partners undertook self-evaluation of projects at the end of 2022. ERFA also evaluated projects and provided feedback. Learnings include the need for more sharing of stories and strategies across our network; improving community stakeholder consultation; identifying and overcoming beneficiary barriers to participation; funding diversification and sustainability strategies; and benchmarking.

Importantly, the progress ERFA and our partners have made over the last years in effective and efficient delivery of projects with significant impact, is reflected in our attainment of base level accreditation with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

**Emily Faller**  
Programs Director



# STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2022-2025

### Headline Targets 2025

- Increase income to \$5m 

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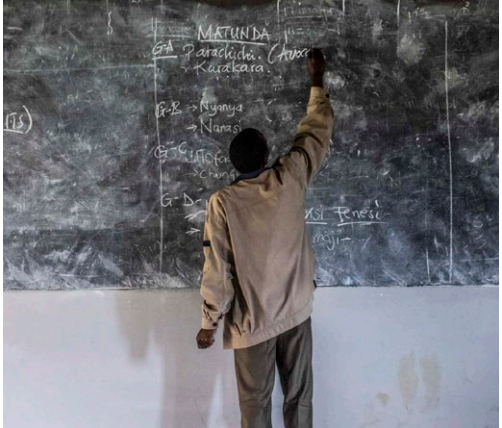
- Shift the mix to increase domestic projects and projects directly delivered by ERFA 

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- Increase the numbers of supporters 

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- Increase staff engagement and wellbeing 





# A Connected Community

## Strategic Goals

### 1. Enhance our Edmund Rice Network Collaboration



#### Progress in 2022:

- Deepened our global and domestic Edmund Rice strategic alliances
- Joint Africa project visits, regular online meetings and collaboration in EREBB Global Congress contribution

### 2. Strengthen our Programming Quality and Governance



#### Progress in 2022:

- Invested in strengthening our project partner capacity, collaboration and paths to independent sustainability
- Embarked on designing a robust Programming Strategy

### 3. Increasing our Profile and Deepening Engagement



#### Progress in 2022:

- Strengthened connection, relationship and presence within the ER Schools Network following the lifting of Covid restrictions
- Delivered *Walk for Edmund* and *Best Foot Forward* campaigns to raise awareness and much needed funds
- Embarked on rebuilding our supporter immersion and experiences program

### 4. Growing our Revenue Sustainably



#### Progress in 2022:

- Obtained base-level accreditation with DFAT, enabling ERFA to receive annual funding through ANCP to support programs in developing countries
- Embarked on designing a bold and sustainable revenue strategy

### 5. Nurturing our Organisational Health



#### Progress in 2022:

- Nurtured our team wellbeing and organisational health with structured programs
- Identified the need to develop a resource plan to uplift capability gaps
- In-person and online team building with Kenyan team together with fortnightly online team meetings
- Recommended international travel presenting opportunities for reconnection, field-visits and capacity building



# OUR People

## Board of Directors

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**Paul Gallagher, Chair**

**Christina Longmire, Treasurer**

**Br. Leo (Clem) Barrett**

**Anthony Coates**

**Geoff Doyle**

**Neil O'Hare**

**Ann Rebgetz**

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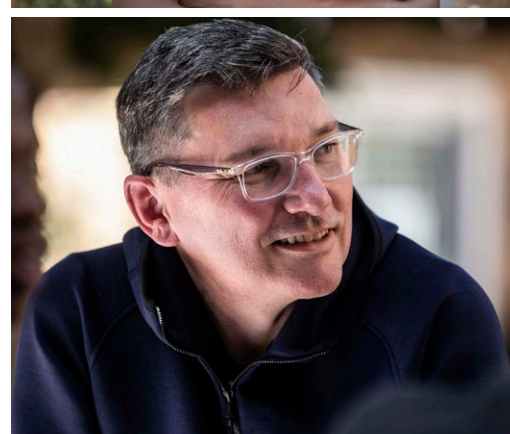
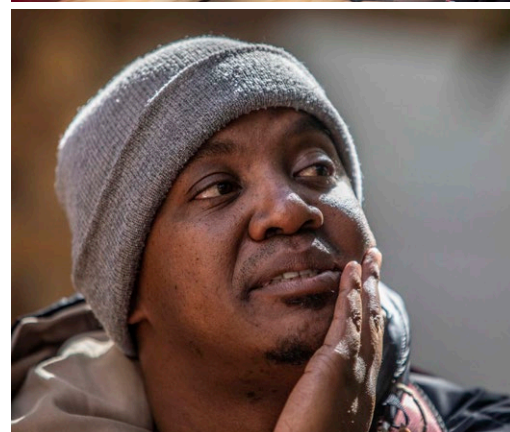
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Finance and Training Manager

