

# BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)



ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010



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## **Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) Mission Statement**

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) works with organisations and communities to provide a clean birthing environment for women in developing countries in order to reduce the incidence of infant and maternal mortality. We raise awareness, provide support and resources and act as a catalyst for the creation of birth attendant training programmes and community development projects.

## **Values Statement**

*“Every woman has the right to a clean and safe childbirth”*

## **Vision**

A world in which all women have access to safe birthing practices, regardless of race, culture or socio-economic status.

## **Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) Goals**

- To distribute birthing kits to women in developing countries to assist the provision of a clean and safe birth.
- To develop health initiatives to make available clean birthing environments for women in remote communities and to work towards locally generated sustainable solutions.
- To administer the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) with integrity, efficiency and accountability.
- To produce Birthing Kits within the budget and to continue to develop processes to increase the project's efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- To create a broad based fundraising programme to support the administration of the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)
- To raise the awareness of the Birthing Kit Project and the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia), both nationally and globally.



*Birthing kits arriving in Buheba village, D R Congo*

# REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The BKFA has completed another satisfying and successful year with the continued support of the Zonta Clubs of Australia, AusAID, community groups, dedicated staff and generous individuals. Our work has flourished and developed throughout Asia and Africa despite the global financial crisis, with 88,000 kits distributed, new training courses in India, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia and sustainability initiatives in areas of high need such as Ethiopia and D.R. Congo.



While the Foundation is gradually shifting its focus from kit production in Australia to a greater emphasis on training programmes and long term sustainability in recipient countries, kit production remains the backbone of our work. Some Zonta Clubs are now regularly producing more than 5,000 kits in one day. Numerous Zonta Clubs have motivated schools to hold assembly days under AusAID's Community Call to Action programme. Many other community groups are involved and it is especially satisfying having so many tertiary students making a contribution.

We allocate kits to areas of high need and sent kits to 20 countries in the 09/10 year. Afghanistan was the biggest recipient country due to the assistance of the Australian Defence Forces in delivering 37,200 kits. It was a wonderful gift to the women of Afghanistan where the UN estimates that the maternal death rate is 1,900 deaths per 100,000 live births. We focussed too on sub-Saharan Africa, where the lifetime risk of maternal death is 1 in 16, sending more kits to Ethiopia, Kenya, DRC, Burundi and Nigeria.

It is often hard and expensive to deliver our kits to Africa and one key challenge has been to manage our delivery costs. Our decision to use sea freight has slowed arrivals. However, gradually, as the kits arrive and the 'pipeline' fills, the issue is resolving itself. We have also had to deal with a more pleasing dilemma, namely the growing number of volunteers offering to take kits to new countries. As more Australians, mainly women, take time out of their lives to assist others and ask us for kits we have had to respond by developing new processes and procedures.

We have been increasingly satisfied with the long term value provided by our in-country training and have expanded this part of our work. High quality proposals were accepted from existing and new NGOs. Exceptional programmes in Kenya and the DR Congo, under the direction of Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD), have empowered local women. Attendees, their skills checked and monitored, receive certificates which are recognised by the whole community. 2 new training programmes in southern India have touched hundreds of women in Tamilnadu. Training continues for the most isolated minority women in the highlands of Vietnam and, in the remote regions of Ethiopia, often illiterate women learn lifetime skills and change old ways. We know that Traditional Birth Attendants in Afar, for example, have ceased female genital mutilation as a direct result of the outstanding quality of on-going training they have received from Valerie Browning of the Afar Pastoralist Development Association. We are proud of this aspect of our work and its outcomes have been a highlight of our year.

# REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Sustainability has become a key concern for us in recent years as the Foundation determines the best way to create independent programmes within different countries. The work of Valerie Browning in the Afar Desert in Ethiopia producing locally made kits is a fine example of what we want to achieve there and with NGOs in other countries. Every case in every country raises particular local questions and we have to work steadily and carefully to make viable and robust plans. This is still very much a work in progress.

Funds for all aspects of our work were harder to raise in 2009/2010 and we accepted the necessity of a greater financial contribution from Assembly Days. We are hugely fortunate that the Zonta Clubs responded positively and other generous individuals gave freely. We thank you all for this commitment. Our new website, launched in March, raised our profile and a steady stream of new funds is starting to arrive as a result. Tax deductibility for donations also became a reality at the end of the financial year and this should have a positive impact on our cash flow. A new initiative, our Mothers Day event, was a brilliant morning which raised over \$9,000 thanks to the hard work of Carol Hill-Ling and the sponsors she encouraged.

We were one of only 3 organisations in Australia to be awarded the maximum amount of \$150,000 under AusAID's Community Call to Action initiative. 95,000 kits will be produced in the life of the programme to the end of October 2010. It also provided funds to develop a promotional film, produce new brochures, banners, and presentation material for use throughout Australia at Assembly Days, conferences and community events. We have already needed more films and brochures such as has been the popularity of the resources. The extra publicity has been most welcome and has attracted more people and funds to the foundation. Best of all has been the community involvement and response as thousands of Australians have been introduced to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) at WOMAD and became involved in Assembly Days.

