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### Our clean birth kit

### Soap

To wash the birth attendant's hands and the mother's perineum

### **Sterile blade**

To cut the umbilical cord cleanly and reduce the risk of newborn tetanus and infection

### **Cotton ties**

To tie the newborn's umbilical cord



### Gloves

Help to stop the spread of infection during childbirth

### Gauze

To wipe clear the baby's eyes and to clean the mother's perineum prior to giving birth

### **Plastic sheet**

To prevent the mother and newborn from coming into contact with the ground or unhygienic surface

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## Our Vision

A world in which all women and girls have access to a clean and safe birth.

## Our Mission

To positively impact the lives of mothers and babies in developing countries.

Partner with organisations and communities to advocate, educate and provide resources to improve outcomes for expectant mothers.

Enable systems where women and girls become truly empowered.



## Our Year at a Glance



226 ASSEMBLY DAYS were held in Australia 10,085 VOLUNTEERS dedicated their time to ASSEMBLE



63 HEALTH WORKERS were employed or upskilled to provide MATERNAL & NEWBORN CARE





**175,160 MOTHERS & NEWBORNS** were helped with health equipment or services





**88,300** BIRTHING KITS were sent to people in under-resourced and humanitarian settings

# Chairperson Report



Pre-pandemic the Foundation was confident that community support would result in about 200,000 kits per year being assembled. They were efficiently freighted to partners in developing countries, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. We had over 40 partner organisations in 18 countries. This financial year the number of in-country partners delivering our kits dropped to 31 in only 11 countries, and kit production in Australia has reduced to just over 100,000. While this is an improvement on last year there is still a wide gap between where we were and where we are now. Kit delivery has been plagued by rising costs, closed borders and political upheaval.

Some countries, such as Afghanistan, were unreachable due to the changed political environment, others because partners shut down, there were Covid restrictions or reduced transport options. Vastly increased expenses or newly imposed customs penalties added to delivery difficulties. Adrian Harris our Business and Operations Manager did a sterling job navigating the constant changes in pricing and transport capacity. It is noteworthy that, since the '19/'20-year, average freight costs, the biggest single item for birthing kits, have risen by 43%. Nevertheless, we were determined to maintain the kit price at \$5 and took great care watching our expenses.

As the new wave of Covid took hold and Assembly Days suffered, Orana was again contracted to make kits. 5,000 kits were assembled at Orana, a local organisation which supports people with a disability.

Over the year our concern grew over the increased numbers of women who were receiving no support when they gave birth. Locally made kits, produced in mid-2021, were a good solution for existing partners with capacity, such as APDA (Afar Pastoralist Development Association) in Ethiopia and MHCD (Mission in Health Care and Development) in DR Congo. 17,000 locally produced kits were finished in the early part of the year thanks to a special donation from the Neilson Foundation.

The Future Directions



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Despite a myriad of

challenges, the Birthing

Kit Foundation has come

through the '21 - '22 year

in sound shape. It was a

on-coming and on-going

Two years of curtailed activity

difficulties and developing

year spent dealing with

innovative ideas for a

sustainable future.

had already reduced kit

production in Australia and

the funding available for our

training programs. Added

to this was the burden of

rising costs and partners

their operations altogether.

However, with the generosity

of the Neilson Foundation, the

support of Zonta Clubs and a

overseas reducing or ceasing

challenges

Committee was asked to examine options for birth attendants when a birthing kit is not available. A new project is now emerging. This is still in its formative stages but is likely to develop into a worthy adjunct to the training we have previously provided.

Kit production has always been supported by the Zonta Clubs of Australia and through these tough times Zonta Clubs have still produced at least half of all kits. To further engage Zonta and acknowledge their vital role in our organisation, a new Ambassadorial Project has been launched and will be developed over the '22 - '23 year. We are also proud to announce our new Patron, past Zonta International President, Val Sarah.