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Partnerships and Evaluations  
Manager

**Mr Benard Kalola**  
Financial Accountant







**Edmund Rice**  
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# ABOUT *US*

**Edmund Rice Foundation Australia (ERFA) is a trusted international development organisation. Our vision is for access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.**

Through the generous support of Australians, ERFA helps poorly resourced and marginalised communities to deliver:



**skill-building and vocational training** to support employment opportunities



**human rights and advocacy training** for poorly resourced communities



**life-skills training and social development skills** for disadvantaged communities



**early childhood, primary and secondary education** for communities affected by poverty



# Liberating Lives Through Education



## Vision

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



## Purpose

Our purpose is to support the education of those who have been marginalised. ERFA's focus on education includes life-changing learning opportunities for children, financial literacy, farming and trade skills, health and human rights services and advocacy for adults. We walk with individuals and communities towards sustainable change.



## 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

*Boys learn about boundaries and consent during a workshop at The Justice Deck in South Africa*



# 2022 AT A GLANCE

We work with poorly resourced and marginalised communities, helping them to reach their aspirations and create sustainable solutions that leave lasting impacts.

## 7 countries



Partnered with programs in Australia, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, South Africa, the Philippines and Timor-Leste

Through ERFA Programs:

## 25,032 women & girls



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

## 47,041 people



directly impacted and hundreds of thousands more people indirectly impacted

## 642 people



living with disability were directly supported

Partnered in delivering

## 21 projects



## 1,816 employed



in paid and volunteer work directly supporting communities

## \$2,282,481



disbursed for support to liberate lives through education

## Accredited



Became a base level accredited NGO with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), eligible for Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) funding.



A mother walks her son to attend school at the Edmund Rice Centre Nairobi





# PROJECT Partnerships

**Your donations create lasting impacts for communities.**

ERFA partners in community education projects with a clear goal and exit strategy to ensure sustainable outcomes.

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

We seek to harness a community's assets, capacities, and strengths to achieve sustainable community development.



ERFA does not partner in delivering projects for evangelisation or partisan politics. Robust policy and process also ensure that we (and our partners) do not knowingly or unwittingly support terrorist activity. ERFA supports activity that delivers ongoing benefits to communities. However, we recognise that sometimes welfare (such as clothing, food or medicines for individuals) is a necessary steppingstone to empowerment.



# PROJECT Partnerships

## GLOBAL

Edmund Rice (ER) Mission  
Capacity Development project



### Building capacity

Training for governors and managers of ER projects around the world to enhance best practice and deliver projects for lasting positive change.

Funds contribution **\$20,000**

Direct beneficiaries **97**

## KENYA

Ruben Centre



### Advocacy project

Strengthening the Mukuru community through: training in peace building and safeguarding, and through Ruben FM radio providing local news and information, community contributions and advocacy for human and civil rights.

Funds contribution **\$50,000**

Direct beneficiaries **721**

## TIMOR-LESTE

Vanilla  
"Beans of Hope"



### Supporting farmers

Improving the livelihoods of farmers through sustainable and fair income from vanilla farming.

Funds contribution **\$28,600**

Direct beneficiaries **231**

## UGANDA

St Joseph's Kensekka  
Vocational School



### Empowering vulnerable youth

Delivering vocational training for youth in Rakai, Uganda. Bricks made by trainees are sold to contribute to the school's income and used for the school's own construction needs.

Funds contribution **\$29,000**

Direct beneficiaries **160**

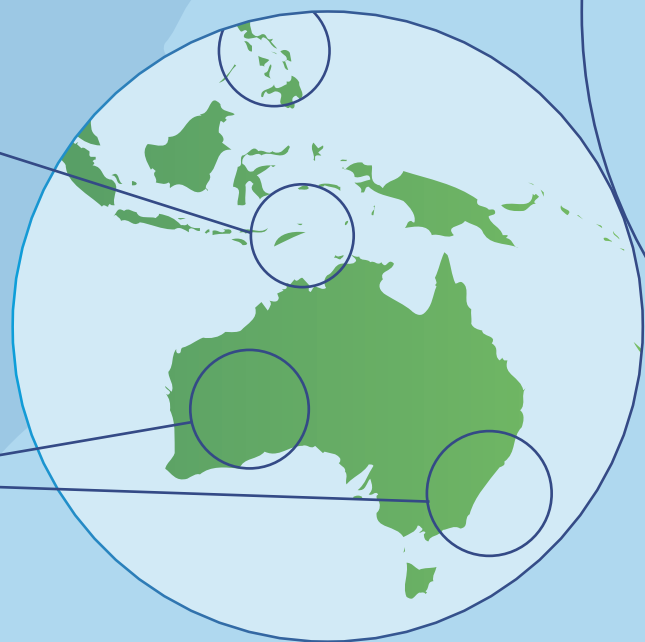
## AUSTRALIA

Edmund Rice  
Community Services



Supporting Edmund Rice Australian ministries including ER Camps, ER Community and Refugee Services and ER Centres in NSW and WA.

