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2013/2014 Annual Report

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Secretary's Report

July 2013 – June 2014

In a country where women can be persecuted for gaining an education and using that education to teach others, the Vocational Training Centre in Kabul continues to spread the light of life-changing education into the lives of many women in Kabul.

The culmination of the art project initiated by artist Gali Weiss is a beautiful coffee table book called Two Trees, a book of dialogue between 14 Australian Women artists and 30 women from the Literacy Centre in Kabul using their newly acquired skills. After much anticipation the books finally arrived in Adelaide. 12 SAWA (SA) members gathered to pack 162 books to be delivered as rewards to our crowd funding supporters who made possible the publishing of the book.

The first launch of Two Trees was in Hobart on 5 September 2013. In Adelaide on 11 September the launch was supported by the Hawke Centre of the University of South Australia. Dr. Nahid Kabir from the University’s Centre for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding addressed the crowd with appreciation of the book:

“I was particularly moved by the ways that it so clearly demonstrated how art and writing have the capacity to develop shared meaning between multiple people on far sides of the world who have never before had any communication with each other, and have only limited knowledge of how the others live their lives. This book will stand the ages, and will serve as a landmark publication for all of those who come across it. This is also a noble book: from it you will be able to develop and re-imagine your own story.”

In Perth on 5 October 2014, Two Trees was launched by SAWA member Hon. Alannah MacTierman who applauded the success of the Vocational Training Centre in helping women to take charge of their lives economically and emotionally. Launches were also held in Ipswich and Brisbane; Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale launched the book with SAWA (SA) member Senator Clair Moore as guest speaker. In Brisbane the guest speaker was Sonia Caton, Chair of the Refugee Council of Australia. In Melbourne Gali Weiss, lead artist and co-editor, was the guest speaker and eight of the 14 artists were present. A reading and presentation in Port Adelaide library organized by SAWA (SA) convener Matthias Tomczak and treasurer Christine Tomczak also produced good sales.

Based on the success of the funding for the publishing of Two Trees through a crowd funding drive the SAWA (SA) committee decided to respond to the need to raise funds for a new ambulance for the Hamoon Clinic, which is so generously supported by Planet Wheeler in its day to day activities. The old ambulance was beyond repair and had to be replaced urgently. With the expertise of SAWA (SA) convener Matthias
Tomczak SAWA (SA) mounted a second crowd funding drive. OPAWC closely watched its progress. OPAWC director Latifa Ahmady sent an email to support the drive:

“Women of Afghanistan are the most innocent and forlorn in the world. They have been deprived of basic rights for decades on Afghanistan. After 13 years of the presence of international troops still the situation of women is getting worse. Every 30 minutes a woman dies during pregnancy and childbirth in Afghanistan. Self-immolation is becoming more and more common, every day we are observing young girls putting themselves on fire because of pressure from their family.

Therefore, these women are highly in need of our support. By chance Harmoon Health Centre, the only reliable clinic in Farah Province, has been a hope for the poor and suffering women for years. But it is in need of support to help these women better. An ambulance is very urgently needed at the moment. Last month a woman lost her precious life during childbirth while she was being brought from a district to the centre. If Harmoon had had an ambulance it could have saved the lives of the woman and her child. Therefore, we plead with our friends and supporters to help us in providing an ambulance for this important health centre. We express our deepest thanks to all those human loving supporters who contributed in raising funds for the ambulance, we make sure that every penny of your support will save the lives of these handcuffed women in this province.”

The crowd funding drive successfully raised $12,565 and with the inclusion of additional donations nearly $15,000, more than the target amount. Latifa, who comes from this far province, traveled there from Kabul to source a suitable vehicle.