Needless to say, it was a demanding year for our staff of five, which reduced to four when Kate O'Fathartaigh resigned. We thank her as well as Adrian Harris, Mercy Oloo, Hilary Carruthers and Victoria Lewis for their dedication to the Foundation. We also thank the Future Directions Committee. Chaired by Ted A'Bear and with a lot of leadership and many initiatives from Julie Monis-Ivett. for its contribution over the year. Our Treasurer Frances Mpala resigned at the end of the financial year and we

thank her for the competency with which she managed our finances. Pleasingly, we came close to breaking even over the 12 months.

As we emerge from the worst of the pandemic we can now look forward to more predictable times. In the report from our Ethiopian Project, detailed in this document, we get a glimpse into the trials of our partners. We experienced lockdowns and restrictions, but their lives included the added challenge of a war. Through all this and despite the difficulties they noted "there were no maternal deaths in the target area in the year and no reported birth injuries such as fistulas".

Our survival as a Foundation

and the continuation of our work is due to our supporters and, of particular note, to the Neilson Foundation. Their generosity has maintained the Ethiopian Project and locally produced kits. Many lives have relied on this funding and many more will hopefully be saved as a result of the training and kits produced. We sincerely thank them.

The staff and Board are proud of what has been achieved this year, despite the difficulties and restrictions it has presented.

JENNY WEAVER,

CHAIR, BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA







# Where it all began

**Our Birthing Kit story** begins in China. Actor Sally Field was a keynote speaker at the 1995 UN World Conference on Women in Beijing. Her impassioned speech, which was about the concept of helping women in developing countries survive childbirth if only they had access to a few basic clean items, struck a chord with Dr Joy O'Hazy of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills.

The story could have ended there. However, Joy's local research and the support of her members in creating the first 100 kits for women in Papua New Guinea at an Assembly Day in 1999, has since inspired countless Zontians Australia wide to supply over 60% of the Australian-made kits from the total of 2.4 million kits distributed across 30 developing countries, assisted by more than 40 field partners.

In a coffee break between Board Meetings in Chicago in early 2000, when I was Zonta International President, I shared this amazing 'lifesaving' story with the other Board members, who unanimously authorised the use of the Zonta emblem on the simple but effective 'Birthing Kit'.



Fast forward and the project went national in 2004. The Foundation was created in 2006, which was closely followed by gaining Overseas Aid Deductibility status. Traditional Birth Attendants were trained and kit ingredients sourced in-country.

Captivated by this story since its inception, I've participated in Assembly Days locally, in Sydney and Adelaide, served as the sole Australian Ambassador since 2011 and more recently assisted in developing the program introducing District BKFA Ambassadors and Club BKFA Champions.

It is a great privilege to follow Dame Quentin Bryce as Patron of the Foundation.



VAL SARAH AM, DJSJ PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (1998-2000)



Photo above: A Ugandan midwife shows mothers the contents of a Clean Birth Kit.

# Sustainability and Challenges

From a business and operations view the past year was very challenging. The Covid emergency measures, rules and regulations created uncertainty and apprehension. In recent times, these have eased and we hope there will be no further "black swan" events.

Restrictions both domestically and internationally affected us. Early in the year many community groups were unable to organise their traditional activities which funded Assembly Days. Schools were sent to remote learning and traditional forms of kit assembly halted. In response we continued the Kits at Home model and allowed donations to be directed to our disability partner Orana where kits could be produced if an Assembly Day had been called off. Many of the countries we send kits to had their own Covid struggles and varying rules made them even more isolated. Multiple factors made kit distribution extremely challenging. Initially, the lack of international flight movements reduced the availability of freight spots and related surcharges were applied, making kit transport more costly and extending time frames significantly. Lack of staff in the supply chain increased the time that goods were processed and rising fuel costs had a huge impact. Nevertheless, whilst our distributed kit numbers were down on those pre-Covid, we still managed to supply many remote areas by navigating these logistical problems.