Our work has continued due to competence of our staff. The hand over to our new Project Manager, Fiona Smith, in early 2010 was done with great professionalism. Amy Mitchell and Kristen Frost have been brilliant handling transport and supplies and we have enjoyed seamless efficiency from our warehouse contractors Pam and Adrian Harris.

We have made great progress this year. We refined our approach to delivering kits to countries in greatest need, increased our community presence and spread important messages about maternal and child health under the Community Call to Action. We have seen tangible outcomes from our training programmes and proactively pursued sustainability. It comes at a time when Australia is more focussed than ever on the MDGs and its part in improving child and maternal health. Research conducted at Aberdeen University by IMMPACT identified the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) as the largest producer and distributor of basic birthing kits in the world apart from UN agencies and confirmed the value of the kits themselves. With an estimated 60 million home births each year there is still much work to do.

Jenny Weaver, Chair of the Board, Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)

# GENERAL REVIEW



BKFA volunteers at WOMADelaide Festival March 2010

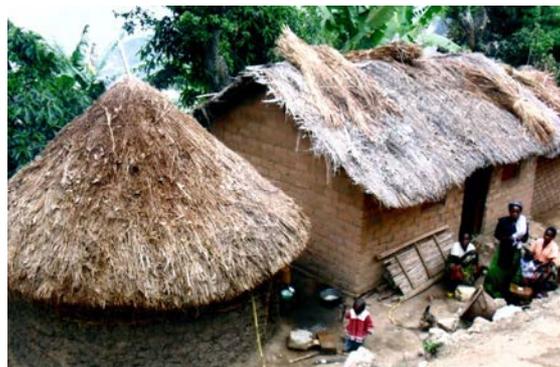
The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia), having now distributed over 700,000 kits, has grown to be the third largest supplier, worldwide, of clean birthing kits. This is a wonderful achievement that has only been achieved through the combined efforts of our staff, Zonta International Clubs, donors, volunteers, our many NGOs, AusAID and the Board all working together. Special thanks must go to the support from our Zonta clubs, it is only with their support that we have a thriving project.

Tax deductibility in our own right for donations to the Foundation is certainly one of our most significant corporate achievements this year. It took almost 15 months to be passed by all the necessary government departments and it will make a significant impact on our ability to fund raise.

Our reporting shows that every year, hundreds if not thousands of women and baby's lives are saved. We know that for every woman saved, another 30 suffer injuries which can be lifelong and embarrassing, so by also reducing non life threatening infections a birthing kit dramatically impacts on the quality of a woman's life.

The Birthing Kit Project has 3 project goals: distribute and maintain regular kit production, funding community development health training programmes and encouraging greater efforts towards sustainability with in country production of kits.

Our staff manages the kit production and distribution, while the BKFA board works on community development and sustainability projects. The BKFA has now trained over 7,500 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA)/ Village Nurses and more than 40,000 kits have now been made in country in Vietnam and Ethiopia.



Homes in DR Congo where women give birth using the kits.

# PROJECT SUMMARY

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Encouraging community development with the provision of health training programmes, initiated by the local people, is the second important goal of the BKFA. Our research has found that the best strategy is to provide 3-5 day Birth Attendant training programmes in conjunction with kit distribution. The long term strategy is to work towards sustainability, encouraging local kit production and funding of training programmes.

Education regarding how our project addresses the UN MDGs has been a high priority of the BKFA with our funding parameter from AusAID, this year, of awareness-raising. Through our community development programmes and kit distribution, the Birthing Kit Project addresses 4 of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

- Reduce child mortality (MDG 4)
- Improve maternal health (MDG 5)
- Promote gender equality and empower women (MDG 3)
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases (MDG 6)

Reduce child mortality –The supply of a sterile scalpel blade in the kit assists in promoting a more hygienic delivery and tetanus can be eliminated. It also reduces the transfer of STDs and HIV. At the training programmes, the trained TBA and health extension workers take the importance of good hygiene and nutrition back to the local communities, and this reduces the high mortality rate for babies from poor hygiene and nutrition in their first year.

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) has an impact in the reduction of child mortality and morbidity.

Improve maternal health – The BKFA birthing kits are targeted for home births where a large percentage of maternal mortalities occur. For example, 100% of births in Afar region of Ethiopia are at home. The birthing kit by providing for a safe and clean birthing environment reduces infection, which is the second most frequent cause of maternal death. Statistical evidence received indicates that the simple clean birth kits are saving many lives.

At the time of distributing the birthing kits the opportunity arises for the midwives to provide awareness of post partum and neonatal care, pregnancy and related risk factors and inform impending mothers about hygiene, birth plans, nutrition, and breast feeding.

