

Annual Report 2023



DOOR OF HOPE
AUSTRALIA

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Cover photo:
Earthquake Disaster Relief
Turkey

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:



Dear Members and Friends of DOHA,

First of all, I would like to begin by thanking my wife Feona, my children and grandchildren, my friends, the DOHA Board and the DOHA Members & Friends for their kind and generous support.

Thank you also to private and corporate donors that faithfully continue to support DOHA. We truly appreciate your contribution in helping DOHA make a difference.

Thankfully, except for overseas travel, we were able to operate out of our office as per usual, post Covid lockdowns.

Once again, we held our annual DOHA South Sudanese Information Night (SSIN) at the Yarra Yarra Golf Club in April. We were grateful for their generous support. The night was a great success and we thank everyone who participated in any way, particular thanks to Gary Lisbon for being our amazing MC.

We also honoured Michelle van Zanen for 20 years of service working in the DOHA Office (2002-2022) and long term supporters of DOHA, Hans & Linda Bovenkerk. We wanted to publicly acknowledge their faithful support since we began.

In September, we were happy to be able to visit Sale Baptist Church in person again. We are so grateful for their continued support and that of the Kingston City Church and the Swan Hill Christian Centre.

I am looking forward to returning to South Sudan. We are working on a new Agricultural Project there in 2024-2026.

I want to thank you all for your kind and generous support. By assisting DOHA, know that you are also assisting foreigners, orphans and widows. The poor and the needy amongst our World, look to us as richer Nations for their help. Our help is often the difference between life and death.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21 NLT says: *“When you are harvesting your crops and forget to bring in a bundle of grain from your field, don’t go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all you do. When you beat the olives from your olive trees, don’t go over the boughs twice. Leave the remaining olives for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. When you gather the grapes in your vineyard, don’t glean the vines after they are picked. Leave the remaining grapes for the foreigners, orphans, and widows.”*

On behalf of the DOHA Board and the families that we have helped and continue to help, I would like to say a big thank you all again for your tremendous support.

Bryan Grasby
Chairman



PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT:



Dear Members & Friends,

Thank you to everyone who has supported DOHA through this past year. We greatly appreciate your kind and generous support.

As food insecurity continued to be an ongoing problem in many Nations post Covid, we decided to focus on disaster relief projects.

Some of our Partners requested more assistance in helping to provide food aid to their communities. The cost of living continues to increase as inflation rises, affecting the cost of produce in the marketplace.

We were pleased to partner again with Pr Barry Silverback to address food insecurity in communities in India and Nepal. This project was completed.

We also completed our Project with KCC, to provide food and non-food aid to communities in Turkey, following the devastating earthquake.

Through both of these Projects, we again learned the importance of working with our Partners on the ground. Trusting them to advise us of the greatest needs in their Community and to implement the Projects on our behalf.

We continued to partner with African Action International (AAI) in a number of ongoing Community Development and Vocational Training Projects in Kenya and Uganda. There was a setback in the Community Garden in Kenya following storm and flood damage. We are working with AAI to address this in 2024.

We also supported a number of welfare projects in Fiji, Philippines and South Sudan, through specific non-tax deductible donations via our Project account.

In 2023, we held the DOHA SSIN at the Yarra Yarra Golf Club in April, our DOHA AGM in May and a presentation at Sale Baptist Church in September.

The support we receive from our Board, Members, Friends, Donors, Partners and the Board is greatly appreciated. We could not function without you!

On-behalf of the Communities we impact, thank you very much.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle van Zanen".

Michelle van Zanen
Project Manager
Door of Hope Australia Inc.

2023 Financial Report:

DOOR OF HOPE AUSTRALIA INC.		
INCOME STATEMENT		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/23		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	110,645	98,966
Non Monetary		
Grants		
Commercial Activities Income		
Other income	16,099	8,528
Total revenue	126,744	107,494
Expenditure		
International Programs	62,700	48,101
Community education		
Fundraising costs	7,850	6,577
Accountability and Administration	74,356	67,744
Other Expenditure		
Total Expenditure	144,906	122,422
Excess of revenue over expenditure	(18,162.00)	(14,928.00)

The Board of Directors are of the view that targets are being met and DOHA remains on a sustainable financial footing

The DOHA financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at www.acfid.asn.au.