There was a challenging time at the Vocational Training Centre, when in August 2013 an unknown organization opened a literacy centre two blocks away. It lured many women to the new centre because they were offered money to attend its classes. It appeared that the centre was a ruse to get women’s votes for the upcoming presidential election, as only women older than 18 and in possession of a voter registration card were accepted for enrolment. Latifa contacted the Education Ministry, where OPAWC’s Vocational Training Centre is highly regarded, and was told the new centre was unregistered. It closed after two months, and most women returned to OPAWC’s Centre, saying that its classes were much better. The Ministry said that no matter the number of students at OPAWC’s Centre, it will always have the Ministry’s support.

This year, International Women’s Day was celebrated by an event for the Adelaide Afghan community organized by committee member Farida Forogh with supporters Aziza Zafari and Reyma Akhy. 250 members of the community listened to speeches and were entertained by poetry readings, martial arts performance and traditional music.

Fundraising activities continued in cities around the country. The Australian Education Union in Tasmania showed Mary meets Mohammad, a documentary on the friendship between refugees in a detention centre in Tasmania and local women, on International Women’s Day and donated the proceeds of nearly $2,000 to SAWA (SA). The documentary was also shown by the local SAWA (SA) group in Adelaide. In Brisbane, on St Patrick’s day a craic and concert was held in collaboration with Amnesty International’s Afghan Women’s campaign with the proceeds given to SAWA (SA).
Bowling for Afghanistan events were held in Adelaide and Perth. In Adelaide an evening to enjoy the last day of daylight saving resulted in a draw; it was decided to hold a rematch when daylight saving returns in October. In Perth the third SAWA Bowling for Afghanistan Cup was a successful event including an enjoyable afternoon tea and a guest speaker who said that “OPAWC teachers in Kabul remain fiercely determined in their vision to raise women’s status and empowerment in Afghanistan.”

In December 2013 Andeisha Farid, founder and Executive Director of AFCECO, the Afghan Child Education and Care Organization, informed us of her decision to step down from her position. The first orphanage opened ten years ago, and there are now twelve foster havens where children of all Afghan ethnicities live and learn together in true democracy. SAWA (SA) members currently sponsor five university students from AFCECO foster havens: law students Shazia Malikzai and Zubaida Rasouli, medical student Sosan Hamidi and administration and management students Mursal Rahimi and Pashtana Rasul. Andeisha said that there had been pressure that threatened the security of the orphanages; extreme elements inside and outside government had made things difficult and she had been targeted for “westernizing” the children. Andeisha wrote:

“Stepping out of the light will allow AFCECO to continue without the attention that these extreme elements have focused on me personally. I am very concerned that if I stay much longer, there may be more harassment of the children in our care.”

We thank Andeisha for the momentous work she has done for Afghanistan’s youth and wish her and her family well for the future.

On 7 May 2014, 150 women graduated from the literacy course of the Vocational Training Centre at a function arranged by the women themselves, demonstrating their acquired self-confidence and abilities.

It was a wonderful confirmation of the value of our work and a great encouragement to do even more in the years to come.

Thanks to all Committee members; Matthias Tomczak (Convener/ Newsletter Editor), Christine Tomczak (Treasurer), Kath Jones, Ruth Redfern, Libby Drew and Farida Forogh. We are grateful to Libby for her invaluable committee contribution as we bid her farewell and wish her the best for the future. Thanks to SAWA facilitators in different parts of the country: Kerry Coyle, Jean Mellor, Janet Watson-Kruse. Thank you Zonta for your untiring support of SAWA (SA). Heartfelt thanks to all members and supporters who have, by their commitment and generosity, favorably impacted the lives of many Afghan women in ways unknown and far-reaching.

Christine Gamble 19 September 2014
Vocational Training Centre

From the reports of OPAWC director Latifa Ahmady

OPAWC has been strongly involved in education and has promoted Afghan women's capabilities in many fields in order to support them to stand on their own feet. The women who attend the Vocational Training Centre are those who suffered the most, having lost their husbands and being homeless because of displacement to neighboring countries during three decades of war. That is why OPAWC focuses on these women and tries to support them in every way possible.

