



Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Overseas Aid Fund

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Overseas Aid Fund**

Monday 15 April 2013

at

OLSH Provincial House Meeting Room

2 Kensington Rd

KENSINGTON NSW

commencing at 5.00pm



**Girls dancing at Missao S Bento,
Cazombo ANGOLA**

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Constructing a Tippy Tap and Shower in PNG

Australian Council For International Development

ACFID Membership

The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Overseas Aid Fund has been a signatory of the ACFOA Code of Conduct since 2003 and of ACFID since 2005. ACFID is an independent national association of Australian non-government organizations (NGOs) working in the field of international aid and development. We have been approved for full membership which will be validated at the ACFID AGM in November 2013.

ACFID Code of Conduct

The ACFID Code of Conduct defines standards of best practice for international development organizations and represents the active commitment of its signatories to conduct their activities with integrity and accountability.

The Code aims to enhance standards throughout the NGDO community to ensure that public confidence is maintained in the way that community contributions to overseas aid are used to reduce poverty through effective and sustainable development.

DOLSH Overseas Aid Fund is committed to the ACFID Code of Conduct, including the Code's Complaint Handling Process. Please direct any complaints to Overseas Aid by phone, letter or email. Details are on the front cover.



The Daughters of our Lady of the Sacred Heart Overseas Aid Fund is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct can be obtained from Daughters of our Lady of the Sacred Heart Overseas Aid and from ACFID at:

Website: www.acfid.asn.au

Email: code@acfid.asn.au

AGENDA

1. Welcome to Members; Apologies
2. Reading and Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 24 April 2012
- 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



South Sudanese village children

RETURNS FOR MEETING

ACCEPTANCE RECEIVED

Gloria Gallagher
Kathleen Donohoe
Lilyan Staniforth
James Evans
Sr Pauline Compton
Sr Elaine Cochrane
Michael O'Dea
Josephine Heesh
Barbara Davis

APOLOGY RECEIVED

Sr Jennifer Christie
Mary Lloyd
Maree Hinton
Vince McGuinness
Eileen Phillips
Deirdre Grusovin
Sr Jennifer Kirby
Valerie McKinnon
Sr Elizabeth Taylor
Joyce Barry

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Judith Beswick
Anne Bowen
Claire Bowen
Laurie Brereton
Anne Doran
Tricia Kavanagh
Fr Adrian Meaney
Robert Malouf
Mary Wither

ACCEPTANCE FOR NOMINATION ON COMMITTEE

Sr Jennifer Kirby
Sr Jennifer Christie
Lilyan Staniforth



Learning to wash hands in Papua New Guinea.

CURRENT 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
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



South Sudanese children

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 24 APRIL 2012

Present	Apologies
Gloria Gallagher	Mary Lloyd
Eileen Phillips	Kathleen Donohoe
Maree Hinton	Deirdre Grusovin
Sr Sandra Justin	Sr Maureen Brazel
Sr Elaine Cochrane	Vince McGuinness
Sr Paula Bunene	Robert Malouf
James Evans	Val McKinnon
Sr Pauline Compton	Laurie Brereton
Michael O'Dea	Tricia Kavanagh
Sr Jennifer Kirby	Fr Adrian Meaney
Barbara Davis	Mary Wither

WELCOME / PRAYER

The President, Michael O'Dea, opened the meeting at 5.15. He welcomed all present and thanked them for attending, especially Srs Paula Bunene and Sandra Justin from Papua New Guinea. Sr Jennifer Kirby commenced the meeting with the prayer An Irish Blessing. Michael O'Dea made a tribute to Bill Barry who passed away in May 2011. Michael mentioned the pleasure Bill derived from being involved with the Overseas Aid Fund and expressed regret at his absence. Sympathy was also extended to Claire Bowen whose husband Lionel recently also passed away.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted and received, as in the table above.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting, held on April 19 2011, having been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, were tabled and taken as read. It was moved by Maree Hinton and seconded by Sr Jennifer Kirby that they be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. All members agreed.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report was tabled and read by Barbara Davis. Sr Pauline Compton and Michael O'Dea were invited to speak about their experiences in the Philippines during 2011. Sr Paula Dunene and Sr Sandra Justin spoke of their work in PNG and were encouraged to submit applications for consideration at future Funding Meetings. A special thanks was given to the ten major donors for 2011 and it was decided that a copy of the Annual Report would be sent to them.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr Jim Evans, a Chartered Accountant and our Honorary Auditor, tabled the Financial Report. He noted that income had increased from the previous year, when it was considered that there were no MSC donations in the figures this 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 meticulous care with the books.