Full financial statements are available online at www.doorofhopeaustralia or on request by phone to 9584 9531 or email mvanzanen@doorofhope.com.au.

Annual True and Fair Statement of the Committee

The committee has determined that the Association is a not-for-profits entity and that this general purpose financial report - simplified disclosures should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

We, Bryan Grasby and Michelle van Zanen, being members of the committee of Door of Hope Australia Incorporated certify that:

- 1. The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Door of Hope Australia Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the Association ending on 31 December 2023;
2. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; and
3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Door of Hope Australia Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

[Signature]
Bryan Grasby
Chairman

[Signature]
Michelle van Zanen
Committee Member

Dated: 9/4/2024

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER TO THE MEMBERS OF DOOR OF HOPE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

In accordance with the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012, as lead auditor for the audit of Door of Hope Australia Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

[Signature]
MVA BENNETT

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Chartered Accountants
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Melbourne Vic 3000

[Signature]
SHAUN EVANS
Partner

Dated: 9th April 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
DOOR OF HOPE AUSTRALIA INC.**
ABN 44 901 023 508

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Door of Hope Australia Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of comprehensive income statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the Council on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Further information about our responsibilities can be found at <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



MVAB ASSURANCE
Chartered Accountants



SHAUN EVANS
Partner

Signed at Melbourne this 9th day of April 2024

ABOUT US:

Door of Hope Australia, Inc. (DOHA) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation; established in 1996, to help alleviate the suffering caused by extreme poverty and war.

Our mandate is to improve living conditions for disadvantaged children, within communities in developing nations. We aim to do this through projects that enable children access to education, health & medical care, improved water & sanitation and income generation for their primary carers.

DOHA VISION:

Children in every nation will have access to education, nutrition, medical care & protection from war, abuse and exploitation.

DOHA MISSION STATEMENT:

To preserve, improve and sustain the quality of life of children, in their communities.

- To preserve: maternal/child health, nutrition, water, immunisation
- To improve: sanitation, education, shelter, medical care, trauma counselling
- To sustain: training, income generation, good use of natural resources, ongoing support and facilitation.

DOHA OBJECTIVES:

- To support projects that provides education, medical and health care, water & sanitation and homes for orphaned & abandoned children.
- To establish projects that empowers the community to improve the living conditions for their children.
- To assist communities rebuild in times of disasters, natural or man made.
- To advocate on behalf of the children in our support, raising awareness of the issues they are facing.
- To raise finance for projects through: donations, fundraising events, corporate sponsorships/grants and government funding.

FRIENDS:



Friends of DOHA have access to regular updates and are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting and any official fundraisers. The cost to become a Friend of DOHA is an **annual fee of \$10.00 per person**. Friends are encouraged to actively help raise funds and awareness within their networks.

MEMBERS:



Members of DOHA have access to regular updates and receive voting rights at our Annual General Meeting. Members of DOHA may nominate or be nominated for vacant positions on the Board of Directors. The cost to become a Member of DOHA is an **annual fee of \$100.00 per person**. Members of DOHA are required to attend the Annual General Meeting each year, attend/support a fundraiser each year and actively help raise funds and awareness within their networks.

2023 OVERVIEW:

PROMOTIONS:

- Monthly newsletter updates
- Website, social media updates
- Video footage and photo editing
- Fundraising

ADMINISTRATION:

- MYOB, banking, monthly reconciliation of accounts
- Monies raised through donations
- Finds distributed to projects
- Renewal of registration with Consumer Affairs as a charitable association
- Receipts and thank you letters issued for one off donations
- EOFY tax receipts
- Project proposals, Partnership agreements, monitoring and evaluation
- ACFID Code Compliance Self-Assessment
- Update Policies & Procedures

MEMBERSHIP:

Member of DOHA = 28 Friend of DOHA = 15 Resigned/Expired = 0

GOVERNANCE:

Board meetings

- 24th February
- 20th October 2023

AGM

- 28th May 2023

PRESENTATIONS:

Sale Baptist - 10th Sept 2023

OVERSEAS TRIPS:

All overseas travel cancelled



Presentation at Sale Baptist Church 10th Sept

2023 PROJECTS:

- Supporting the salaries of Pre-School Teachers in Fiji.
- Partnering with Pr Barry in India/Nepal: Food Relief Projects.
- Partnering with KCC in food/non-food aid in Turkey Earthquake Disaster relief.
- Partnering with AAI in Community Garden/Poultry/Fencing/Water Projects in Kenya and Water & Solar Project/Medical Project in Uganda.