The Birthing Kit Project has an impact on the reduction in maternal mortality and morbidity.

Promotion of gender equality and empower women - Training and education leads to awareness and empowerment of women. Education through the training programmes is the most significant way the Birthing Kit Project empowers women. They return to their villages with knowledge which benefits the entire community. The pictorial educational booklets produced in the local language and given to each course attendant is particularly useful.

The Birthing Kit Project empowers women.

Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases - The sterilised scalpel blade in each kit and education provided with distribution dramatically stops cross infection and the transfer of harmful viruses like HIV to baby and mother. The TBA is also trained in the proper disposal of the scalpel blade after use. The BKFA funded training programs address health issues relating to HIV/AIDS with the information taken back to the villages by the birth attendants.

The gloves with the birthing kits are highly valued. Health professionals in Kenya, Vietnam, Ethiopia and Madagascar indicated many HIV/AIDS pregnant women were getting no assistance during childbirth, with concerns about catching the disease. With gloves available the TBAs once again assisted these women.

The Birthing Kit Project has an impact in the reduction of infections including HIV/AIDS.

### Training programmes

All training programmes this year have been funded by the Foundation. To achieve our objectives of funding 3 – 5 day midwifery / health worker training programmes the Foundation has supported programmes in Vietnam, India, DR Congo and Ethiopia.

# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Vietnam

CENESA administers our programmes in Vietnam.

Hoa Binh Province.

This is the first training programme in Hoa Binh Province. It is the same training model that has been so successful for CENESA for the past 3 years. Hoa Binh was targeted as it has a higher than average rate of home births at 27% for Vietnam, due to difficulties in communication and “backward habits”. Hoa Binh province has 234 communes with 2015 birth attendants. Because of the mountainous villages situated in remote sites they needed 90 classes for the training, each with 12 attendees. 1080 birth attendants were trained. Each attendee received a pictorial educational booklet prepared for the Foundation. They were also supplied with 9000 birthing kits for the communes and districts for one year.

## India

The Society for Women’s Education and Awareness Development (SWEAD) is administering its first training programme with the BKFA in Chidambaram, Viruthachalam and Kattumannarkoil Taluks of Cuddalore district in Tamilnadu, in South India. It involves a 5 day awareness and training programme targeted to 100 villages. There will be 5 training camps with 40 midwives/volunteers attending each camp, 2 people from each village totaling 200 people to be trained. This training programme for rural poor midwives/volunteers is on basic obstetric practices including home birth difficulties, diagnosis and treatment of birthing accidents, use of birthing kits, care of mother and newborn baby, nutrition, hygiene, tetanus immunization, disposal of waste. An educational booklet and birthing kits are being supplied. It was initiated in May 2010 and has not been completed.

The Centre for Social Action Women’s Education and Development (SAWED) is also administering its first training programme with the BKFA in villages and hamlets located around K.C.Patti and Adalur Panchayat villages in the Middle and Lower Palani Hills region of Tamilnadu state, India. The Midwifery Training and Awareness Programme for Traditional Birth Attendants targeted the Lower Palani Hills region where 90% of births are at home without trained medical assistance. The villages are remote with logistical challenges to get to a health facility. The SAWED identified 25 tribal villages requiring the training and awareness programme. In each village one or more traditional birth attendants will receive two days training each at commune level from qualified health personnel free of charge.

This programme has started but will not be completed until Dec 2010.



*Communities receiving birthing kits and training programmes in Tamilnadu*

# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Ethiopia

The Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA) administered the first BKFA funded training programme in the Afar region. Valerie Browning, an Australian born nurse, is dedicated to the well-being of the Afar people. This was a 15 day training programme for 40 TBAs from Dagaba, Guhum and Saha communities with an estimated population of 24,000. 32 TBAs were trained in Dagaba and 8 in Saha. The programme is designed to be repeated annually to bring the women together again, to reinforce what has been learned and to report on what has changed and any improvements in the survival rates of the women and babies. The women enjoy the fellowship. 3360 birthing kits with contents sourced and made in Logyia, were also supplied with costs paid for by the BKFA.

*“If the mother was short (sic young) at her first birth it is risky and she should go to hospital. Before we were in ignorance, those that died, died. Now we know when to refer to a health worker and have noticed a big improvement.” TBA Afar region, Ethiopia*



## DR Congo

Mission in Health Care and Development has administered several 3 – 5 day midwifery seminars in DR Congo and Kenya. All have been well run with much enthusiasm from the attendees and excellent reporting including extensive videos from Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu. The programme was directed to the Uvira, Ruzizi valley and Balifuliru Mountain region of eastern DR Congo. This region has suffered the greatest impact of the recent wars. There are few roads and no transport. The cost of US\$5 for delivery at a health centre is too



costly for most people. 100 traditional midwives from 10 villages needed training. 2000 clean birthing kits were supplied by the BKFA for distribution during the seminar.