> A D R I A N H A R R I S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS MANAGER



## BKFA and Cl

Zonta Clubs throughout Australia have been fundamental to the birthing kit story, having produced over 60% of all kits assembled in Australia. In order to recognise this enormous contribution and to re-engage with Zonta, including the next generation of Zonta members, a recognition program was developed.

Each Zonta District has nominated an Ambassador who will promote the work of the BKFA and to take on speaking engagements. Three Ambassadors have been appointed to hold this position for the following biennium.

In addition, Zonta Clubs can nominate a Champion, choosing a member who has provided outstanding support to the Zonta Birthing Kit Project and who will actively promote fundraising within their community.

The Foundation is officially recognising their contribution and providing them with the resources to seek support on a community, corporate and individual level.

## Ambassadors nampions

Our new Birthing Kit Foundation Ambassadors



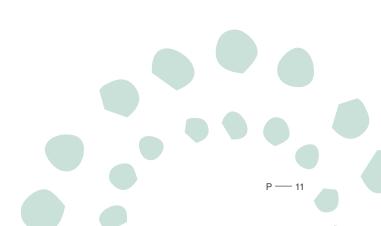
**ZONTA DISTRICT 22** Ambassador Simone Ricketts



**ZONTA DISTRICT 23** Ambassador Tyril Houghton



**ZONTA DISTRICT 24** Ambassador Sandra Gilbert



**The Future Directions Committee makes** recommendations to the **BKFA Board to determine** target audiences, future programs and partners. Its role is to find and work with specialists who have international, entrepreneurial, technological and creative experience to explore future options for BKFA, including new fundraising models. The Future Directions **Committee's achievements** over the past year are outlined below.

We have successfully recognised our major partner Zonta, through the development of an inaugural program of recognition by establishing BKFA Ambassadors and BKFA Champions in each of the three Australian Zonta Districts.

The Ambassadors are recruiting Champions, specifically Zontians experienced at Assembly Days. Their role is to promote the collaborative work of BKFA and Zonta, and to encourage more Assembly Days. To complement the Ambassadors and Champions, we have developed, and are sharing, newly created "postcards".

These raise awareness of the

## The Future Directions Committee

BKFA and Zonta and are to give out at Assembly Days, meetings and other opportunities which arise.

The Committee has also developed ideas on how this approach of partnering with Zonta can be adapted to working with other service clubs and institutions, including use of post cards for obstetrician donors to encourage obstetricians to donate \$20 per delivery.

In partnership with the University of NSW through their educational organisation *180 Degree Consulting*, the Foundation will develop and implement a more focused engagement and communication strategy. 180 Degree Consulting have

Photo below: Midwives in Uganda

identified new market segments and how to make more efficient use of social media to encourage additional Assembly Days and donations.

We are working with our Field Partners to develop and fund in-country kit production and TBA training. BKFA provides funding to existing Field Partners to develop new programs or support or expand their existing programs in maternal and newborn health. These programs include in-country kit production and training programs for traditional birthing attendants.

When a clean birth kit is not available. Often partners report they have run out of kits due to a lack of supply, border shutdowns,



COVID restrictions, or transport issues. We continue to work with Dr Luc Mulimbalimba, a field partner in DR Congo, Dr Elaine Dietsch a specialist midwifery consultant in Africa, and Sharon Wollaston a development consultant to create a graphical poster/handout and video, which will outline how to provide a safe birthing environment if a kit is not available. The poster and video will be adapted for regional and cultural differences.

We engaged with the Minderoo Foundation based in Western Australia. In 2021, we introduced Minderoo to our Field Partner MHCD as an organisation with capacity to develop and spread their Thrive by 5 Program, to be culturally specific across all of DR Congo. Minderoo Foundation is currently working with MHCD.