The motion was moved by Sr Pauline Compton and seconded by Eileen Phillips 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.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were re-elected as Office Bearers:

Mr Michael O'Dea:	President
Sr Jenny Kirby:	Vice President and Secretary
Mr Jim Evans:	Honorary Auditor
Barbara Davis:	Executive Officer

Nominations were called for the position of Treasurer to replace Bill Barry. Michael spoke about the role, which involves attending two Funding Meetings and the Annual General Meeting each year, as well as reading the newsletters and participating in decision-making. There were no nominations and the members were asked to consider their contacts to see if anyone would be interested in the role.

OTHER BUSINESS

- o Jim Evans mentioned that his Parish Priest Fr Kelvin at Miranda is open to the idea of having a OLSH Mission Sisters speak at his masses.
- o Maree is going to mention at OLSH Kensington Alumnae meeting she is attending on Tuesday the idea of KITS being sent to the Kensington Alumnae. It was noted that Bentlyigh Alumnae are not willing to have KITS put in their mailouts. Michael intends to follow this up. There was some discussion about the need to pursue communication with the alumni of OLSH Bentlyigh and also the alumni of OLSH Kensington.
- o It was suggested that the low expenses incurred by OLSH Overseas Aid be mentioned in the next KIT.
- o The possibility of a Open Day function to thank donors being held towards the end of the year was discussed, the idea being that an invitation card to a function at OLSH Convent Kensington would be included with the November KIT . It was initially suggested for high donors only, but the members thought the invitation should be extended to all donors. Hopefully one or more of the Missions Sisters would be available to address the group. It was suggested that Sr Sally Duigan or Sr Mary Stevens would be suitable.
- o It was decided that the ten largest donors for the year would be sent a copy of the Annual General Report.
- o It was resolved, in the interest of conveying a more accurate picture of the year's fundraising, to include in the financial report a note of the amount that was included in the previous year's figures for the MSC.
- o Sr Jennifer Kirby spoke about the ACFID Code of Conduct which took effect in January 2012. Our compliance with this Code of Conduct involved creating a number of policies to be adhered to, including Child Protection, Governance, Discrimination and Harassment, Developmental and Non-Developmental, Conflict of Interest, Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Anti-Corruption, and Complaints Handling. It was noted that at least one more policy was needed as well.

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.



A traditional PNG welcome

COUNTRY BY COUNTRY PROJECT SUMMARIES

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



Women from the island of Rabi in Fiji making use of the new Women's Centre funded by Overseas Aid in 2012.

Burkina Faso

Fada N’Gourma Project—Boarding Facility for Girls

This project involves the construction of a multi-purpose training centre for girls not at school, aged between nine and fifteen. The centre is in the Province of Gourma, 219kms from the capital Ougadougou.

Burkina Faso is ranked 177 out of 182 according to the Human Development Index. It has been independent since 1960 and has a population of about 16 million, 50% of which is under the age of fifteen and includes sixty different ethnic groups. The rate of education for females is very low and this project attempts to address this issue by providing basic education and trades.

Amount Funded in 2012: \$24 642



Work in progress for the Training Centre for Girls near Fada N’Gourma in Burkina Faso.

Kiribati

Education

- **Sacred Heart School Lecture Theatre**—conversion of a classroom into a stepped lecture theatre for use with multi-media devices and for dramatic activities. It will accommodate up to 45 students.
- **Maintenance Tools** for Catholic Secondary Schools
- **CEO Transport**—a new second hand pick-up truck is required
- **Textbooks** for Immaculate Heart College, North Tarawa, St Patrick's College, Betio, and St Francis High School Kiritimati.

Health and Community Care

Alcohol Awareness Programs and the Family Recovery Centre— There were nine three week courses in alcohol awareness during 2012, with 138 participants, mostly young people. Many come from outer islands and are able to live in for the duration of the course. This is the main ongoing OLSH Overseas Aid project in Kiribati.

Amount Funded in 2012: \$38 000

Papua New Guinea

Education

Ongoing Projects:

St Gerard's Community Health Worker Training School at Veifa'a

Major repairs to the present buildings were needed.

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 2012 OLSH Overseas Aid was able to continue to contribute to keep the facility running.

Amount Funded in 2012: \$36 875



Students at the Nurse Training Centre at Veifa'a.



Ametur House in Port Moresby

Fiji

Community

Rabi Women's Centre

Construction of a wooden structure for local women to gather for various activities and to be hired out to other groups for income gathering.

