



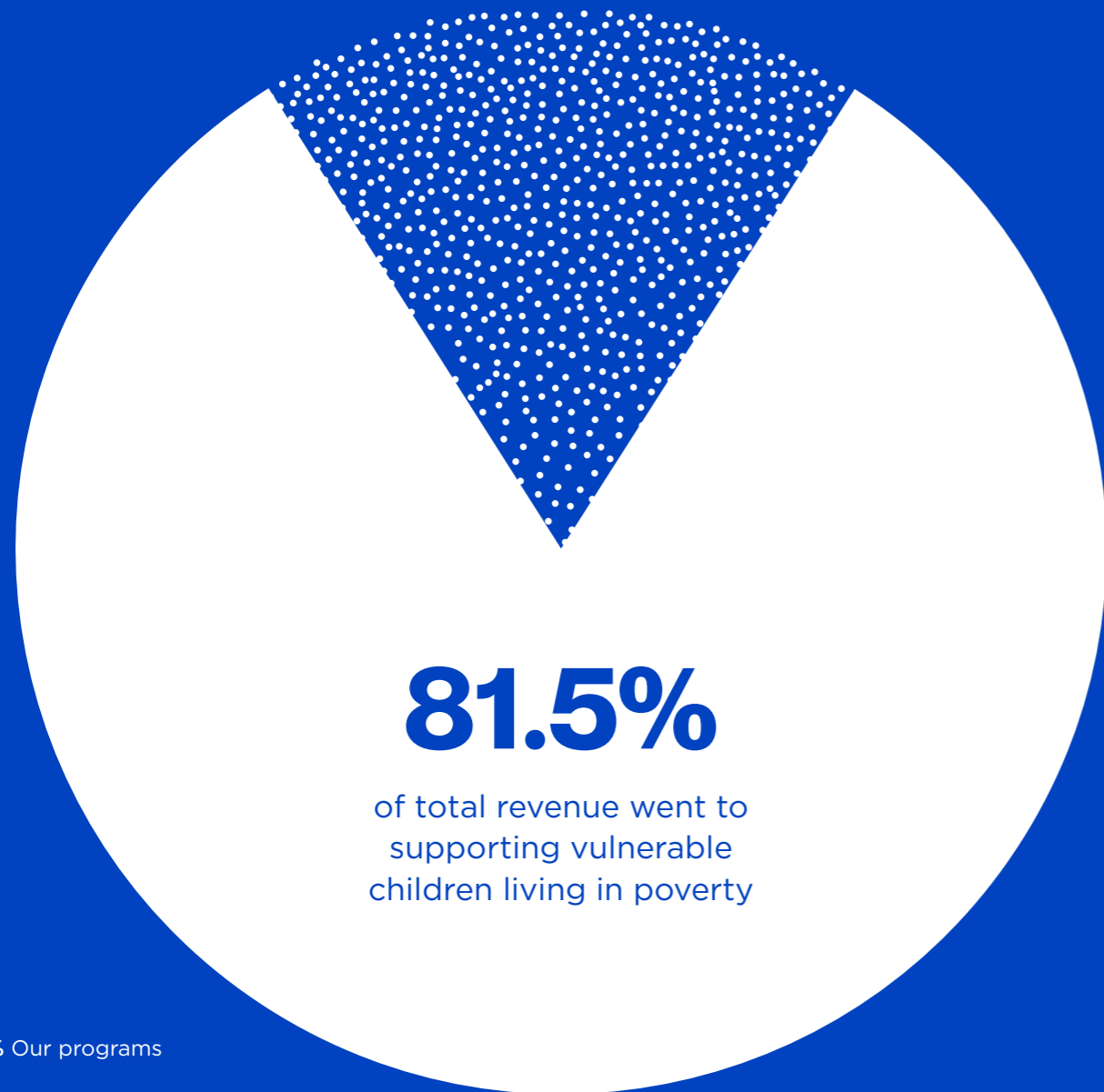
# Annual Report 2022

COMPASSION AUSTRALIA

  
Releasing children from poverty  
**Compassion**  
in Jesus' name

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# 2022 Impact Snapshot



**LEGEND**

● 81.5% Our programs

○ 18.5% Fundraising and administration

Your generosity truly makes an impact. Here are just a few highlights of how your love and support have made a difference in the lives of children this financial year.