Funds contribution **\$350,000**



Formal education



Human rights & advocacy



Capacity building



Disability support



**KENYA**

Ruben Centre



**Education Program**

Supporting delivery of education for early childhood, primary school children, and children with a disability as well as vocational training for women and youth, and capacity building for sustainable agriculture practices.

Funds contribution	\$214,000
Direct beneficiaries	5,266

**KENYA**

Edmund Rice Catholic Education Centre



**School Project**

Supporting delivery of primary and secondary education for children facing injustice and adversity within Embulbul township.

Funds contribution	\$290,000
Direct beneficiaries	661

**KENYA**

Edmund Rice Catholic Education Centre



**Vocational Training Project**

Supporting delivery of vocational training in carpentry and joinery to students and parents from Embulbul township.

Funds contribution	\$30,000
Direct beneficiaries	191

**KENYA**

Edmund Rice Eldoret Empowerment Program



**Children and Youth Empowerment Project**

Delivering leadership, lifeskills, environmental and civil rights training to youth and children in schools in the Rift Valley region of Eldoret.

Funds contribution	\$30,000
Direct beneficiaries	3,448



Community education



Skill-building and vocational training



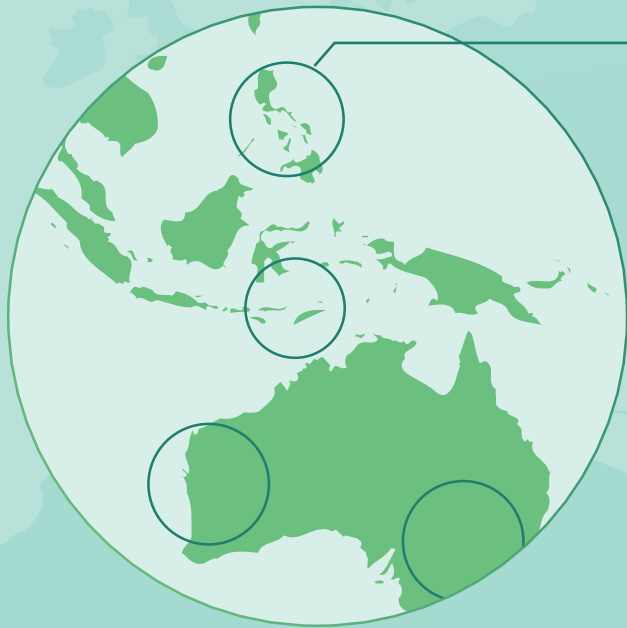
Agriculture



Infrastructure



# PROJECT Partnerships



## WESTERN ZAMBIA

CEP Western Province Zambia



### Improved Protection of Women and Adolescent Girls From Gender-Based Violence

Delivering education for the protection of women and adolescent girls from Gender-Based Violence in rural communities.

Funds contribution	\$7,200
Direct beneficiaries	2479

## SOUTH AFRICA

The Justice Desk



### The Mbokodo Club Project\*

Advocating for and equipping survivors of rape and Gender-Based Violence to promote self-awareness and providing education and support to enable them to lead change within their community.

Funds contribution	\$85,000
Direct beneficiaries	98



\* This project is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). Refer to page 15 for more information.

## THE PHILIPPINES

FundLife



### FundLife Leadership Academy: Reach to Teach

Providing supplementary learning support for internally displaced children and youth impacted by school closures due to COVID-19.

Funds contribution	\$40,000
Direct beneficiaries	345

## KENYA

Mirror of Hope C.B.O



### Construction of community meeting centre in Kibera

Construction of a new training facility and marketplace to improve livelihoods of women and youth in Kibera settlement.

Funds contribution	\$26,000
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## SOUTH AFRICA

The Justice Desk\*



### The Ntsika yeThemba Project

Empowering young boys and men to assist in defending the rights of women and in building safer communities.

Funds contribution	\$65,000
Direct beneficiaries	62



Formal education



Human rights & advocacy



Capacity building



Disability support



# PROJECT Partnerships

## KENYA

Edmund Rice Centre Nairobi



### Strengthening learning outcomes for Learners with Disability

Education for children living with disabilities. Providing education on disability inclusion to Kibera settlement residents.

Funds contribution

**\$85,000**

Direct beneficiaries

**77**

## KENYA

Ruben Centre



### Health Project

Providing community training in nutrition, hygiene, child health and oral healthcare. Upskilling of laboratory technicians and medical staff and maintenance of quality health management systems.