The 2013/14 teaching period of the Vocational Training Centre ended with a marvellous function on 7 May 2014. This year the function to graduate 150 women of the literacy course was different from previous years; the women of OPAWC's Vocational Training Center arranged it themselves. It was held in the yard of the Vocational Training Center and attended by more than 350 women, girls and guests from related ministries. The women prepared most of the agenda themselves. This shows how much they have grown in their ability, awareness and self-confidence.

There were several speeches, a women's song, a poetry reading, and a theatre performance after which all participants including the high-ranking members of the ministries were in tears.

The theatre performance showed the real condition of an Afghan girl. A young girl wants to go to school and become a doctor or teacher, but her father and brother who are illiterate do not allow her to go; only her mother supports her. Eventually she joins a literacy course with the support of her mother but without her father’s knowledge. However, soon after when her father wants to marry her to a drug addict she tries to hang herself, but her teacher arrives in time to stop her from suicide by providing good suggestions and advice to her father. The drama ended with the message to women that rights are not given but have to be taken and that women should gain their rights through their own efforts and struggles.

OPAWC director Latifa Ahmady expressed her sorrows in her speech for the painful incident in Badakhshan where 2700 people were killed in a landslide. She talked about women’s empowerment through education and encouraged women to struggle for their rights. She added that when women are given the opportunity they are capable of performing work better than men and can play an effective role in the social, economic and political sphere.

The Deputy General Head of Programs in Literacy Alabas Jam praised OPAWC for its humanitarian activities and commitment to hard work. He said that OPAWC got the highest scores among NGOs working in the area of women’s support.

The function ended with the distribution of Merit Certificates. The students were happy to receive the result of their hard work and left the function hopeful for a better future with the help of the documents they received.
I am a woman!
I am a woman
Without any secret
Even without any makeup
HE* wants me to be a woman
To serve you because you are a man.
And not to tell you that I am stronger than you
Yeah! I am a woman
HE wants me to be a woman
I will trust you also
I will love you
And will be proud of you being a man
I will defend you with all my strengths
And you remain a man.
I will not expose this secret to anyone
That I am more powerful than a man.

* Allah

The Women’s Song
Listen to me for a few seconds; after centuries
I am still a slave to discrimination and abuses
Listen to me and don’t force me to stop
That still I am trapped in a prison
What story have you not made to deceive me?
What pain have I not tolerated for being a woman?
You addressed me as incomplete minded
Because I am not a man, that is why all bad possibilities are for me, being a woman?
Listen to me for a few seconds and don’t force me to stop
That I am still a slave to discrimination and abuse
I work hard like you all my life
I am a mother but like a sweeper at home
Where are the justice and your everlasting feeling?
If I say a word, you call me runty
Tell me, without excuses, is this life?
I am a woman buried in all my life
My selling is lawful because you are here
You pretend that you are the powerful owner of my property and my life
I am like all others in this destroyed land
Be attentive that I stand with anger
Be attentive that I stand with anger
Listen to me for a few seconds; after centuries
I am still a slave to discrimination and abuses
Listen to me and don’t force me to stop
That still I am trapped in a prison

Computer course
Since the establishment of the Centre there was a strong wish to establish a separate class for computer skills, but OPAWC’s financial situation was insufficient to cover this need. In October 2011 SAWA-Australia (SA) applied to the Global Quest Foundation for financial support to establish a computer course, and OPAWC could finally respond positively to the women’s wish.

As soon as Global Quest approved the project OPAWC established a separate class for computer learning and arranged students in two shifts. The establishment of the computer course opened a new phase for the Vocational Training Centre. In developing our plan we decided to give priority to women who had already participated in literacy and handicrafts classes of the center.

As the course started it was showered with requests from more than 300 women and girls from the Centre and also from outside. But we gave this chance to women of the Centre, and after primary evaluation we established two classes for 40 students in two shifts.