*At one training seminar in Kenya, 400 Maasai Mara women were interested in training but unfortunately the funding only extended to 40 women.*

# PROJECT SUMMARY

## SUSTAINABILITY

One of our 3 key project goals involves the supplies for kits being locally sourced and the kits being assembled locally. Initially the BKFA may pay for the supplies to encourage the research and to establish the processes. The aim is to eventually see all Governments accept their role in supporting their women by funding the production of all clean birthing kits for their women giving birth in remote inaccessible regions. Locally sourced kits are much less expensive. When working in a developing country the basics of sourcing supplies can be a logistical frustrating nightmare. Many items are just not available in cities, let alone in remote communities, and help from a yellow pages book does not exist.

### Vietnam

In-country kit production has been ongoing now for 3 years with kits made in Hanoi at US .85 cents each. Our project is managed by Professor Hoang Trong Quynh from CENESA. 9000 kits were sourced to accompany the training programme in Hoa Binh Province. BKFA funded the purchase of the supplies.



*Health workers in Vietnam with locally produced birthing kits*



*Afar women and children use birthing kits sourced and assembled by their community*

### Ethiopia

APDA has sourced the supplies for 3360 birthing kits to complement Valerie Browning's training programme. The kits are made at the ADPA offices by their paid staff. They cost US\$1 each to produce. BKFA funded the purchase of the supplies.

### IN-COUNTRY KIT PRODUCTION

Vietnam	CENESA	9,000	Kits produced in Vietnam for Hoa Binh Province to support a training programme. Funded by BKFA
Ethiopia	Afar Pastoralist Development Association	3,360	Kit supplies sourced and made by the Afar people, employed by APDA, to accompany a training programme. Funded by BKFA
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,360</b>	

## ASIA / PACIFIC REGION / PROJECT SUMMARY

Country	NGO	Total	Project
Afghanistan	Terre des Hommes in Kabul, Kandahar and Rustaq (TdH)  MSI, Afghanistan  RAWA  CARE International, Afghanistan	29,400	The kits are distributed in 14 areas of Kabul city and in the south they are provided through a home visiting programme. In the north, at Rustaq, TdH is building capacity of Female Community Health Workers to provide basic services. Approval was given by the Australian Minister of Defence for the Defence Force to transport the birthing kits to Kabul. Marie Stopes International, Afghanistan distribute the kits through their health centre in Kabul, as well as distribute to Community Health Educators (CHE) RAWA held Midwifery training programs in the refugee camp in Pakistan incorporating the birthing kits. The midwives and health teams took the kits into Afghanistan for use in remote villages. CARE International, Afghanistan distributes the kits predominantly through Community Based Educators through house to house visits in Kabul Urban districts 5, 6, 7 & 8.
India	Centre for Social Action Women's Education Development Trust (SAWED) Society for Women's Education and Awareness Development (SWEAD)	2,800	2000 kits were supplied to SAWED and the Foundation funded the delivery of a training programme for TBAs in 25 Tribal Villages in Dindigul District in Tamilnadu State which includes raising of awareness about importance of clean birthing environments. SWEAD distribute the kits in the Cuddalore district of Tamilnadu and with the support of the BKFA have provided training to rural midwives.
Myanmar	MSI, Myanmar	2,000	Kits are distributed by MSI, Myanmar through their static and mobile clinics and are provided to visibly pregnant women and to grass root level delivery care providers.
Papua New Guinea	Medical Society of PNG  Oro Community Development Project	6,200	The Medical Society of PNG currently distributes the kits through 3 provinces – Bougainville, Manus and Morobe. Members of the Mothers' Union for the Anglican Church, village birth attendants and village women are trained on how to use the kits by the Oro Community Development Project team doctor. 16 villages within the Oro Province in the north have been provided with kits. 200 kits were provided to YWAM to be sent with their medical ship as a trial program.
Timor Leste	Clinic Café Timor	400	Clinic Café Timor offers primary level health services to the coffee farmers and their families in the remote mountain coffee growing districts of East Timor. The program currently reaches 115,000 in rural Timor.
Vietnam	Tu Du Ob-Gyn Hospital	10,600	The Hospital distributes the kits with training programmes for TBAs from remote villages.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>51,400</b>	