2023 PROJECT OVERVIEW:

India & Nepal Food Aid Relief Project:

We partnered with Pr Barry Silverback in providing much needed food aid to communities in India & Nepal.

Lessons learned:

After the Covid-19 Pandemic, we discovered the need for Food Aid had substantially increased in the Countries we were already partnering in. This project came about after discussions with our Partner. By sending the funds to allow our Partner to implement the Project urgently was the best approach to meet this need.

Food/non-food aid in Turkey Earthquake Disaster relief Project

We partnered with KCC in providing much needed food/non-food aid to communities in Turkey who were directly impacted by the Earthquake.

Lessons learned:

Working with locals on the ground is essential for knowing what is required and the priorities of who are the most vulnerable.

African Action International (AAI) Community Development Projects:

We are partnering with AAI in the following projects:

AAI Water Bore Project in Kenya.

This Project will install a new bore well, solar driven pump, overhead storage tank and security fencing to provide the following:

- * Clean water available to the local community from a Safe Water Point
- * Water for the purposes of irrigation in times of drought to grow food for the poor.
- * Clean water for the students at the School for hand washing, cleaning, and drinking.

AAI Fencing Project in Kenya.

This Project will provide Vocational Training for the same community who are creating Kitchen Gardens. It soon became apparent that fencing was required to protect the gardens. This Project will train the community how to build and maintain fencing.

AAI Water and Solar Project Uganda.

This Project will provide the School and community with constant clean water (needed for drinking, cooking and sanitation) and solar power to provide lighting for safety and for the Medical Clinic.

AAI Kitchen Garden and Poultry Project in Kenya.

This Project will help families improve their food security by enabling them to grow their own food (vegetables, fruit, herbs/spices and poultry).

Lessons learned:

Some lessons learned from AAI Community Development Projects are that by using local labour this assists local families improve their income generation. That the vision and impetus for the project must be undergirded by the local people for success. That this project needs to be self-sustainable to be ongoing.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT:

THE BOARD:

In 2023, the Board comprises of 5 members; which are:



Bryan Grasby
CHAIRMAN/CO-FOUNDER



Feona Grasby
SECRETARY



Michelle van Zanen
PROJECT MANAGER/CO-
FOUNDER



Dan Parker
BOARD MEMBER



Maureen Lisbon
TREASURER

The Board meets to discuss projects being supported, fundraising and marketing strategies, finances, policies & procedures, conflicts of interest, feedback & complaints, partnerships, personnel, training, changes to DOHA Rules and Constitution and planning of overseas trips.

AUDIT:

The Treasurer will ensure that an external financial audit is undertaken once every 12 months and the audit report and accounts will be forwarded to the Chairman and Board Members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

The end of the financial year for DOHA is December 31.

The Board may determine the date, time and place of the DOHA AGM.

The notice convening the AGM must specify that the meeting is an Annual General Meeting.

The ordinary business of the AGM shall be:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting; and
- (b) to receive from the Board reports upon the transactions of the DOHA Inc. during the last preceding financial year.

**In the event of a Board Member position becoming vacant, a vote (2/3 majority of quorum present) will be taken during AGM to appoint replacement board member, as nominated by current Board and DOHA Members prior to AGM.

FEEDBACK & COMPLAINTS:



ACFID
MEMBER

DOHA is committed to transparency and learning from our successes and mistakes. If you wish to provide feedback or a complaint about our staff, our Projects or anything else related to DOHA, please email our Chairman, Mr Bryan Grasby on bgrasby@doorofhope.com.au or call 9584 9531.

DOHA is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is committed to the full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct which defines minimum standards of governance, management and accountability of development for non-government organisations.

Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct can be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee via email at code@acfid.asn.au or via phone at +61 (02) 6281 9220.



South Sudanese Information Night - 1st April 2023



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