Embroidery made by women of the Vocational Training Centre: “We want peace, we want freedom!”
After completion of one year of continued study the students graduated from computing and joined the English Course. OPAWC replaced the Computer Class with a further 40 new registered women and girls. These women graduated on the 28th of October 2013. It was the second group of computer graduates and the biggest achievement for the poor and forlorn girls and women of Afshar district. OPAWC would like to express its deepest thanks to our supporters for bearing humanitarian feelings and supporting their lonely sisters in Afghanistan.

OPAWC is not sure whether it can find the funds to continue the computer course into 2014 and therefore did not register women for new computer classes yet. Day by day women come and ask for the computer course, but OPAWC tells them that we are trying to secure funds. If a donor agency again supports this section the class will be reopened.

The Computer Course became famous in the community and OPAWC receives many requests to continue the course. The result shows that women have the ability to learn, no doubt despite of large obstacles along their way. The course certificate is very important as a document of good results and can open the door to good employment.

**English course**

As OPAWC's activities mostly focus on the most needy and suffering women, we made the experience since the establishment of the Vocational Training Center for women in Kabul in 2008 that if chances are given to the women, if the situation is ready for them to learn or to work, nothing is impossible for the women, and they can show even better results than men.

Literacy and English learning is the proof of our experience. Women who were just kept in the four walls of the house, who were illiterate, have now become educated and can talk in a foreign language within a short period of time. That is surprising for the Ministry of Education, as in the beginning of this course the Ministry said: "How can illiterate women learn English?" But the hard working and courageous women of our Centre gave them a positive response by completing the program of the English Course.

OPAWC experienced that women are mostly disturbed and worried about their dependence on male members of the family, and all violence they face is because of illiteracy and dependence on men in the financial field. For this reason OPAWC considered this problem and aimed to support these women in any field to stand on their own feet and be independent financially.

English Learning was one of the ways to help women to escape from this problem. Also it was the students' desire to attend such course since the beginning of the Vocational Training Centre. Until 2011 OPAWC's financial situation did not allow us to establish an English class. In October 2011 SAWA-Australia (SA) applied to the DAK Foundation for financial support and received approval to establish an English class, and OPAWC could finally respond positively to the women's wish. The establishment of the English course opened a new phase in the Centre. In developing our plan we decided to give priority to women who already participated in literacy and handicrafts classes of the Centre.
As the course started it was showered with requests from more than 500 women and girls from the Centre and also from outside. But we gave this chance to women of the Centre, and after taking a first examination we established two classes for 70 students in two shifts. After completion of one year these students graduated from this section, and most joined the Computer Class. OPAWC enrolled new students in the second year of the English class. These women graduated on the 28th of October 2013. OPAWC would like to express its deepest thanks to our supporters for bearing humanitarian feelings and supporting their lonely sisters in Afghanistan.

OPAWC is not sure whether it can find the funds to continue the English class into 2014. This is the reason why it did not register women for new English classes yet. Day by day women come and ask for the English course, but OPAWC tells them that we are trying to secure funds. If a donor agency again supports this section, soon the class will be reopened to women.

The second year of the English Course was a one year program; it was highly successful. The students are able to communicate in English with each other, they are happy to learn the basic skills for the new language.

The outcome of the project is positive in two fields. Firstly around 70 women and girls learned how to read and write in English and are familiar with a new language, it brought new skills and good changes in their lives. Secondly these women became good teachers at their homes and can teach their children. As attending private English classes is too expensive and they can’t afford to send them to private courses, they can teach their children at home. This is the biggest support for these women.

Result of two years of study in Computer and English Courses

Contrary to the claims of the Deputy of Literacy of the Ministry of Education that illiterate women cannot learn English or computer skills, a number of women and girls who graduated from these courses reached a level of skill that allows them to work in different places. They work as receptionist, teacher and shop assistant and in other places. Their lives have changed and they are happy and express their thanks to all supporters, sometimes they visit the Centre and offer their time in support.