## AFRICA REGION/ PROJECT SUMMARY

Country	NGO	Kits	Project
Chad	Safer Birth in Chad	4,000	The kits are used specifically by midwives and trained nurses for deliveries both in hospital and when attending home deliveries.
Ethiopia	Hamlin Fistula Hospital	15,800	Kits were supplied to the Hamlin Fistula Hospital for use by the outreach centres in Bahir Dar, Mekele, Harer and Yirga Alem in their preventative health training programs in remote regions.
Ghana	Apostle Padi Ologo Traditional Birth Centre	200	200 kits were supplied as a trial program to this birthing centre established by the Chiefs and Elders in Sra Community in collaboration with the District Health Administration.
Kenya/ DR Congo	Mission in Health Care and Development	1,800	The birthing kits were used to complement the training programmes and to distribute at remote villages in Kenya and DR Congo where training in clean birthing practices had previously been given.
	Peace and Conflict Resolution		A trial program of 200 kits have been sent with plans to distribute the kits through health clinics and hospitals.
Malawi	St John's College of Nursing	600	The kits are distributed via health clinics and hospitals.
Nigeria	Rotary International Fistula Project	200	Originally 150,000 kits were requested to complement their women's health and fistula programs in 10 rural hospitals. Transport issues delayed sending larger amounts of kits in this distribution period.
Sudan	Birralee Maternity Hospital, Box Hill	3,400	A trial program of 200 kits are to be distributed by a community midwife in Nasir in the Upper Nile State, Sudan.
	Padang Lutheran Christian Relief Churches of Christ of Overseas Aid		Kits are distributed to Traditional Birth Attendants in the Malakal region and they plan for distribution to be extended to Upper Nile and Warrap States in Southern Sudan. Churches of Christ of Overseas Aid commenced a trial program of 200 kits which they intend to distribute in Northern Bahr Al Ghalel State in the north west of Southern Sudan.
Uganda	Uganda Australia Christian Outreach One Mama Think Humanity	3,600	The kits are distributed through Women's Groups and Associations under UACO Health Education guidelines and Traditional Midwife training programmes. One Mama distribute the kits through birth attendants and midwives in Kirindi Village, Uganda through health programs established by the Ugandan Ministry of Health.
Zambia	Mukumi Village	1,000	Kits are distributed through the Azur Christian Clinic in Hoima, Uganda.
Zim- babwe	Aid for Africa Down Under	400	The kits are transported to Zambia along with a full container of goods and distributed through the Mukimi Village.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31,000</b>	A trial program of 400 kits are to be distributed through the Chikombedzi Mission Hospital.

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### Directors' Financial Report

#### Operating results

The net surplus for the financial year ended 30 June 2010 was \$186,844.

#### Significant changes

There were no significant changes in the affairs of the Foundation during the financial year.

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Foundation, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Foundation.

#### Indemnification and insurance of Directors and Officers

During the financial year, the Foundation paid premiums for a contract insuring all the Directors and Officers of the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) against costs incurred in defending proceedings for conduct involving a contravention of sections 182 or 183 of the Corporations Act 2001, as permitted by section 199B of the Corporations Act 2001. The total amount of insurance premiums paid was \$1,727.

#### Dividends

The Foundation is prohibited by its constitution from paying dividends.

#### Likely developments

Project operations are expected to continue in Asia, the Pacific and Africa supported by funding from the Australian public, the Australian Government and multilateral sources.

#### Auditor Independence

The Directors received a declaration of independence from the auditor of the Foundation which is attached to this report.

#### Non-audit services

The Foundation's auditor, Georgina Davison CPA, did not provide any non-audit services during the reporting period.

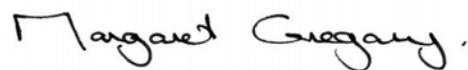
#### Director's benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director of the Foundation has received or become entitled to receive any benefit from the Foundation except reimbursement of board approved expenses at cost.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors



Jenny Weaver  
Chair

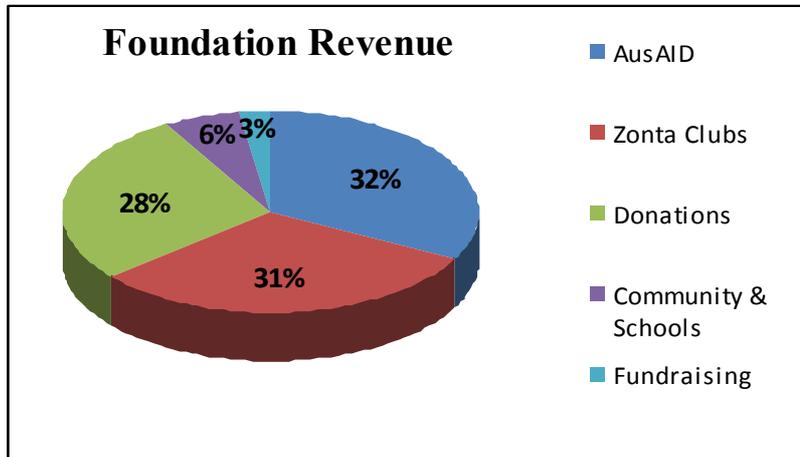


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Treasurer

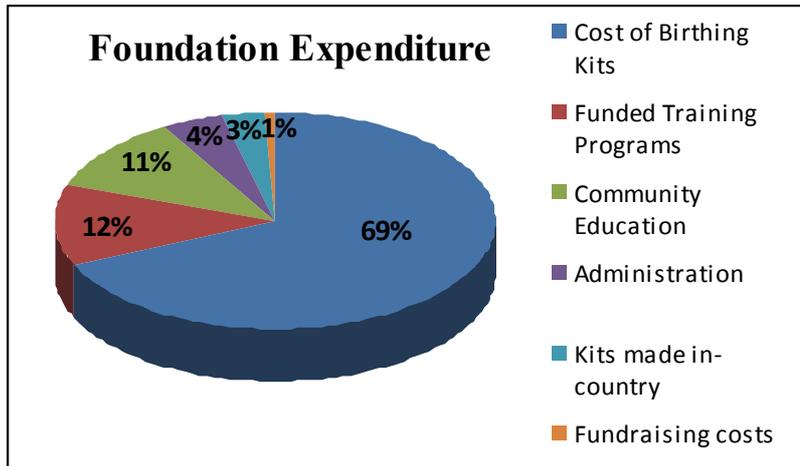
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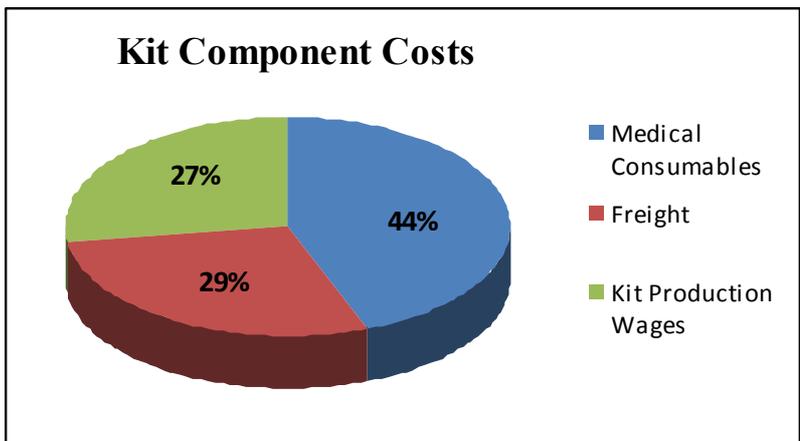
Who contributed to our Revenue



What did we spend it on?



What are the component costs of kits assembled in Australia?



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### **Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)**

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) for the financial year ended 30 June 2010, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* or any applicable code of professional conduct.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georgina Davison'.

**Georgina Davison B Com., CPA**

24 November 2010

### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)**

#### **Scope**

We have audited the financial statements of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) for the year ended 30 June 2010. The directors of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia).

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' accountability requirements. We disclaim any responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report which relates to any other person than the members of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia).

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly.

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## **Independence**

In conducting the audit we have met the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given the directors of the Foundation a written Auditor's Independence Declaration.

## **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) at 30 June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.



**Georgina Davison B Com, CPA**

24 November 2010

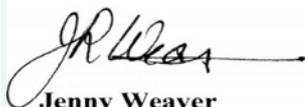
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## Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) we state that:  
In the opinion of the Directors:

- the financial statements and notes of the Foundation are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2010 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Foundation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- the internal controls of the Foundation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Foundation for its programs and fundraising appeals.

On behalf of the Board



**Jenny Weaver**  
Chair



**Maggi Gregory**  
Treasurer

24 November 2010

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## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2010

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
REVENUE	\$	\$
Donations & gifts		
Monetary	290,006	175,123
Grants		
AusAID	150,000	200,000
Other overseas agencies	0	33,705
Membership	2,800	3,768
Investment income	2,431	3,344
Other income	11,615	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>456,852</b>	<b>415,940</b>
EXPENDITURE		
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		
International programs		
Funds to International Programs	1 170,670	382,822
Program Support Costs	2 52,520	17,265
Community education	30,454	11,720
Fundraising costs		
Public	2,388	0
Accountability and Administration	13,976	8,621
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>270,008</b>	<b>420,428</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>270,008</b>	<b>420,428</b>
<b>EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>186,844</b>	<b>(4,488)</b>

During the financial year, the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) had no transactions in the Donations and gifts non-monetary; Bequests and legacies; Other Australian grants; Other income; International political or religious proselytisation; Government, multilateral and private fundraising costs; or Domestic programs categories.

