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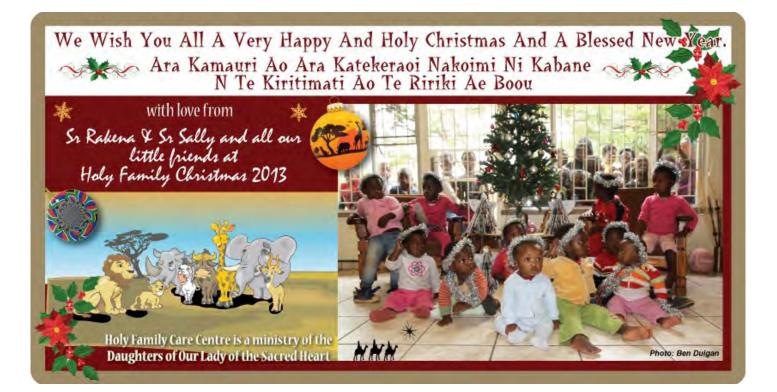
2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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AGENDA

- 1. Welcome to Members; Apologies
- 2. Reading and Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 15 April 2013
- 3 Reading of Annual Report
- 4. Audited Financial Report of DOLSH Overseas Aid Incorporated/ Fund
- 5. Appointment of Committee Members
- 6. Election of Office Bearers
- 7. Other Reports/Business



2013 MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE

OFFICE BEARERS

Mr Michael O'Dea AM	Consultant, Carroll and O'Dea Lawyers President
Sr Jennifer Kirby	Provincial Councilor of OLSH Congregation Vice President and Secretary
Ms Josephine Heesh	Friend of the OLSH Congregation Funding Committee Member
Mr James Evans	Chartered Accountant Auditor
Mrs Barbara Davis	Friend of the OLSH Congregation Executive Officer
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
Mrs Joyce Barry	Associate Member of the OLSH Congregation
Mrs Claire Bowen	Associate Member of the OLSH Congregation
Mrs Gloria Gallagher	Associate Member of the OLSH Congregation
Mrs Valerie McKinnon	Social Worker and Friend of the OLSH Congregation
Mrs Maree Hinton	Respected Ex-Student of OLSH College Kensington
Mrs Lilyan Staniforth	Respected Ex-Student of OLSH College Kensington
Sr Pauline Compton	Daughter of OLSH—OLSH Provincial Council
Sr Jennifer Christie	Daughter of OLSH—OLSH Provincial Council
Sr Elaine Cochrane	Daughter of OLSH—OLSH Provincial Council
Sr Elizabeth Taylor	Daughter of OLSH—OLSH Provincial Council





MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART OVERSEAS AID INCORPORATED

HELD AT DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CONVENT ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2013

Present	Apologies
Gloria Gallagher	Mary Lloyd
Lilyan Staniforth	Sr Jennifer Christie
Josephine Heesh	Deirdre Grusovin
Michael O'Dea	Sr Jennifer Kirby
Sr Elaine Cochrane	Vince McGuinness
Sr Pauline Compton	Maree Hinton
James Evans	Val McKinnon
Kathleen Donohoe	Eileen Phillips
Barbara Davis	Sr Elizabeth Taylor

WELCOME / PRAYER

The President, Michael O'Dea, opened the meeting at 5.15. He welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. Sr Elaine Cochrane commenced the meeting with the prayer Awaken Me.

APOLOĞIES

Apologies were noted and received, as in the table above. Many more were absent who had not responded: Judith Beswick

Anne Bowen Claire Bowen Laurie Brereton Anne Doran Tricia Kavanagh Fr Adrian Meaney Robert Malouf Mary Wither **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting, held on April 24 2012, having been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, were tabled and taken as read. It was moved by Gloria Gallagher and seconded by Jim Evans that they be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. All members agreed.

ANNUÁL REPORT

The Annual Report was tabled and read by the Executive Officer Barbara Davis. Sr Pauline Compton and Sr Elaine Cochrane were encouraged to speak about the different Sisters in each area as their areas were mentioned, especially South Sudan where Sr Pauline has just visited. She commented in particular on the lack of infrastructure there.