Student requests

Students requested to continue the courses at a higher level, but we told students that we have a long list of students whom we promised in the beginning of the project to give them a chance after the second term, so we cannot continue the courses at higher level at the moment. We hope we can give a positive response to these students in the future.

Problems

Women who participated in the courses presented their problems to OPAWC and asked OPAWC to find a solution to them. Most of the women come to the Centre with their small babies. They said they strongly want to attend the course, but they have a problem with their babies. If they bring the babies to the Centre it creates difficulties for all, if they leave them at home again it is a problem for them and they will miss the class.

OPAWC has its own problems. Our financial situation doesn’t allow us to hire a baby sister and to allocate one room for the babies. But OPAWC told the students we will try to find a solution together with our donors. Should we be able to continue this course we must consider this problem, too.
Hamoon Clinic

From the report of SAWA-Australia (SA) convener Matthias Tomczak after a detailed phone call from Kabul with Hamoon Clinic director Abdur Rashid

The situation in the provinces is quite unstable. OPAWC director Latifa Ahmady, who is from Farah province, has not been in Farah since late 2011. She says that Farah city is quite safe, but to reach it without exposure to military conflict is a lottery. When she planned to visit Hamoon Clinic last year her father, who lives in Farah city, “categorically forbade her to do that” (Latifa). So she has not been to the Clinic for nearly two years.

The Clinic has several problems, and it will be necessary to work out a development plan for the coming years to avoid serious problems and the threat of closure. The government has set conditions for registration of any Health Centre as an authorized supplier of health services. It set three requirements for the Clinic: a laboratory, an ultrasound machine and an X-ray department. Initially the government set a very tight timetable for this, but OPAWC was able to negotiate an extended timeline. It has now satisfied the requirement of a laboratory and is safe from closure for a substantial period. Setting up an ultrasound machine may not be extremely costly but may require a stable source of electricity. The Centre has only three hours of electricity each day. The laboratory is powered by solar panels, but the panels cannot support extra demand. This has to be sorted out during the next 12 months or so. Then there will be the question of the X-ray department …

The Clinic’s ambulance is out of order. Bringing health services to the villages without the ambulance is impossible. This problem was solved by SAWA-Australia (SA)’s crowd funding drive for a new ambulance reported below.

The need for a properly qualified gynaecologist exists already for several years. Such a qualified doctor can only be found in a large city. Financially the only city within reasonable distance is Herat. OPAWC did a survey of gynaecologists in Herat in 2011 and found a doctor who was prepared to work at the Centre for $2,500/month. (This compares with doctor salaries from international NGOs in Herat of $5,000 and more.) If this doctor is to work in Farah it would require a house for her and her family including guards, and military escort for patient visits and travel between Farah and Herat. A corresponding budget proposal is in preparation; however, it is likely that the gynaecologist who was prepared to work at the Centre in 2011 will no longer be available and a new search will have to be undertaken.

All in all it is clear that the Clinic needs more support than what it receives at the moment, but it is one of the most important humanitarian projects in remote Afghanistan and should not be abandoned. It is reasonably safe from attacks despite its remote location, so there is no real risk that any investment will not produce lasting benefit.

In March 2014 OPAWC director Latifa Ahamady could again visit Farah and reported as follows:

I have returned back from Farah province, and everything was good over there. I used the opportunity to do two things: Evaluating the Hamoon Health Centre and inaugurating the ambulance for the clinic.

I had a meeting with the personnel, they were happy about everything and I talked to the technologist, he said that the medical machines we have here in the clinic are not available in the state hospital which we have in Farah. He said that most of the patients visit us in Hamoon for checking to decide whether they can be treated here, but if that is not possible we ask them to go to other provinces like Herat. We support the widows and poor ones financially to send them for better treatment to Herat, although these days we do so very rarely as we have very limited financial means.