Funds contribution

**\$77,000**

Direct beneficiaries

**19,561**

## KENYA

Mirror of Hope C.B.O



### Future POA Project

Equipping youth with computer, music, entertainment, fine arts and environmental conservation skills to enhance their employment opportunities.

Funds contribution

**\$15,600**

Direct beneficiaries

**109**

## KENYA

Mirror of Hope C.B.O\*



### Savings and Internal Lending Communities Project

Delivering business training and economic empowerment for women living in Kibera slums.

Funds contribution

**\$61,500**

Direct beneficiaries

**150**



Community education



Skill-building and vocational training



Agriculture



Infrastructure



# STORIES OF *Strength*



KENYA • Edmund Rice Centre Nairobi

## Strengthening protection and inclusion of children with disabilities

### Esther's Story

Esther grew up as the oldest of four children in Western Kenya. Her dream was to become a nurse and help those in need. She became an Occupational Therapist (OT), initially working in an established hospital in Nairobi before pursuing her passion for helping those in the greatest need. This journey led her to Edmund Rice Centre Nairobi (ERCN), formerly the Mary Rice Centre.

On Esther's first day, she visited ERCN families in their homes within the informal settlement of Kibera which changed her life and perspective forever. Kibera is a large and densely populated urban slum characterised by intense poverty and little to no infrastructure and amenities. Esther witnessed families who faced enormous challenges including being shunned by their community because of disability. She recalls being in a one-room family home with eleven children, three of whom were living with multiple disabilities. For many, the struggle for a family managing disability and extreme poverty is heartbreaking to witness. Ten years on, Esther continues to be inspired and motivated to work tirelessly with this family and many others like them in Kibera.

Esther and the ERCN team advocate for disability rights, special needs education and provide access to vocational training. Esther has been instrumental in changing the damaging myths and deeply rooted cultural beliefs surrounding children with disabilities.

Where once it was common for children with disabilities to be restrained all day in their homes, now there is growing awareness and acceptance on matters of disability. ERCN provides a safe space for children with disabilities to learn and grow, and for their families to be supported.



*OT Esther, works alongside a team at ERCN to provide a holistic approach for beneficiaries*





*Mama Obama walks through the settlement and across a major highway so that her children can attend school each day.*

## Strengthening protection and inclusion of children with disabilities

### Mama Vincent's story

As is the local custom, Mama Vincent is named after her firstborn son Vincent\*. She lives in a 3 x 3 metre shack with her husband and seven children, in the informal settlement of Kibera. This valley of rusty corrugated iron shacks is estimated to be home to up to 1 million people. Kibera is defined by extreme poverty and very poor basic infrastructure. Vincent is 13 with severe autism and everyday milestones have been difficult for him to achieve. Vincent and his entire family face significant challenges and prejudice due to damaging popular myths and deeply rooted cultural beliefs surrounding children with disabilities. Often disability can lead to whole families being ostracised and their children being the target of violence and abuse.

Mama Vincent and her husband were introduced to the Edmund Rice Centre Nairobi – a haven for children with disabilities and their families – when Vincent was eight.

Here, Vincent attends school and occupational therapy and has a nutritious meal to aid his development. He also learns vocational skills in basic beadwork to help secure an income and contribute to his lifelong care. Vincent's siblings also benefit from support from the Centre, which works tirelessly to advocate for disability rights and shift beliefs surrounding the child and their family.

Mama Vincent volunteers in the kitchen at the Centre. She helps cultivate the gardens that provide nutritious meals for the children to aid their learning and development. Her husband has secured work as a daytime guard for the Centre, which provides a small income to the family. Their hope for Vincent is to gain access to a speech therapist to develop his communication skills so he can develop his confidence and independence.

*\*Not their real name*





## Advocating for human rights

### Edward's Story

Edward was deeply troubled by the persistent high levels of violence against women and girls in South African communities. He was compelled to write an honours thesis and companion blog, 'Boys will be Joys', on the link between masculinities and Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

Edward soon caught the attention of The Justice Desk in South Africa, and was invited to join iNtsika yeThemba. This project exists to support young men and boys to defend women's rights and become pillars of hope within their communities.

Edward is passionate about young people's development and challenging destructive ideas about masculinity. Since joining iNtsika yeThemba, he has affirmed his belief that we can work towards a future where boys are free to be themselves and become the next generation of positive male role models South Africa desperately needs.

Edward has witnessed tremendous growth in the iNtsika boys and their willingness to expand the norms of masculinity – they are willing to grow, learn, develop and embody healthy ideas of masculinity. In addition, he has seen growing confidence amongst the boys to be themselves and to stand up for women in their communities.