Amount Funded in 2012: \$8 000



Images of the construction and use of the Rabi Women's Centre in Fiji.



Philippines

Education

- **Tutorial Program in Matantubig—Quezon City:** This program is intended to help primary school children who are having difficulty with reading comprehension, English, mathematics and science. In 2012 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 children of disabled parents
- Capital Education Project—a tertiary support program for poor students in Matantubig
- Technological Equipment

Health

- **Nutrition Programs:** Marigondon, Matantubig, Quezon City, Surigao
- **OLSH Clinic Marigondon—**This is an ongoing project. A volunteer doctor is available for free consultations of children and the elderly three days a week, and pre-natal care and a midwife are available. Supplies of essential medicines, medical supplies and equipment are provided.

Community

- **Pig-raising Programs—**An ongoing project: selected vulnerable families on Bantayan and Malapascua Islands were provided with piglets, specialized pig food and nutritional supplements, and supplies for building breeding sheds. The families raise the pigs, selling some while retaining enough to enable their small business to grow. One donor in particular has been very active in promoting these projects.
- Temporary assistance for families displaced in Quezon City who lost their accommodation when the buildings were sold to developers.

Amount Funded in 2012: \$67 278



South Africa

Kurisanani Anti-Retroviral Treatment—Sr Lee Davidson

Now in partnership with the South African Government, there are more than 800 patients currently receiving treatment for HIV/Aids. Funding received from us assisted in providing access to X-rays, provision of transport, furniture for the staff room at the clinic, acquisition of drugs and family support.

Ametur Project—Sr Christine Martin

In 2012 there was a focus on three major areas:

- Education:
 - ◊ Two young women doing Health Care Courses
 - ◊ Three doing secondary school studies
 - ◊ Two doing Early Childhood studies
 - ◊ Five at Further Education and Training
 - ◊ Two at university
- Skills Centre:
 - ◊ Currently employing six women to take orders for vestments, skirts, traditional outfits, bags, placemats.
 - ◊ Have a stall at the local markets on pension days
 - ◊ Challenged by the loss of the sewing machine repairman.
- Community
 - ◊ Constructed four pit latrines, two rooms, fenced two vulnerable homes, provided electrical repairs at a school and pre-school.

Holy Family Care Centre—Sr Mary Stevens

- Support of ex-students of Holy Family deemed to be independent by local government social workers so younger orphans can be accommodated:
 - ◊ Purchasing land and placing a family in a more secure dwelling
 - ◊ Security fencing for two child-headed families
 - ◊ Pit latrine for one family (child-headed)
 - ◊ Construction of a one room dwelling for a family of three children

Bakhita Village—Sr Merrilyn Lee

- Repair of roofing, tiling of floors, painting of rooms, plumbing repairs.
- 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—Sr Jane Dalton

In 2012 the Ave Maria Pastoral Centre in Mooketsi provided employment and skills training in building, gardening and fencing for unemployed local men and Zimbabwean refugees. Overseas Aid contributed to these costs.

OLSH Clinic—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. It is an isolated area and Overseas Aid helped contribute to security fencing and shade-cloth for the protection of patients waiting in the heat.

Amount Funded in 2012: \$198 694



South Sudan

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

- Primary Education:
 - ◊ Cookers have been purchased, to enable access to free food from WFP (World Food Program).
 - ◊ Resources for the school library, including furniture to securely store the resources, tables and chairs.
 - ◊ A simple dwelling was built for the school guard so he could live on the compound.
- Secondary Education:
 - ◊ Teaching resources bought in Nairobi: textbooks, calculators, solar lamps (so students can study at night), basic furniture.
 - ◊ Support for female education: Most of the girls are married with children, and bikes were purchased to enable the girls to get to school on time and to leave to breastfeed their children during the school day.
- Assistance to Satellite Schools—There were 13 satellite schools with over 5000 students in 2012. In particular 20 teenage girls have been encouraged to stay till at least the end of Grade 8 by offering cooking, craft and childcare lessons along with literacy and numeracy.
- Adult Education—Educational resources have been purchased for about 80 women and 60 men to enable them to become literate.
- Teacher Training Primary and Secondary—With the help of Solidarity for South Sudan, 45 staff members were able to receive teacher training on site. 90% of staff have some computer training.