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

		2010	2009
ASSETS		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	169,461	5,714
Pledges receivable		31,800	11,180
Total Current Assets		<b>201,261</b>	<b>16,894</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>201,261</b>	<b>16,894</b>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		3,156	13,173
GST	4	3,107	(2,564)
Other	5	2,650	781
Total Current Liabilities		<b>8,913</b>	<b>11,390</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>8,913</b>	<b>11,390</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>192,348</b>	<b>5,504</b>
EQUITY			
Reserves brought forwards.		5,504	9,992
Surplus / (Deficit) and Adjustments.		186,844	(4,488)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>192,348</b>	<b>5,504</b>

At the end of the financial year, the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) had no balances in the Trade and other receivables, Inventories, Assets held for sale, Other financial assets, Non current assets, Borrowings, Other financial liabilities, Provisions, and Non current liabilities categories.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	Accumulated Funds
	\$
<b>Balance at 30 June 2009</b> (commencing balance)	<b>5,504</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses	186,844
<b>Balance at 30 June 2010</b> (year end balance)	<b>192,348</b>

During the financial year there were no adjustments or changes in equity due to adoption of new accounting standards or changes in asset fair value transactions.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<b>Cash available at beginning of financial year</b>	<b>5,714</b>	<b>30,828</b>
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>		
Grants, donations and other receipts	440,364	412,596
Interest received	2,431	3,344
Payments to suppliers, partners and employees	(283,377)	(441,054)
Goods and services tax	4,329	
<b>Net cash generated</b>	<b>163,747</b>	<b>(25,114)</b>
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	<b>169,461</b>	<b>5,714</b>

During the financial year there was no cash flow from investing activities.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Statement of significant accounting policies

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) was incorporated on 8 September 2006 in South Australia under the Corporations Act 2001 as a public company limited by guarantee.

These financial statements for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 have been prepared under Australian Accounting Standards to the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 for the members of the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia).

They have been prepared in Australian dollars using historical costs on an accruals basis. There were no depreciable assets during the period.

### Income Tax

Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia), a health promotion charity, is Income Tax exempt under Subdivision 50B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, receives GST concessions under Division 176 of *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*, and is Fringe Benefits Tax exempt under section 123D of the *Fringe Benefit Tax Assessment Act 1986*.

### Cash

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and in bank. Cash at the end of the financial year shown in the Statement of Cash Flow is reconciled to the related items in the Income Statement.

### Remuneration of Board Members

The Board members serve in an honorary capacity and do not receive any remuneration for their services in that capacity.

### Remuneration of auditor

The auditor, Georgina Davison CPA, provides her services in an honorary capacity.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Table of cash movements for designated purposes

No table of cash movements for designated purposes is included in the financial report because no single appeal, grant or other form of funding raised for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of the Foundation's international project revenue for the financial year.

<b>Note 1 Funds to international programs</b>	\$
Medical consumables for birthing kits	78,035
Overseas freight for kits	52,411
Kits made in-country	8,322
Birth attendant training programs	<u>31,902</u>
	170,670
<b>Note 2 Program support costs</b>	
Kit production wages	49,753
Supplies storage	<u>2,767</u>
	52,520
<b>Note 3 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	
Bank current account	31,743
Bank deposit account	131,583
Maternal Health Gift Fund bank account	<u>6,135</u>
	169,461
<b>Note 4 Goods and Services Tax liability</b>	
GST collected	5,000
GST paid	<u>(1,893)</u>
	3,107
<b>Note 5 Other current liabilities</b>	
Superannuation payable	304
Wages PAYG Withholding Payable	<u>2,346</u>
	2,650

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Foundation is committed to achieving International and Australian best practice in corporate governance for non-profit organizations. The Board regularly reviews the Foundation's corporate governance framework to ensure compliance with best practice standards.

## **Corporate Structure and Operations**

The Foundation is an Australian Public Company Limited by Guarantee registered under the Australian Corporations Act 2001. As such it must comply with the corporate governance provisions prescribed by the Government under the Act and Regulations.

The Foundation has Income Tax Exempt Charity status with the Australian Taxation Office, and is registered in South Australia under the Collections for Charitable Purposes Act, 1939.

The Foundation's Maternal Health Gift Fund was declared by the Department of the Treasury under subsection 30-85(2) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 as a developing country relief fund after the Minister of Foreign Affairs declared the Foundation to be an approved organisation. The declaration was gazetted on 16 June 2010, following which gifts to the Foundation of \$2 or more are tax deductible in Australia for corporate or individual donors.

The Foundation is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.\*

The Foundation is in the process of preparing an application for AusAID Base Accreditation which should be lodged in December 2010.

## **Corporate Governance**

The Foundation's constitution provides for a voluntary and independent Board of Directors to be responsible for overall management and specifies the Board's powers and responsibilities and how directors are elected by members. The Board has established a Policy and Procedures Manual covering corporate governance, operations and financial matters. It includes a policy on the Role of Directors including ethical responsibilities and leadership, an Employee and Volunteer Code of Conduct and a Conflicts of Interest policy.

Under its Delegation of Authorities policy, the Board has reserved the following responsibilities for itself: setting and monitoring of strategic direction and goals, approving the annual plan and budget and monitoring performance against them, appointment of a CEO, remuneration of employees, review of Board performance, and approval of Policies and Procedures.