*iNtsika yeThemba (Pillars of Hope) Young Males Ending GBV in South Africa is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).*



*Edward is working towards a generation of positive male role models in South Africa.*

### Lewis' Story

Lewis\* is 16 and lives in a one-room house in Langa, an impoverished Township in Cape Town that exists due to the cruel history of discriminatory apartheid rules. Lewis lives in a community where he does not feel safe, or able to be himself. Gang-culture is commonplace and young men learn early that it is normal to resort to violence and abuse, especially towards women.

Lewis' mother and brother work very hard to provide him with access to education. He was introduced to the Ntsika yeThemba "Pillars of Hope" project at school. The project exists to challenge persistently high levels of violence directed towards women and girls, and to teach young men that there are many positive ways to be a man.

The project engages with young men aged 13-18 during a critical time in their lives where opinions, ideas and beliefs that reinforce gender inequalities can be challenged and shaped. Lewis regularly attends empowerment workshops that challenge gender expectations and traditional male stereotypes to foster a generation of positive male role models. At the project, he has a safe space to talk about issues without judgement and is encouraged to believe in himself and his authentic version of masculinity.

Lewis has become a role model for his family, friends, and community. He has learned how to recognise community injustices and speak up. Lewis aims to go to university and become a social worker helping other disadvantaged children.

*\*Not their real name*





## Growing Strong agriculture project

### Makesh's Story

Makesh\* grew up in Meru County in central Kenya. Her family farmed under the shade of Mt. Kenya, a sacred mountain revered by local tribes. For generations, Makesh's ancestors have prayed for rain and fertile lands. Her parents, peasant farmers, worked their small family farm for income and sustenance.

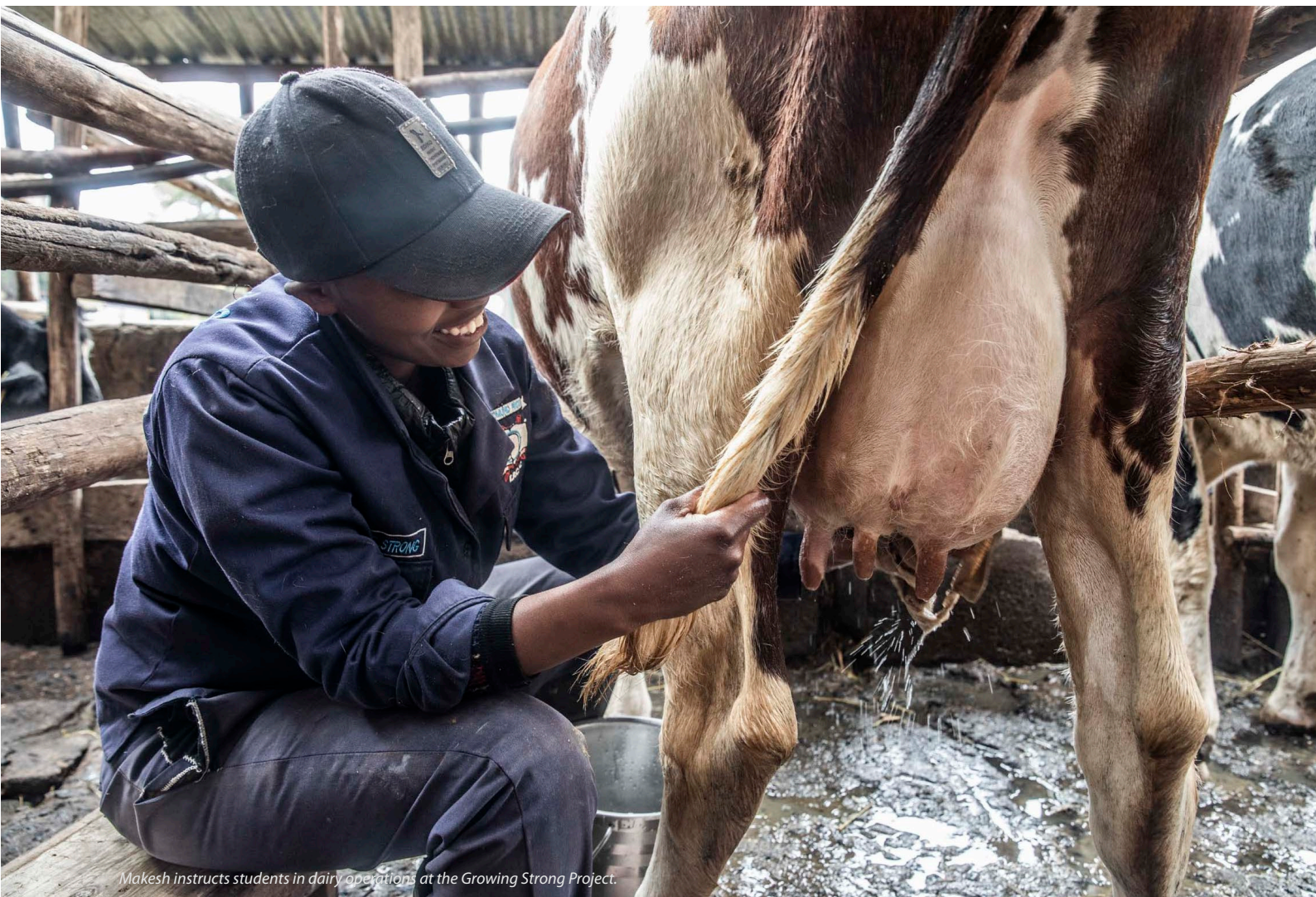
While there wasn't much money, she has fond memories of her childhood, and her parents worked hard to ensure both Makesh and her siblings obtained an education.