**1,253**

babies, plus their caregivers, were supported before, during and after birth through our Mums and Babies program.

**127,380**

children were sponsored through Compassion Australia, ensuring each child receives holistic care tailored to their needs.

**246,141**

children benefited from Critical Needs projects like clean water, safe housing and education to help them break free from poverty.

**22,209**

phone calls and 19,065 emails were answered by our Supporter Engagement Centre, ensuring our supporters were heard and helped.

**83**

new church partnerships were launched by our Strategic Partnerships team, connecting more Australians with our mission.

**\$98,334,000**

was raised this financial year to support vulnerable children living in poverty, thanks to your generosity.



## Additional Achievements:

**RESTORE A GENERATION APPEAL**

Your support helped to raise \$1,547,083 to restore a generation of children who lost vital education opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR DOCUSERIES**

Our docuseries explores the complex reality of poverty for those living in it every day. All four episodes are now available on our [YouTube channel](#).

**GIFTS OF COMPASSION**

Thanks to your generosity, it was a huge year to [give a gift with global impact](#). Over \$1,696,972 was raised across 24,940 gifts to help children in poverty.

# On the Precipice

CLARE STEELE, COMPASSION AUSTRALIA CEO

## The world is standing on a precipice.

**As I stand on the edge, among the pouring rain and howling winds, I see out into a storm that is growing more powerful by the day. Conflict, natural disasters, rising inflation and the COVID-19 pandemic have grown out of one another, creating a tumultuous system that will affect the global community for years to come.**

Through the 2022 financial year, the impact of COVID-19 has continued to be felt around the world—especially in developing countries. Now, with the war in Ukraine and the global food crisis, The World Bank estimates that an additional 75-95 million people will be pushed into poverty this year. These sorts of numbers are shocking, but they also dehumanise very real stories: Marcel, a father in Burkina Faso whose work would no longer support two meals a day for his family; Hoehanou, a mother from Togo who lost hope for her family as food became unaffordable; and Alice, a five-year-old from Uganda whose family farm was robbed by thieves looking for food, leaving them with no financial security.

This coming year will bring new challenges for the wellbeing of children around the world, which is why we must continue to act. Only together as a global neighbourhood can we fight hunger and bring hope to families living in poverty.

Even in this time of trial, I am so thankful to see how God is at work through His church, both in Australia and overseas. In response to COVID-19, Compassion globally has now delivered over 21 million food packs, 15 million hygiene kits and 3 million cases of medical support to vulnerable families. Now, our task is to respond to the growing food crisis.

As I consider the state of the world, I have been reflecting on this passage from Zechariah 8:4-5. It reads,

*This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each of them with cane in hand because of their age. The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there."*

Poverty is complex, and it requires a holistic response that can meet all a child's needs. Yet, for me, these verses highlight some of the simple hopes we have for children too: that they can play, explore God's creation and have dreams for their futures. Zechariah shows me a community at peace with great joy. And what a joy it is to hear stories of our Compassion graduates who live out their dreams and then return to their communities to bring about the dreams of others. I hope you will read these for yourself throughout this year's report.

The world is standing on a precipice, but we do not stand alone. Our Great God is with us and before us and we will continue to put our trust in Him.

Thank you for standing alongside us as we empower local communities in this time of crisis. I hope reading this year's Annual Report will encourage you that there is so much we can do to help families in this coming year.