Health—Sr Mary Batchelor, Pauline Carr

- Medicines for Mary Immaculate Hospital—Twice yearly supply of medicines from Nairobi to help cover the needs of more than 3 700 inpatients and 27 000 outpatients a year.
- Medical Supplies for Mary Immaculate Hospital— Various supplies, including a portable ECG Machine.
- Nurse Training—Academic and Living Allowances for students of the Certified Nursing Course offered at Rumbek Nurse Training School.
- Health and Nutrition Centre— Basic secure food storage, cooking and dining facilities. Needed to qualify for the World Food Program.

Community

- Women's Development— Construction of a kitchen and storage facility at the Star of Hope Restaurant at Aluakuak, and a canteen/restaurant at Titgok. An ox plough has been purchased to increase food production. Fruit trees and vegetables have been planted.
- Maintenance of Vehicle for Outreach Services—A Landcruiser purchased in 2007 is used for outreach programs and school visitations.
- Support for Poor Women and Children—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 as a property manager of a single father of five, as well as various local men and women.
- Clean Water Project— A water pump has been installed to provide clean water in Mapuordit.

Amount Funded in 2012: \$296 099



Funding 2012

Burkina Faso

Fada N'Gourma Project: A multi-purpose training and living centre for girls **24 642**

Kiribati

Education

Sacred Heart School Lecture Theatre 4000

Maintenance Tools for Secondary Schools 3000

CEO Transport 7000

Secondary School Textbooks 19000

Health and Community

Alcohol Awareness and Family Recovery Centre 5000

38000

Papua New Guinea

Education

St Gerard's School of Nursing 12875

Community

Ametur House 24000

36875

Fiji

Rabi Women's Centre **8000**

Philippines

Education 54158

Health and Community 13120

67278

South Africa

Ametur Project 70140

Holy Family Care Centre 25054

Bakhita Village 69000

Kurisanani ART Program—HIV Aids 6000

Ave Maria Pastoral Centre 10000

Nzhelele OLSH Clinic 18500

198694

Republic of South Sudan

Education

Education—Primary and Secondary 79500

Education—Adult 10000

Teacher Training 15000

Medical

Medicines and Dressings for Hospital 26000

Staff Training and Supplies 28200

Portable ECG Machine 3000

Community

Support for Poor, Lepers and Skills Training, Women's Development 72699

Health and Nutrition Centre 22000

Maintenance of Volunteers' Compound and Vehicle 22000

Water Projects 17700

296099

Total **669588**

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 2012 the top twelve extremely generous donors contributed a total of \$328 536. OLSH Overseas Aid would like to especially thank these benefactors for their generosity towards our Missions.

Fundraising Activities

- "Friends of Philippa Trivia Night" - Friends of Sr Philippa Murphy organized a Trivia Night in May 2012. They raised about \$22000, which was used to construct a Health and Nutrition Centre in Mapuordit incorporating a safe, secure food storeroom, hygienic food preparation area, and a well-ventilated dining room.
- Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt— Fr Charles Ashton continues to organise the Parish Lenten contributions to be allocated to South Sudan, approximately \$12 500 in 2012.
- Holy Trinity Parish, Bentleigh East, Vic—Friends of Sr Mary Batchelor - \$750 was raised from various activities.
- St Bernard's Parish, Austins Ferry, Tas—A lunch organized by June Duigan, sale of cards and home-baked goods, raised \$1242.
- Shauna Jackson, a niece of Anne Jackson (a regular volunteer and nurse educator at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Mapuordit, South Sudan) had an evening for thirty friends in November. They raised \$865 for the Mapuordit Hospital.
- OLSH Primary School, Elmore—Mission Day November—raised \$1714
- OLSH Ex-students, Corinda—\$600.
- Romero Company—Yearly Dramatic Production by Sr Janet Mead raised \$5500 in November.
- Gift Certificates—\$7452 was raised in 2012 from gift certificates issued to fourteen different donors.

Schools

OLSH Overseas Aid is very appreciative of the support given in 2012 by the schools listed below.

Name of School	Amount Donated	Area Benefitting
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Bentleigh, Vic	\$10666	Philippines, R S Sudan, S Africa
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Kensington NSW	\$4521.53	Philippines
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary, Elmore, SA	\$3262	South Sudan
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Darra, QLD	\$2050	South Africa, South Africa
Iona Primary School, Mosman Park, WA	\$2582	South Africa
Frensham, Mittagong	\$1500	South Africa
Nazareth Catholic College, Flinders Park SA	\$1406	South Sudan
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Darwin, NT	\$1000	South Sudan
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Bowral, NSW	\$1000	South Africa
St Bernard's Primary School, Botany, NSW	\$782	General
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Alice Springs, NT	\$776	South Africa
Huonville Primary School, Huonville, TAS	\$667	General
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary, Randwick, NSW	\$256	South Africa

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 and St Clare's Waverley for organizing periodic payments to OLSH Overseas Aid from their workplace.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2012 has seen some significant changes in OLSH Overseas Aid's reporting procedures.