Later in March a heavy storm damaged the solar system that powers the medical refrigeration. OPAWC managed to repair it with own funds but requires assistance to make up for it.

Our most heartfelt thanks go to Planet Wheeler, who continue to supply the funds for the operation of Hamoon Clinic.
**Student scholarships**

The reporting period 2013/14 saw a change of sponsorship for students from AFCECO’s foster havens. The first students supported by SAWA (SA) members were law students Shazia and Zubaida, business management student Pashtana and accounting student Farzana. Unfortunately Farzana’s family decided to take her back to her home village, and she is unable to complete her education.

The time when a girl of an AFCECO orphanage finishes high school is the most critical moment in her life. The government then approaches AFCECO and demands that she returns to her family. For a girl from a rural family this usually means the end of education and return to a life in traditional setting, i.e. staying at home, getting married, not going out unless accompanied by a male relative etc. It is therefore a real struggle to keep a girl in the city so that she can continue her education by going to university or college, and this struggle can only be won against the government if her family supports her with the utmost determination. Not every family is willing to do that, many only sent their daughter to the orphanage because they were unable to feed all their children, and when the daughter is grown up and becomes a valuable worker they want her back.

AFCECO went through this struggle with all girls shown on our sponsorship web page and managed to get them into tertiary education, but this does not mean that the outcome is final. Farzana is a case in point. Her family initially agreed to let her study but then changed its mind. It is a sad situation, but this is what life is like in Afghanistan, not even the best intentions always produce a good result.

On the positive side the number of sponsored girls has increased to five: In addition to law students Shazia and Zubaida and business management student Pashtana SAWA (SA) members now also sponsor business management student Mursal and medical student Sosan. We are particularly appreciative of the support from six students in Melbourne who came together to take up sponsorship for Zubaida.
An ambulance for Hamoon Clinic

One of the most satisfying achievements of SAWA-Australia (SA) during 2013/14 was the successful fundraising drive to give Hamoon Clinic an urgently needed ambulance. It began in November, when convener Matthias Tomczak set up a crowd funding drive with the Australian crowd funding platform Pozible and wrote on the crowd funding web page:

I have been in Kabul several times and visited a literacy centre run by OPAWC, the Organization for Promoting Afghan Women's Capabilities, and supported by SAWA. Latifa, the director of OPAWC, told me about Hamoon Clinic, a health centre OPAWC operates in Farah, one of the poorest provinces of the country, and said how worried she is about the future of the clinic. So today I am asking you to come to the aid of Hamoon Health Centre with a very special request.

In Afghanistan, particularly in remote areas like Farah, health care is one of the greatest concerns for the poor people of the region, who cannot pay the exorbitant doctor's fees and medicine. As a result Hamoon Clinic has gained a high reputation in the province. Wherever one goes into any corner of the province people know about the Hamoon Health Centre. People journey for hours from remote villages and wait hours and sometimes days for their turn to be treated.

In 2011 OPAWC asked the Ministry of Public Health to formally register Hamoon Clinic. The Ministry could not believe that a women's organization can run a health centre and refused the registration. After 6 months of argument it eventually undertook a survey in the province and was surprised to hear how much praise the people had for the clinic, so it relented and gave the clinic its official registration.

In Afghanistan being registered with the government is not an absolute blessing. The Afghan government has no money, so the Health Ministry places demands on the clinic to safeguard its standards but does not offer financial support. OPAWC managed to meet the first demand, the installation of a blood testing laboratory, so Hamoon Clinic has now the only laboratory in the province that can guarantee proper storage of blood samples in a province where electricity comes on only 2 or 3 hours per day. Now the clinic needs to replace its ambulance. The old ambulance was a second hand vehicle donated from Germany that, after 12 years of use and frequent repairs, finally has ended its life. Patients are now transported in an old car that finds it difficult to negotiate Farah's tracks and has breakdowns, sometimes even with patients on the road. A new ambulance is urgently needed.