When Makesh completed high school, she recognised that her community would benefit from learning modern farming methods. However, farming is not respected, and many in her community attempted to discourage Makesh. Nevertheless, she remained committed to her passion and completed a diploma in general agriculture.

Today, Makesh is the Technical Supervisor for the Growing Strong Project. She advises the dairy on working effectively and efficiently, trains the local community on sustainable urban farming methods and advocates for agricultural empowerment within the community around Embulbul.

Makesh's greatest joy is witnessing the small-scale agricultural ventures appearing in homes within the community. These endeavours improve family nutrition and provide economic empowerment for families, particularly for women who sell excess produce at local markets. Makesh is also proud of the improvements to her family farm. She has taught her parents about crop diversification, pest management and producing organic manure leading to improved harvests.

*\*Not their real name*



Makesh instructs students in dairy operations at the Growing Strong Project.





*Daniel has found peace in Embulbul and tends to the club farm on weekends.*

## Growing Strong agriculture project

### Daniel's Story

Daniel\* was born in Kosovo, Mathare – a violent and gang-controlled slum in Nairobi's Eastlands. Here, his mother sells grains, tea leaves and sugar in a small store to support Daniel's education. Daniel is the youngest of three and hasn't faced an easy path in his life. His older brother was killed when caught in a violent protest, his sister moved away, and his father died due to COVID-19 complications.

Daniel first experienced peace when he moved to Embulbul to live with his sister and attend school at the Edmund Rice Catholic Education Centre. It was also here that he joined the young farmers club under the guidance of Makesh. Since joining, Daniel has learned to grow traditional African vegetables. He now has a small 1x1 metre space behind his home where he grows vegetables for meals. His sister has also come to appreciate the project as Daniel's urban farm provides fresh vegetables, supplementing the food and nutrition of her own growing family.

Daniel has come to appreciate the value of agriculture in Kenya. He has experienced the power of urban farming and sees its potential to address crime and employment through food security. He hopes to inspire and influence his peers and classmates to change their perceptions of farming.

Daniel's dream is to obtain tertiary qualifications in agriculture, encourage the expansion of urban farming within his community, and become a large-scale manufacturer of organic fertiliser using the skills he's learned.





We walk with  
individuals  
and communities  
towards

*Sustainable  
change.*

*A woman walks to the well to gather water for farming in Zambia.*



# Support FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

In 2022, ERFA achieved our long-term goal of becoming an accredited agency with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). As a base level accredited NGO, ERFA is eligible to receive annual funding under the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) to support projects in developing countries.

In 2022/23, four ERFA partner projects are receiving funding under the ANCP:

## The Mbokodo Club Project

Empowering Girl Survivors of Gender-Based Violence in South Africa implemented by The Justice Desk

## iNtsika yeThemba (Pillars of Hope)

Young Males Ending Gender-Based Violence in South Africa implemented by The Justice Desk

## Women's Empowerment

Women's Empowerment and Savings and Internal Lending's Community project in Kenya implemented by Mirror of Hope

## Cebu Families Education

For Enhanced Livelihood Project in The Philippines implemented by Edmund Rice Ministries



*A proud father and his daughter after a day at school at ERCN.*





Achieving DFAT base level Accreditation is recognition of our continued evolution as an international NGO with the UN Sustainable Development Goals at the heart of our work.

 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**1** NO POVERTY



**Sustainable Development Goal #1.** To end poverty in all its forms everywhere.

**4** QUALITY EDUCATION



**Sustainable Development Goal #4.** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The DFAT Accreditation process assesses the organisational structure, philosophies, policies and practices of Australian NGOs.