The Executive Officer's Report made mention of the changes in procedure leading to being accepted as a full member of ACFID, to be validated in November at the ACFID Council. These included production of policies for:

- Child Protection
- Complaints Handling
- Governance
- Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Anti-Corruption
- Conflict of Interest
- Discrimination and Harassment
- Fundraising
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Privacy
- Developmental and Non-Developmental

It also mentioned changes to application and acquittal forms to comply with ACFID's Code of Conduct.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr Jim Evans, a Chartered Accountant and our Honorary Auditor, tabled the Financial Report.

He noted that income had decreased a little from the previous year. Jim thanked and congratulated Barbara on her clear bookkeeping. Mr O'Dea responded by voicing appreciation to both Barbara and to Jim for their authentication of the finances.

The motion was moved by Jim Evans and seconded by Michael O'Dea that the Financial Statements be signed as an accurate record of the position of the Overseas Aid Fund. The motion was accepted by all present.

Michael commented on the vicarious pleasure received from helping in some small way the needy in our world. He expressed gratitude that there were young sisters coming through in some areas of the world, especially Africa and the Pacific Islands. He said that they wouldn't be there if it weren't for the OLSH Sisters being there first.

Michael expressed appreciation again for the work over the years as treasurer of Bill Barry and Barbara was asked to contact his widow Joyce.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were nominated and accepted appointment as Office Bearers:

President
Vice President and Secretary
Honorary Auditor
Treasurer

OTHER BUSINESS

o Michael O'Dea expressed the need for the OLSH Overseas Aid Constitution to be updated as a matter of urgency.

o Michael expressed disappointment at the lack of response from OLSH College Bentleigh to feature OLSH Overseas Aid more fully in their Alumnae magazine Flame.

o Michael spoke of his attempt to organize a lunch for the largest of our donors, and their lack of interest in the idea, not wanting a fuss.

o It was decided that the largest donors for the year would again be sent a copy of the Annual General Report, except the ones who had asked not to be sent one.

O Sr Pauline thought that copies of KIT could be left in parishes. This led to a discussion of the difficulty of persuading parish priests to agree to one of the Sisters speaking at their masses. Jim Evans mentioned that his Parish Priest Fr Kelvin at Miranda is open to the idea of having an OLSH Mission Sister speak at his masses. Sr Lorraine Cleary was identified as being available and suitable. Gloria mentioned the importance of highlighting how people in many countries live; eg children depending on being fed at school, and their hunger during holiday periods.

o It was noted how much demand there is on people to donate to many different charities, but that an event is an effective way of raising a lot of money. There was a discussion about the need to find younger people to commit to fundraising for the Fund as current members are getting older. Jo mentioned that people in their thirties and forties often have different priorities. Both Michael and Pauline committed to asking family members if they would be interested in organizing an event.

o Michael has expressed a goal for 2013—to break the \$800 000 barrier in fundraising.

Michael O'Dea thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7pm. Members were invited to refreshments which followed.





Statement of the Goals and Objectives of Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Overseas Aid Incorporated Fund

The objectives of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Overseas Aid Incorporated Fund are:-

a) to provide for the relief of persons in countries which are, for the time being, certified by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to be Certified Countries ("Certified Countries") pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997, and, without limiting the foregoing, to include relief of persons in Angola, Burkina Faso, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Africa and Sudan.

b) Pursuant to objective (a) and, without limiting its generality, to provide aid in the following manner:

i) by the relief of persons in necessitous circumstances in Certified Countries;
ii) to provide education for persons in necessitous circumstances in Certified Countries;
iii) to provide accommodation for persons in necessitous circumstances in Certified Countries;

iv) to provide food and sustenance for persons in necessitous circumstances in Certified Countries;

v) to establish and/or construct schools and/or teaching institutions for the purposes of educating persons in necessitous circumstances in Certified Countries;

c) To assist in the funding of relief and development work carried on by the Religious Sisters known as the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Angola, Burkina Faso, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Africa and Sudan.

The main thrust of the work of the Fund continues to be in education, health care, and social and community development. From time to time we are asked to respond to other needs but these are temporary and directed to providing only urgent, short-term aid. Our support for education, health care and development are normally on a continuing, long-term basis.