The target for the drive was $12,500, to be reached by 2 February. After an intensive campaign $12,565 had been pledged when that day arrived. Additional donations not channeled through the Pozible platform raised the total available for a new ambulance to nearly $15,000.

OPAWC director Latifa Ahmady was able to borrow money in anticipation of receiving the funds and proceeded to buy a vehicle and convert it into an ambulance. She had already surveyed Kabul and Herat for a suitable vehicle and found one in Herat. The new ambulance was placed into service in March.
Financial Report

Report for 2013/14

Income and Expenditure show the total financial activity including funds channeled through the APHEDA account and received from Planet Wheeler. (The APHEDA account is held by Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA on behalf of SAWA (SA), for donors who require a tax-deductible receipt.) Funds to support the day-to-day expenses of the Hamoon Clinic are transferred through the SAWA (SA) account but are provided in full by Planet Wheeler, the fund established in 2008 by Maureen and Tony Wheeler, founders of Lonely Planet Publications.

Support payments to Afghanistan are transferred in US dollars. To minimize losses from currency exchange SAWA-Australia (SA) established an account in US dollars in February 2014.

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Account overview

Bank balance brought forward (30/6/2013) $ 10,667.53 USD 0.00
Total income (includes $ 290.87 interest) $ 80,113.41 USD 51,850.00
Transfer AUS to US dollar - $70,000.00 -> USD 62,475.00
Total expenditure - $ 3,405.38 USD - 109,999.52
SAWA (SA) bank balance at 30 June 2014 $17,375.56 USD 4325.48

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Income and expenses by source and destination

Income

Account balance on 1/7/2013 $ 10,668

**Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Literacy Program**

Donations and membership¹ $ 36,953
Fundraising events and activities² $ 6,386
Two Trees book sales $ 14,163
Payment from Bendigo Bank³ USD 1,850
Interest on term investments $ 291
Total income for VTC $ 57,793

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**Hamoon Clinic**

Ambulance⁴ $ 15,000
Planet Wheeler USD 50,000
Total income for Hamoon Clinic $ 15,000 USD 50,000
University scholarships $ 7,320

Overall income for 2013/14 $ 80,113 USD 51,850

Transfer to USD account⁵ - $70,000 USD 62,475
Available for transfer to Afghanistan USD 114,325

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Expenses by destination

**Support sent to Afghanistan**

Available for transfer USD 114,325
Vocational Training Centre: USD 38,467
Hamoon Clinic:
Ambulance⁶ USD 13,388
Planet Wheeler USD 50,000
Total for Hamoon Clinic USD 63,388
University Scholarships⁶ USD 7,975
Total to Afghanistan USD 109,830
USD account fees USD 169
USD balance on 30/6/2014 USD 4,326

**Expenses in Australia**

Auditor fee $ 150
Movie hire, hall hire, dishonored cheque $ 405
PO Box fee, bank transfers, postage for Two Trees sales $ 2,850
Total expenses in Australia $ 3,405
Notes:

1 Donations received through direct bank deposit into the SAWA (SA) Bendigo Bank account, online through www.givenow.com.au/sawa and from the Apheda account.

2 Special events and activities (Book launches in Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart; film nights in Adelaide and Hobart; concerts in Brisbane and Hobart; bowling nights in Perth and Adelaide; sale of Entertainment books).

3 SAWA-Australia (SA) suffered a significant loss through back and forth currency conversions before the US dollar account was established. Bendigo Bank reimbursed SAWA-Australia (SA) for the loss when the US dollar account was set up.


5 Transfers from the Australian to US dollar account are performed using the rate given by Bendigo’s International Desk on the day.

6 Sponsors of university scholarships send their contributions into the Australia dollar account in monthly, quarterly or annual installments. SAWA-Australia (SA) sends the funds for student support on a yearly basis at the beginning of the calendar year, even though some monthly and quarterly installments are yet to come. The amount sent in 2014 is therefore larger than the income received when the statement is prepared.