The Board has established a Risk Management System which complies with the AS/NZS ISO 31000/2009 standard, which involves identification of significant risks, establishing a management plan and mitigation action when warranted.

The Board has appointed a Project Administrator whose responsibilities are: overseeing the supply and distribution of birthing kits to partner organizations, sourcing new destinations for the kits, preparing monthly reports for the Board, the supervision of employees, ensuring adherence to the policy and procedures handbook and the Code of Conduct, and developmental work as directed by the Board.

## **Board of Directors**

Directors are elected by members by postal ballot prior to the Annual General Meetings and are not paid for their services as board members. The Board may appoint a person to fill a casual vacancy on the Board until the next AGM. The Board is required to meet at least four times a year, but met monthly during the year. The Company Secretary lodges official ASIC (Australian Securities and Investments Commission) returns.

## **Financial Reporting and Performance**

The Board receives budget and financial performance reports prepared by the Treasurer at each meeting. Audited Financial Statements are included in the Annual Report and forwarded to members each year prior to the AGM, as well as to ASIC, ACFID and the State Government. The Foundation reports to AusAID on receipt and dispersal of grants twice a year. Annual Reports are available on the Foundation's website at [www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au](http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au).



\*The Foundation is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. The Code defines minimum standards of governance, management and accountability for NGOs. Adherence to the Code is monitored by an independent Committee elected from the NGO community. Our voluntary adherence to the Code demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability.

# GOVERNING BODY

The following people were members of the Board during 2009/2010:

## **JENNIFER WEAVER, Chairperson**

**Qualifications:** BA, Dip. Ed.,

**Experience:** Jenny recently retired from 20 years as a Financial Advisor. She has been an active member of Zonta International for 17 years serving as President and Vice Area Director during that time.

**Special responsibilities:** Compliance Officer, Public Relations and Marketing

**Term of office:** Inaugural Board member

**Board Meetings attended:** 10

## **DI BARTEL, Company Secretary**

**Qualifications:** Registered Nurse

**Experience:** Di has worked in Adelaide and overseas in various areas in nursing, fieldwork for medical research and admin. She is one of the original members of the Birthing Kit Committee, and has worked for the Foundation in gaining ACFID Accreditation, strategic planning, in-country evaluation and sustainable community development. She is currently President of the Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills, Inc.

**Special responsibilities:** Company Secretary, community development projects, oversight of corporate governance, gaining Accreditation with AusAID

**Term of office:** Inaugural Board member

**Board Meetings attended:** 12

## **JOYLEEN O’HAZY Director**

**Qualifications:** MBBS, DRANZCOG

**Experience:** In various activities – public relations / admin / fund raising and strategic planning with the project and involved in the Assembly Days .

**Special responsibilities:** Medical information research

One of the original members of the Zonta Birthing Kit Committee . Involved with the project for 10 years. Member of Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills

**Term of office:** Inaugural Board member

**Board Meetings attended:** 11

## **JULIE MONIS-IVETT, Vice Chairperson**

**Qualifications:** Dental Surgeon

**Experience:** Graduated in 1975 as a dental surgeon and have been in private practice since 1978. Charter member since 1987 of the Adelaide Hills Zonta International Club, serving at board level for 15 years, convening committees and holding various positions including presidency for 2 years. Coordinated the Zonta Birthing Kit Project with Joy O’Hazy from 2000-2006.

**Special responsibilities:** Inaugural Chair of Board. Current Zonta District Project Coordinator for Australia, a position held since 2004. Liaison person with Zonta International clubs overseas. Am a passionate advocate for our Birthing Kit Project and its potential, about Zonta and the wonderful women who are attracted to this great organization and to my football team Port Power.

**Term of office:** Inaugural Board member

**Board Meetings attended:** 10

## **MAGGI GREGORY, Treasurer**

**Qualifications:** Company Secretary and Public Officer Of a private company, Business Partner

**Experience:** Treasurer of Zonta International District 23 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Treasurer of Zonta International District 23 social event, Treasurer of the Zonta Birthing Kit Project.

I enjoy the challenge of bushwalking and backpacking, and from these experiences particularly in developing countries it has inspired me to embrace the birthing kit project

I am an inaugural member of the Zonta Club of Gawler and have held many positions within the Club.

**Special responsibilities:** Treasurer

**Term of office:** Inaugural Board member

**Board Meetings attended:** 11

## **MARGARET PARSONS Director**

**Qualifications:** Diploma in Teaching

**Experience:** One of the original members of the Birthing Kit Committee for many years as the Assembly Day Coordinator. An active volunteer within the school, church, scouting and local community .

**Special responsibilities:** Membership Officer, , Post Box Correspondence Secretary.

Love camping, bush walking, reading, cooking, Current member, past Board Member and President of the Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills Inc.

**Term of office:** Inaugural Board member

**Board Meetings attended:** 10

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