Since the establishment of the Fund it has been our consistent objective to encourage and promote self-help programs which aim to improve people's general standard of living and help establish for the local people a life -style more worthy of their human dignity. We continue to espouse the following goals:

- provision of a basic standard of living
- care of children and the elderly
- empowerment of women and other vulnerable groups
- elimination of hunger through sustainable agricultural development
- · encouragement of individual and communal self-help projects

In this way we aim to create a greater solidarity with and empowerment of the local people by the sharing of our resources for their betterment and ultimate self-sufficiency.



One of the 2013 projects was the construction of a piggery to be run by the youth in Rabi. Fiji.

COUNTRY BY COUNTRY PROJECT SUMMARIES

- Angola
- Burkina Faso
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- South Africa
- South Sudan



Angola

The DOLSH Mission at Cazombo has accommodation for up to twenty-five girls. They study literacy and numeracy for part of the day and vocational skills such as learning to bake, sew etc for the rest of the day. They sell the produce they grow in the garden and make—such as bread and jams. This helps to subsidize the cost of their education.

Applicant: Sr Susan Ilustrisimo

Total Funded in 2013: \$1970

Burkina Faso

During 2013 OLSH Overseas Aid funded AUD 9970 towards the building of the future Zagtouli Primary School. Zagtouli is a very poor area of Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso.

<u>Background</u>: Parents of children enrolled at the Jules Chevalier Nursery School requested the building of a primary school as local schools are over-crowded. The school will cater for about 300 students. Phase One of the building will be 3 classrooms, an office, storage room and toilet facilities. Phase Two will be a second floor with 3 more classrooms. As of February 2014, they are waiting on the results of soil analysis to enable approval for construction to begin.

Applicant: Sr Merle Salazar

Total Funded in 2013: \$9970



Fiji

Two projects were completed on Rabi Island in 2013:

- <u>Youth Piggery</u> This project involved building a piggery on Rabi Island which the youth of the area will operate as an income-producing operation.
- <u>Buakonikai Community Hall</u> Buakonikai is located twenty-two kilometres from the main centre of Nuku on Rabi Island. This project involved the construction of a community hall for various village related activities.

Applicant: Sr Teitirua Tangata

Total Funded in 2013: AUD 32 970

Youth Piggery



Unloading materials and construction of the Buakonikai Community Hall





Kiribati

Education

Upgrade of boarding facilities at St Joseph's and Immaculate Heart Colleges

Health and Community Care

Alcohol Awareness Programs and the Family Recovery Centre— This is the main ongoing OLSH Overseas Aid project in Kiribati.

Applicant: Sr Beneteta Ioane

Total Funded in 2013: \$41970

Papua New Guinea

Staff Accommodation at St Gerard's School of Nursing at Veifa'a

A number of buildings are being erected for staff accommodation.

Ametur House—Port Moresby

Many rural people in the southern region of PNG who are affected by HIV/AIDS rely on Ametur House to help care for families affected by the virus. In 2013 OLSH Overseas Aid was able to continue to contribute to keep the facility running.

Applicant: Sr Marlene Dewar

Total Funded in 2013: \$48940



Philippines

Education

- **Tutorial Program in Matantubig:** This program is intended to help primary school children who are having difficulty with reading comprehension, English, mathematics and science. In 2013 tutorial classes were given to children from Grades 1 to 6. The tutorials are held in the afternoon after school for an hour or two a week. Music and Art workshops are also provided.
- Educational assistance for needy children.
- Capital Education Project-a tertiary support program for poor students in Matantubig.

Health

• Nutrition Programs: Matantubig, Surigao

Community

- Pig-raising Programs—An ongoing project.
- Emergency Relief for people affected by Cyclone Hiann.

Amount Funded in 2013: \$56172.65



South Africa

Ametur Project– Sr Christine Martin

In 2013 there was a focus on three major areas:

- Education Provision of uniforms, and support for excursions, transport and stationery for orphaned students
- Skills Centre:
 - ♦ The first six women to graduate are setting up their own dressmaking businesses.
 - Or Garments are being made for sale at the markets
 - Overseas Aid paid transport costs for each trainee to come to the Skills Centre.
- Community
 - Roof repairs, fencing wire, kitchen pots for outdoor cooking. Tertiary students in hostel accommodation have needed two ring stoves, plastic bathing tubs, irons etc so they can be self-sufficient.
 - ♦ Two new Lenovo Think Pads and software for administrative tasks in the whole area.