TED A'BEAR FUTURE DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON



### **Birthing Kit Distribution 2021/2022**

During the 2021/2022 year a total of 88,300 kits were sent to our global partners through Africa, Haiti, South Asia and Papua New Guinea

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION		KITS SENT
Mission in Health Care and Development	DR Congo	South Kivu Province North Kivu Province Kinshasa Province Kongo Central Province Tanganyika Province	7500
Women Glory BOLIVIA	DR Congo	South Ubangi	3500
Redefined	DR Congo	Oro Province	2000
SOS Jeunesse et Enfance en Detresse	DR Congo	South Kivu Province	1500
Reef & Rainforest Research Centre	Papua New Guinea Treaty Villages)	Torres Strait Region (PNG	1500
Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health	Nigeria	Kano State Kaduna State Federal Capital Territory Ondo State Enugu State	8000
Safer Hands Initiative	Nigeria	South-West Region	4000
Beaton Foundation Initiative	Uganda	Eastern Region	2000
Golden Change Concerned Youth Forum	Nigeria	FCT Abuja	4000
Egoli Africa	Uganda	Eastern Region	2500
Living Child Inc.	Papua New Guinea	East Sepik Province	3000
Think Humanity	Uganda	Western Region	800
Enga Baptist Health Services	Papua New Guinea		100
Supporting Opportunities for Ugandans to Learn Foundation	Uganda	Eastern Region	800
Aid for Africa Down Under	Zimbabwe	Masvingo Province	2000
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Women's Health to Wealth	Ghana	A CARL	6000	_
		Ashanti Region		
Foundation for Development and Relief Africa	Uganda	Oyam	3000	PAPUA
Caris Foundation International	Haiti	1	8000	
PeachAid Medical Initiative	Nigeria	Nasarawa State FCT Nigeria	1000	
Diocesan Health Initiative	Nigeria	Niger State	1500	
Teso Women Peace Activists	Uganda	Eastern Region	2500	
Hacey Health Initiative	Nigeria	Lagos State Ogun State	8000	Adelaide BKFA Headquarters
Uganda Australia Christian Outreach	Uganda	Central Region	6900	
Reseau SOS Femmes	Burundi		1700	
PNG Sustainable Development Program	Papua New Guinea		1500	
Wesleyan Health Services	Papua New Guinea	Hela Province	4000	_
Our Uganda	Uganda		500	-
Love Mercy Australia	Uganda		500	_
			88,300	_

## Our Ethiopia Project

Strengthening the rural health network to improve reproductive, maternal and newborn health in Dullassa.

The Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA) has completed its fourth year of our current project with BKFA. For over 30 years, APDA has been delivering primary health care and education to Afar's most neglected districts where female genital mutilation (FGM), early marriages and related practices were still very prevalent.

Our project covered 10 remote sub-districts, using a community-based team of 10 Women Extension Workers (WEWs); 10 Literacy Facilitators (LFs) and three Health Extension Workers (HEWs) under the leadership of two Field Coordinators and one Project Manager. To date, 50 Traditional Birthing Attendants (TBAs) have been part of the project health team, five in each of the 10 project sub-districts. The project has worked towards the following objectives:

Strengthening the capacity and collaboration of community health teams

As per previous project years, Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Women Extension Workers were given 30 days refresher training using their respective training manuals to help them understand the priorities and dimensions of giving basic maternal health care. The project TBAs were also given 10 days refresher training, and linkages were identified between their training and that of WEWs, with an emphasis on strengthening referrals to hospitals. The Literacy Teachers (LFs), in a 60-day refresher training, engaged students on issues of harmful practices affecting the community. Tests were conducted at the beginning and end of each training program to ensure capacity was improved and evaluated. Additionally, monthly reports were produced to ensure the knowledge was being applied.

Reducing harm and improving the reproductive health and well-being of mothers

Gains achieved over the past 3 years to stop the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM), continues to be sustained. Women Extension Workers continue to monitor this progress.

From assessment conducted in 2020, it was noted that young girls being forced into marriage without their consent continue to fall behind with their education, and are confined to child bearing and raising. This was discussed with community leaders through the community development committees, with each committee joining in a 3-day discussion on the various topics of female rights. There is still a strong resistance to allowing these girls a choice when it comes to marriage. which has also been further enabled through the ongoing conflict in the area.