In October 2012 I was fortunate to be able, along with more than two hundred people representing over ninety organisations, to go to Canberra for the ACFID 2012 Annual Council. It was a wonderful experience. The Council brought together representatives from NGOs, government departments, universities and other sectors of the community to:

- Examine how aid and development organisations can survive and thrive in a world of change and complexity
- Share experience in how development programs can incorporate sustainability principles.

OLSH Overseas Aid now has conditional full membership of ACFID, which will be validated at the ACFID Council in November 2013. Previously OLSH Overseas Aid was a code signatory only, but this category has been discontinued.

ACFID equips and encourages members to observe the highest ethical standards in all their activities, including strict observance of the ACFID Code of Conduct. Much work was done in 2012 to ensure we have documentation showing our adherence to the Code. This included producing a number of policy documents:

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

In order to comply with the ACFID Code of Conduct, new application and acquittal procedures were designed and implemented during 2012:

- Application forms now require documentation stating how local people are involved in identifying a need for a proposed project.
- Acquittal forms require specific spending details, and receipts are required to be kept in the event of an audit.
- Part of the acquittal process involves providing photographs of completed projects, as well as some showing progress during lengthy projects. This has resulted in many wonderful photos, many of which have been reproduced in this document.
- A written assessment is also now part of the acquittal process. It has been very interesting to learn about the challenges of each project, what if any adaptations needed to be made, and whether ongoing projects will be able to be sustained by the locals when our Sisters are no longer able to be in the region.

I would like to express my appreciation to Sr Jennifer Kirby and to Michael O'Dea for their invaluable contributions to the documentation process necessary to comply with the ACFID Code of Conduct.

The Overseas Aid website has been in a process of transition since late 2012. It will be incorporated in the OLSH Australia website, and changes to the existing website are at the moment not possible. It is pleasing though to see how many donations come in using the donation form found on the website, indicating that people are still using it.

2012 was a challenging year but the results have been very worthwhile.

Barbara Davis 15 April 2013



Planting fruit trees and vegetables for the use of the Star of the Sea Restaurant in South Sudan.



REGISTER OF MEMBERS

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART OVERSEAS AID INCORPORATED

As at 15 April 2013

BARRY	Joyce	21 St Helena Parade, Eastlakes 2018
BESWICK	Judy	4 th Floor 131 Clarence Street, Sydney 2000
BOWEN	Anne	3 Gardyne Street, Bronte 2024
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CHRISTIE	Sr Jennifer	9 Kimberley Grove, Rosebery 2018
COCHRANE	Sr Elaine	2 Kensington Rd, Kensington NSW 2033
COMPTON	Sr Pauline	9 Kimberley Grove, Rosebery 2018
DAVIS	Barbara	65/108 Elizabeth Bay Rd, Elizabeth Bay 2011
DONOHUE	Kathleen	602/170 Ocean Street, Edgecliff 2027
DORAN	Anne	19 Holmes Street, Kingsford 2032
EVANS	James	4 Monomeeth Place, Miranda 2228
GALLAHER	Gloria	104 Victoria St, Potts Point 2011
GRUSOVIN	Deirdre	15 Virginia Street, Kensington 2033
HEESH	Josephine	111 Elizabeth St Sydney
HINTON	Maree	19 Violet St, Miranda NSW 2228
KAVANAGH	The Hon Justice Tricia	GPO Box 4939, Sydney 2001
KIRBY	Sr Jennifer	PO Box 116 Bowral 2576
LLOYD	Mary	2 Daunt Avenue, Matraville 2036
MEANEY	Fr Adrian	2 Roma Ave Kensington 2033
McGUINNESS	Vincent	1/3 Gwea Avenue, Daceyville 2032
McKINNON	Valerie	11B/179 Reservoir Road, Blacktown 2148
MALOUF	Robert	3 Winburn Avenue, Kingsford 2032
O'DEA, AM	Michael	21 Waverton Avenue, Waverton 2060
PHILLIPS	Eileen	20 Oxley Street, Matraville 2036
STANFORTH	Lilyan	3 Mirra Place, Cromer 2099
TAYLOR	Sr Elizabeth	95 Deakin St, East Bentleigh VIC 3165
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