Holy Family Care Centre—Sr Sally Duigan

A special project was set up to support a number of children presently residing at Holy Family who have special needs and require the care
of a specialist educator, and a registered nurse to supervise the Anti-Retroviral Treatment program for HIV positive children.

Bakhita Village-Sr Merrilyn Lee

- Monthly stipends for carers
- Cleaning materials and household items
- Transport for students-the primary school is several kilometres away from Bakhita Village.
- Educational support—uniforms, fees, etc

Ave Maria Pastoral Centre—Srs Jane Dalton and Claudette Hiosan

In 2013 the Ave Maria Pastoral Centre in Mooketsi provided support to tertiary students with potential leadership qualities to attend courses inside and outside the Centre. Refugees have been empowered through subsidies for transport costs, provisions of tools and improved family living conditions.

OLSH Clinic at Nzhelele—Sr Mairead Kelleher

The Sacred Heart Clinic in Nzhelele provides regular treatment for more than 70 patients, as well as supporting daily patients and children at the drop-in centre:

- Buildings needed painting, roofing repairs, new guttering and downpipes, aluminum window frames, some new glass and screens.
- Electrical wiring, plumbing, thatched roofing and some fences were repaired.
- Maintenance of vegetable gardens by 3 Zimbabwean refugees.
- Special thanks go to Ron Knolder (Sr Marilyn Knolder's brother) who supervised this project while volunteering in South Africa. His expertise and enthusiasm were invaluable.

Total Funded in 2013: \$178712





New Uniforms







South Sudan

Education—Sr Philippa Murphy, Sr Mary Batchelor, Sr Rita Grunke

Sr Philippa Murphy has gradually been handing over the leadership of the Comboni Secondary School to local staff during 2013, and left the country at the end of the year with the necessary resources to provide an excellent education. Sr Mary Batchelor is still Principal of the primary school and Sr Rita Grunke is very involved with satellite schools. During 2013, the Overseas Aid Fund contributed to a number of satellite schools by providing funds to construct permanent metal roofing.

Health—Sr Mary Batchelor, Pauline Carr

- <u>Medicines</u> for Mary Immaculate Hospital (112 beds)—Twice yearly supply of medicines from Nairobi helped cover the needs of 4166 inpatients and 29248 outpatients in 2013 (Figures from Mary Immaculate Hospital 2013 Annual Report).
- <u>Medical Supplies</u> for Mary Immaculate Hospital– Various supplies, including a new latrine block and wheelchairs.
- <u>Professional Training of Staff</u>—Academic and Living Allowances for students of the Certified Nursing Course offered at Rumbek Nurse Training School.

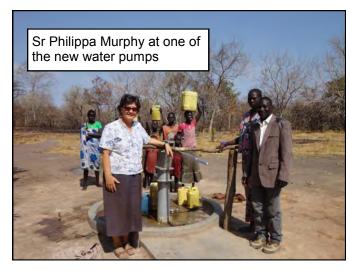
Community

- Agany Women's Development- Fruit trees and vegetables have been planted.
- <u>Grinding Mill</u>—Profits are to be shared with a nearby satellite school.
- <u>Funding Towards a New Vehicle for Outreach Services</u>—The Landcruiser purchased in 2007 used for outreach programs and school visitations needs to be replaced.
- <u>Support for Poor Women and Children</u>—Basic housing with fencing for poor, disabled people and lepers. Food for Work Program.
- Volunteers' Compound Repairs to ensure safe, secure accommodation as well as provision of basic necessities for the expat staff.
- Skills Training: Training and employment of various local men and women.
- <u>Clean Water Projects</u>
 Two more water pumps have been installed to provide clean water in Mapuordit.