Trained TBAs have stopped 6 traditional practices harming the birthing process. The TBAs are ambassadors in speaking about the dangers of such practices.

### Increasing maternal and newborn health seeking behaviours

During the year, 43.98% of all deliveries resulted in a referral to the District Health Centre or to Mohammad Akale Hospital, which is an improvement on the 34.12% of the previous vear period. Antenatal checks have enabled and increased these referrals, showing a growing number of maternal home-care teams, acceptance of 'outside' help. There has been less support from the government health workers, but the community is still in need of this support, especially for diseases such as malaria and pneumonia.

The project was implemented in one of Afar's most neglected districts, where the concept of safe motherhood was unknown at the beginning of the project. Prior to the project, delivering mothers were supported by untrained TBAs, many who were guided by harmful traditional practices. To date, the project has facilitated 700 deliveries, they have also produced and distributed 8,130 clean birthing kits which were used in the deliveries.

> MERCY OLOO Program Manager



Photo above: Leaders in community meeting



Photo above: Women Extension Workers teaching other women

Photo below: Women's community meeting





## In-Country Kit Production

For Afar Pastoralist **Development Association** (APDA), the need for ongoing support in this region is necessary, especially with the fighting along the affected regions of Sifra, 'Adda'ar, Uwwa and Awra. It is in these communities where people have lost houses, had animals slaughtered, live in fear of landmines, suffer food insecurity, whilst having to experience the unburied bodies of dead Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) soldiers, a war which displaced 200,000 people.

The in-country kit production delivered the following objectives:

- The provision of 7000 birthing kits to project sites, leading to the reduction in the risk of acquiring infection during childbirth for all mothers and newborns, who were also attended to by trained traditional birth attendants.
- Increased mother to Traditional Birth Attendant and Women Extension Worker linkages and reporting channels
- Increased gender equity in health care provision in rural areas, through the employment of 6 women to assemble clean birth kits

"I want to say to supporters, this is utterly the life-saving work that mothers need. APDA cannot take it away from them. There are many stories of mothers who have lost their lives over the past couple of months. There was a mother who had laboured for almost 5 days. She was brought from Amhara Region where the TPLF have destroyed medical facilities, her uterus was splitting as Dr Omar operated and a heavy infection had *gone through her blood – she* survived the operation, they're working on the infection, however the baby did not make it.

Dullassa has no opportunity aside from this project, and currently nothing in the government health system is functional. APDA is grateful to BKFA and its supporters for not forgetting these isolated mothers and communities, we all hope to move forward in peace and strong development in community hands." –

Valerie Browning.

Photo: Clean Birthing Kits (Ethiopia)



Mission Health Care and Development (MHCD) faced challenges and difficulty sourcing material from DRC, so the staff travelled to Nairobi - Kenya and Bukavu - DRC, to purchase materials. The project staff then engaged Traditional Midwives and Community Health Workers in the assembly of kits. During a one-day training, the women were educated on the importance. the components and the impact of the kits. The assembly took place at the Pamela Community Centre Hall in Luvungi Village, with the following objectives sought:

- Reduce infant morbidity and mobility by providing 10,000 clean birth kits to health care centres and traditional midwives
- Improve the social and economic lives of the community, through the financing of micro-projects and employment of 50 women and 2 administrators for 3 days to assemble the delivery sets
- Increase awareness of health messaging, best practices during childbirth and the wellbeing of women and babies

The project had a significant impact on the 50 women who assembled the kits, who were able to discuss the challenges they were experiencing, as well as their successes. This project allowed them to encourage and support one another.