This process ensures the Australian Government is funding professional, well-managed organisations that are capable of delivering quality development outcomes and are accountable to their stakeholders. It assures the Australian public that the Australian Government is working with the most effective partners.

**ERFA is proud to be one of them.**



# MAKE A *Lasting Impact*

**Every donation creates a lasting impact for disadvantaged communities.**

ERFA is an accredited and respected international development organisation. We pride ourselves on being a safe pair of hands so that donors can feel confident that funds are only going towards carefully monitored and evaluated programs.

There are many ways you can help ERFA: attend an event, donate, involve your school through lesson activities or a fundraiser, or volunteer your time.

**Your generosity makes a lasting impact.**

**Thank you for your support.**

Lifelong learning opportunities for all, supporting empowered communities who determine their *Own futures.*

*Boys play in the playground at Edmund Rice Catholic Education Centre*









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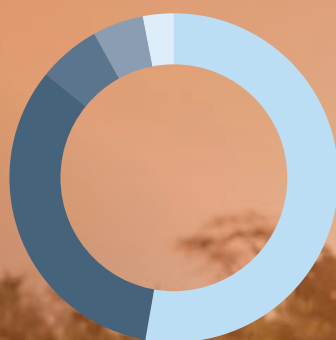
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# FINANCIAL *Overview*

## Sources of Income

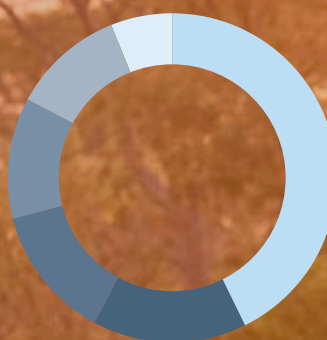
**\$ 2,873,521**



53% Donations / gifts  
33% ER schools' support  
6% Fundraising  
5% Grants  
3% Other

## Expenditure

**\$ 3,318,380**



43% International project funding  
15% Program support  
13% Fundraising costs  
12% Accountability / Admin  
11% Australian project funding  
6% Community education

## Development vs non-development

As part of its commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty, ERFA prioritises development activities over welfare activities (such as support for individuals). Development activities seek to improve the conditions of communities in sustainable ways and are based on working with communities, rather than for or on behalf of communities.

A critical element of sustainable development activity is capacity building and ERFA achieves this through formal education, community education and development education. In 2022, of the \$1,466,716 ERFA provided directly to international projects, \$1,087,838 (75%) was classified as development expenditure.

## Where the money came from and where it went

In 2022, the incredible generosity of our donor network contributed \$1.5m to support our partner projects. The Edmund Rice schools network continues to be the backbone of ERFA support and contributed 33% of our \$2,873,521 income. ERFA also received \$150,000 in grant funding from the Australian Government's NGO Cooperation Program.

A deficit of \$451,982 in 2022 was on the back of substantial surpluses of \$150,948 in 2021 and \$835,188 in 2020 and facilitated appropriate levels of project support following the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Organisation status

ERFA, ABN 28 153 110 055, a Company limited by guarantee, was granted PBI status during 2021. The operations of Edmund Rice Overseas Aid Fund and Edmund Rice Foundation (a Charitable Trust) ceased on 31 December 2022. All the assets and liabilities were transferred to ERFA.

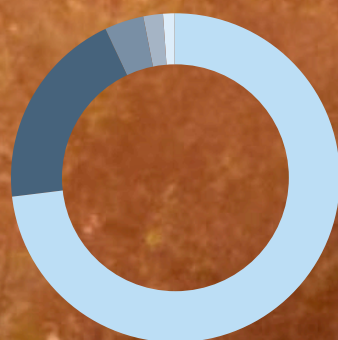




# FINANCIAL Summary

Project support by region

**\$ 1,792,116**



74% Africa  
20% Australia  
4% Timor-Leste  
2% The Philippines  
1% Global program support

## Income and assets

**\$2,873,521**

Total income for 2022

**\$5,077,949**

2022 end of year net assets

**\$451,982**

Consolidated entity deficit

## Expenses

**\$2,282,481**

Disbursed for support to liberate lives through education

**\$204,411**

Increased programs expenditure on 2022

**\$3,318,380**

Total expenditure

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- 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 Profit or Loss for the year ended 31 December 2022

	NOTES	CONSOLIDATED	
		2022	2021
		\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations and gifts			
Monetary		2,452,681	2,471,030
Fundraising income		177,491	147,956
Grants - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade		150,000	-
Investment and interest income		168,577	155,235
Net change in fair value of financial assets classified as fair value through profit or loss		(75,311)	203,286
Other income		83	27,988
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	2	2,873,521	3,005,495
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
International aid and development programs expenditure			
Funds to international programs		1,267,820	1,330,502
Grant expenditure		84,327	-
Program support costs		580,334	447,568
Community education		184,810	115,510
Fundraising costs (international and domestic)			
Public		438,299	310,278
Accountability and administration		412,790	348,176
<i>Total international aid and development programs expenditure</i>		2,968,380	2,552,034
International political or religious adherence promotion programs expenditure		-	-
Domestic program expenditure		350,000	300,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		3,318,380	2,852,034
<b>(EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE) / EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	2	(444,859)	153,461

## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2022

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>(EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE) / EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>		
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to Profit or Loss</i>		
Foreign currency loss	(7,123)	(2,513)
<b>TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(7,123)	(2,513)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(451,982)	150,948

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 2022

	NOTES	CONSOLIDATED	
		2022	2021
		\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,939,517	3,265,429
Trade and other receivables	6	197,968	185,466
Other	7	81,350	36,083
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>3,218,835</b>	<b>3,486,978</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	1,769,702	1,845,212
Plant and equipment	9	25,361	35,388
Leasehold improvements	10	5,159	8,836
Lease asset	10	58,892	93,113
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>1,859,114</b>	<b>1,982,549</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>5,077,949</b>	<b>5,469,527</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	238,870	162,422
Lease liability	13	39,077	35,267
Provisions	12	13,810	11,415
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>291,757</b>	<b>209,104</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions	12	32,590	15,760
Lease liability	13	30,556	69,635
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>63,146</b>	<b>85,395</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>354,903</b>	<b>294,499</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>4,723,046</b>	<b>5,175,028</b>
<i>(EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE) / EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</i>			
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Settlement		-	100
Retained (deficit)		28,983	(499,020)
Reserves	14	4,694,063	5,673,948
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>4,723,046</b>	<b>5,175,028</b>



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## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2022

Consolidated	Settlement Funds	Accumulated Funds Available for Future Use	Bequest Reserve	Financial Assets Reserve	Foreign Exchange Reserve	Specified Purpose Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance 31 December 2020</b>	100	(96,617)	1,662,892	258,914	(10,688)	3,209,479	5,024,080
Surplus for the year ended 31 December 2021	-	153,461	-	-	-	-	153,461
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(2,513)	-	(2,513)
Transfers to reserves							
Specified purpose reserves	-	(352,578)	-	-	-	352,578	-
Changes in fair value of investments through profit or loss	-	(203,286)	-	203,286	-	-	-
<b>Balance 31 December 2021</b>	100	(499,020)	1,662,892	462,200	(13,201)	3,562,057	5,175,028
Deficit for the year ended 31 December 2022	-	(444,859)	-	-	-	-	(444,859)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(7,123)	-	(7,123)
Transfers to reserves							
Transfers	(100)	100	-	-	-	-	-
Specified purpose reserves	-	868,468	-	-	-	(868,468)	-
Changes in fair value of investments through profit or loss	-	75,311	-	(75,311)	-	-	-
<b>Balance 31 December 2022</b>	-	-	1,662,892	386,889	(20,324)	2,693,589	4,723,046

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	2,846,945	2,636,499
Cash payments in the course of operations	(3,298,219)	(2,812,999)
Interest received	7,602	2,529
Investment Income	161,058	152,794
<b>Net cash (used in) by operating activities</b>	(282,614)	(21,177)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Investment of bequest income	198	(1,669)
Purchase of plant and equipment	(7,625)	(8,705)
<b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>	(7,427)	(10,374)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Principal element of lease payments	(35,871)	(34,493)
<b>Net cash (used in) financing activities</b>	(35,871)	(34,493)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held	(325,912)	(66,044)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	3,265,429	3,331,473
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	2,939,517	3,265,429



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](http://www.acfid.asn.au).

The only appeal which represented more than 10 percent of the total cash raised in 2022 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 2022

The concise financial report is an extract from ERFA consolidated full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 ERFA may be found in the full financial report available at [www.erf.org.au/reports/annual-reports/](http://www.erf.org.au/reports/annual-reports/).

The concise financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

## Responsible Persons' Declaration

The Board of Directors of Edmund Rice Foundation Australia, as the responsible persons, declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:-

- (i) The consolidated financial statements and notes as set out on pages 4 to 21, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act (2012) and:
  - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) as applicable; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of the performance of the Company and its Trusts for the year then ended on that date.
  - (c) comply with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct
- (ii) In the Board of Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and its Trusts will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (iii) the provisions of the charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991 and the NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2015 and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the Company.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director .....



Dated: 19 June 2023

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# GUIDING

# Principles

**ERFA's development work ensures lives are changed through 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.
-  continuing to provide innovative, 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 disability.
-  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.







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Boys work together in class at the Ruben Centre





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