Amount Funded in 2013: \$258033









Funding 2013

<u>Angola</u>	
Education of girls	1970
<u>Burkina Faso</u>	
Zagtouli Primary School Project	9970
<u>Kiribati</u>	
Education	
Secondary Boarding School Facilities Upgrade	15970
Health and Community	
Alcohol Awareness and Family Recovery Centre	26000
Papua New Guinea	
Education	
St Gerard's School of Nursing	22970
Ablutions Block Mater Dei Regional Study Centre	2000
Community	
Ametur House	23970
Fiji	
Income Generating Project—Youth Piggery	12000
Buakonikai Community Hall	20970
Philippines	
Education	8518
Health and Community	47655
South Africa	
Ametur Project and OLSH Regional Resources	77962
Holy Family Care Centre	24000
Bakhita Village	40000
Ave Maria Pastoral Centre	13750
Nzhelele OLSH Clinic	23000
Republic of South Sudan	
Education	
Educational Resources	46000
Teacher Training	9500
Roofing for Satellite Schools	36500
Medical	
Medicines and Dressings for Hospital	24500
Staff Training and Supplies	24433
Latrine for Hospital	9500
Community	
Support for Poor, Lepers and Skills Training, Women's Development	40600
Vehicle	27000
Maintenance of Volunteers' Compound	5500
Water Projects	34500
	\$628738

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Due to everyone's generous contributions, the OLSH Overseas Aid Fund continues to support the OLSH Sisters in the missions make positive changes to the lives of poor and disadvantaged children, women and their communities.

Major Benefactors

During the course of 2013 the top 11 extremely generous donors (\$10 000 or more) contributed a total of \$298000. OLSH Overseas Aid would like to especially thank these benefactors for their generosity towards our Missions.

Fundraising Activities

- Philippines Emergency Appeal raised \$30813 to help those affected by Cyclone Hiann. Mary Natoli raised much of this.
- "Friends of Philippa Fundraiser" Friends of Sr Philippa Murphy organized a barbeque with a band at Brigidine College on June 15 2013. Gabrielle Stringer, Margaret Bellanto and 125 others raised about \$22000 through donations, \$75 entry tickets, raffles and auctions. The proceeds were used to construct water pumps in South Sudan. Sr Philippa Murphy, who attended Brigidine College, was in attendance.
- Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt— Fr Charles Ashton continues to organise the Parish Lenten contributions to be allocated to South Sudan, approximately \$12 146 in 2013.
- Gift Certificates—\$6107 was raised in 2013 from gift certificates issued to nine different donors.
- Romero Company—Yearly Dramatic Production of Les Miserables by Sr Janet Mead raised \$5000 in November.
- In Memoriam donations for Sr Mary Fyfe amounted to \$4395.
- Rosa's Pharmacy in Kensington, organized by Ellen McGrath, raised \$540 for Tzaneen through selling goods and taking donations. Sr Duchesne Lavin makes much of the handicrafts sold there.
- Sale of cards made by Sr Eugenie Kennedy raised \$300 for South Sudan.
- Friends of Sr Mary Batchelor in East Bentleigh, organized by Kathleen Kruger and others, raised \$500 by selling day old bread.
- Let Me Shout You Lunch Fundraiser at OLSH Primary, Randwick on June 12 2013 raised \$250 from Year Six students for Sr Christine Martin's work in Tzaneen, South Africa.

Schools

OLSH Overseas Aid is very appreciative of the support given in 2013 by the schools listed below.

Name of School	Amount Donated
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Kensington, NSW	\$24242.12
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Bentleigh, Vic	\$9833.67
Iona Primary School, Mosman Park, WA	\$7271.50
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Enfield, SA	\$1838.55
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary, Elmore, SA	\$1267.80
Frensham, Mittagong	\$1000
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary, Randwick, NSW	\$815
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Darra, QLD	\$500
Croxton Special School, Northcote, Vic	\$200
St Bernard's Primary School, Botany, NSW	\$178
St Dominic's Priory College, North Adelaide, SA	\$25
	Total \$47172.34

Volunteers

Grateful thanks are due to the many volunteers who work in our Missions. Their help is greatly appreciated by the Sisters and by the people in the countries in which they work.

Periodic and Workplace Salary Deduction Donors

Thanks to all those individuals who make regular periodic donations, and the staff at ANU for organizing periodic payments to OLSH Overseas Aid from their workplace.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

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