"We are grateful to Birthing Kit Foundation Australia for funding the locally made Clean Birth Kit program in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The production of kits locally has changed the lives of 50 women and more than 300 children. The women who helped us to make and pack the kits have received money that helped them with small businesses, agriculture, and other community development projects. They now have the money to pay school fees for their children, food for fighting malnutrition, money for medical care and to fight against poverty, for which we continue to thank Birthing Kit Foundation Australia for supporting this project in DRC." -

Dr Luc Mulimbalimba



Photos below: Women producing Clean Birthing Kits in Congo



## **Field Story** Dullassa – Ethiopia

Asuma Hummud Adan, is 47 and living in Garbo Af, Kebele, which is 40km from the centre of Dullassa. She lived at home and was married off at 14 years. She did not attend school and had 4 girls, 2 boys and 7 grandchildren.

APDA came to her community when she was 32 years old. This was the first time when she learned about the dangers of female genital mutilation. She wanted to learn more and to also empower women in her community, so she became a Woman Extension Worker (WEW) with APDA. Immediately, she started seeing significant changes in the community -Traditional Birthing Attendants had no equipment and did not know the proper procedures needed to assist a woman struggling during labour.

Through the APDA program, she has learned a lot of procedures to help assist the mother and child during labour, and in the first week post-delivery. In the areas where she has worked, she has not reported any deaths in the last 5 years. She remembers that mothers used to die of bleeding when the baby could not be delivered due to complications. They now have a process for recognising complications, working with the men in the community to take the women to hospitals, and even have a halfway house for resting when the distance is far from the hospital. When the program started, mothers were uneducated about antenatal check-ups, and this has now become a priority.

### Photos: Young people learning





Photo above: Asuma Hummud Adai

Photo below: Ali Royta







































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## **Treasurer's Report**

I am pleased to present the audited financial statements of the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) for the year ended 30 June 2022.

I also acknowledge the support provided by the government's small business grant of \$18,000 (last year's stimulus package \$148,218) to support our organisation during the financial year.

This financial year was another challenging year with the COVID-19 pandemic slowing down fundraising activities. BKFA raised \$439,192 from kit-making donations (last year \$367,346). Kit-making donations made up 73.2% of our total revenue, whilst other donations and gifts contributed \$142,350 (last year \$215,920) or 23.7% of income.

The result for the year was a surplus of \$23,433 (last year deficit \$104,120)

### Acknowledgments

I acknowledge the continued support by Zonta Clubs throughout Australia, countless service clubs, schools, universities and individuals who took it upon themselves to fundraise for BKFA by participating in Assembly Days. This continued generosity and support ensures more women will have access to safe, clean birthing practices and resources.

### **Financial Reports**

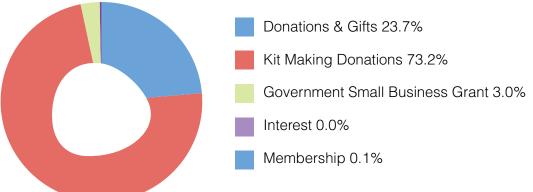
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BKFA full financial reports statements are available upon request at *info@bkfa.org.au*.

FRANCES MPALA TREASURER BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA



### Where our support comes from



### Expenses

This year's Administration and Accountability expenses were \$130,228, or 22.6% of total expenses (last year \$137,398, or 16.4%). Fundraising and marketing expenses were \$11,428, or 2.0% (last year \$58,133 or 6.9%).







### **Corporate Governance Statement** Work Health and Safety

The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) is committed to achieving best practice in corporate governance for non-profit organisations.

### Corporate structure, compliance and tax status

The Foundation is an Australian public company limited by guarantee, registered under the Australian Corporations Act 2001, and complies with the requirements of the Act. The Foundation is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission (ACNC). BKFA has the benefit of tax concessions as a Health Promotion Charity, and the Foundation's Maternal Health Gift Fund has been declared as a developing country relief fund under subsection 30-85 (2) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, making donations to the fund tax deductible in Australia. As of 1 December 2016, registered ACNC charities are exempt from requiring a fundraising licence in South Australia and ACT. These ACNC achievements greatly reduce the time commitment in fulfilling state and territory requirements, and hopefully

lays the groundwork for similar decisions in the remaining states. Where required BKFA holds fundraising licences in other states.

### **Corporate governance** and financial accountability

Under the Constitution. the Board of Directors is responsible for the overall management of the Foundation. Directors are elected by the membership of BKFA and are unpaid. The Board structure, numbers and processes for appointment are set out in the Constitution, which is available on the BKFA website. The Board meets monthly, with additional meetings for strategic planning, including the annual budget process. Financial performance reports are prepared by the Treasurer and are reviewed by the Board at each meeting. Audited financial statements are provided to the ACNC, and to other regulators required by law. A summarised version of these statements is included in this Annual Report. A copy of the full audited statements is available on request.

There were no workplace injuries or incidents reported in the 2021/2022 year.

### **Complaints**

There were no complaints reported in the 2021/2022 year.

Complaints about the performance or conduct of Birthing Kit Foundation Australia may be lodged via the link on our website, emailed to us at info@bkfa.org.au or addressed to: Chair, Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia), P.O. Box 330, Belair, South Australia 5052.

### **Company Secretary**

Erica sits on the Risk and **Compliance** Committee supporting risk management and policy review. Erica has previously worked in a variety of roles within BKFA and has extensive experience in corporate and community strategic planning and stakeholder engagement working with local government, community service providers and the not for profit sector. Erica brings to BKFA key strengths in strategy, governance, and compliance and is passionate about community development and evidence-based social impact.



## Our Supporters

We would like to acknowledge the following supporters who provided financial and in-kind support to BKFA throughout 2021/2022.

MUN Global The Neilson Foundation Peggy Charitable Foundation Grant Saffer Nadine Ryan Mama Maya Zonta – Districts 22, 23, 24 McIntyre Foundation

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Rachel Glasby, The Silk Road Papa Shabani, Papa Shot It



Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers, for their generous support.

## Extract from Audited Financial Statements

Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) (a company Limited by guarantee) Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the financial year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
REVENUE			
Donations	4	581,542	583,266
Other Income	4	18,177	148,946
Membership Fees	4	630	3,110
TOTAL REVENUE and OTHER INCOME		600,349	735,322
EXPENSES			
Cost of Birthing Kits		341,513	538,135
Administration & Accountability		130,228	137,398
Community Development Program Costs		93,747	105,776
Fundraising & Marketing		11,428	58,133
TOTAL EXPENSES		576,916	839,442
NET SURPLUS /(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		23,433	(104,120)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		23,433	(104,120)

BKFA full financial reports are available upon request at info@bkfa.org.au



### Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) (a company Limited by guarantee) Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6	326,181	374,270
Trade & Other Receivables	7	26,747	26,753
Inventories	8	43,396	82,190
other Assets	9	11,544	2,036
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		407,868	485,249
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other Liabilities	10	41,000	37,335
Trade & Other Payables	11	20,037	97,208
Provisions	12	6,166	35,679
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		67,203	170,222
Employee benefits	12	2,826	621
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12	70,029	170,843
NET ASSETS		337,839	314,406
EQUITY		337,839	314,406
Accumulated surplus		337,839	314,406
TOTAL EQUITY		337,839	314,406

## **Our Team and Board**

### Meet our team



Adrian Harris Business and Operations Manager



Mercy Oloo Program Manager



Hilary Carruthers Assembly Day Coordinator



Victoria Lewis Digital Marketing Coordinator



Erica Osborn Company Secretary



Julie Ann Quast Volunteer

### Meet our board



Jenny Weaver Chairperson - 2021/2022 Board meetings attended: 12/12

### **Bridget Mather**

Director 2021/2022. Board Meetings attended 3/5

Madhumita Mazumdar Director 2021/2022 Board meetings attended: 11/12



Dr Joy O'Hazy Deputy Chair - 2021/2022 Board meetings attended: 12/12











Frances Mpala Treasurer - 2021/2022 Board meetings attended: 11/12

**Dr Julie Monis-Ivett** OAM *Director* 2021/2022. Board meetings attended: 11/12

Edward (Ted) A'Bear Director 2021/2022 Board meetings attended: 12/12







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