**Clare Steele**

COMPASSION AUSTRALIA CEO



# Global Unity

ISAAC MOODY, COMPASSION AUSTRALIA BOARD CHAIR

**In Psalm 133:1, David proclaims, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” And in 1 Corinthians 12:27, the Apostle Paul reminds us that we are all members of one body: Christ. Even our God is in constant perfect unity as three in one: Father, Son and Spirit.**

As a global Christian organisation, Compassion Australia has the opportunity to share in unity with our brothers and sisters in over 40 countries. What an incredible blessing it is to work together as one body to release children from poverty in Jesus’ name.

The Compassion Australia Board has desired to nurture and grow this sense of unity. Over the last year, we at Compassion Australia have prompted Compassion International to reimagine our formal relationship. As a result of these fruitful conversations, Compassion Australia has invited Compassion International to become the sole ‘member’ of Compassion Australia, and we will now undertake an 18-month journey to implement this new structure.

Compassion Australia and Compassion International have a common vision and a common mission. We want to be fully united in all that we do so that we can better serve children in poverty through your generous donations. This coming together will enable us to be strategically placed to further our mission, including opportunities for expansion into new countries. A key priority of our Board is to create a governance environment in which the organisation can flourish, and we see incredible opportunity in closer unity with Compassion International.

There will be no changes in our day-to-day running and operations, other than the mutual desire to work more closely with our global friends and colleagues. Your donations will continue to be used as they always have, and our administration costs will not increase as a result of this change. As always, we are committed to the wise stewardship of your resources.

But Compassion Australia is not just our Board and our staff, but families, individuals, churches and businesses all coming together to see children released from poverty. You are a vital part of our global unity. Thank you for the part you play in this through your prayer, advocacy and sacrificial giving. On behalf of all of us at Compassion, thank you for your generosity.



**Isaac Moody**

COMPASSION AUSTRALIA BOARD CHAIR



Releasing children from poverty  
in Jesus' name.

● INDONESIA

# The

# Compassion Story



Compassion Australia is part of Compassion International, a global network of more than 40 countries. For over 70 years we have served vulnerable children living in poverty with a community-first approach.

Together with millions of our neighbours—supporters, local church partners and staff—around the world, we are a Christian child development charity that seeks to put love into action and release children from poverty in Jesus’ name.

**Our Mission:**

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name.

→ **Our Values**

**I Am Loved**

We love because he first loved us. —1 John 4:19

**Love God**

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” —Matthew 22:37

**Love My Neighbour**

“Love your neighbour as yourself.” —Matthew 22:39

**Be United**

Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. —Philippians 2:2

**Be Strategic**

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. —Proverbs 16:9

**Be Explorers**

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. —Psalm 37:23-24



# Our Distinctives

## Christ-centred

Jesus is at the heart of Compassion. His love for the marginalised and His power to change lives are why Compassion exists. All children in our programs have the chance to hear the life-changing message of His love and that He is our ultimate source of hope.



## Child-focused

We're dedicated to meeting the unique physical, socio-emotional, cognitive and spiritual needs of children in poverty. Each child is personally connected with a sponsor who cares for them and provides both financial support and encouragement.



## Church-based

Our programs are implemented by local churches who already know and support their communities. Each church partner is carefully selected, equipped and held to a high standard to ensure funds are used wisely and children receive loving care.





# Our Programs

Compassion’s holistic child development model is designed to help vulnerable children receive the practical and loving support they need to be released from poverty in Jesus’ name.

This model seeks to address each child’s unique physical, social, emotional, cognitive and spiritual needs. Our programs assist children through all stages of their development: from Mums and Babies into the Child Sponsorship Program, with additional support through Critical Needs.

## Mums and Babies

Compassion works with mums and babies to prevent premature death, secure good health and enable positive development for babies and their caregivers. In partnership with Compassion, local churches run activities and carry out regular home visits. Mums and Babies helps provide the support needed for the best start to life.



## Child Sponsorship

Compassion’s holistic Child Sponsorship Program provides more than basic relief like food, clean water and education. We surround each child with support from a local church and love from a caring sponsor so he or she can realise their God-given potential. This program is implemented in partnership with our local church partners all over the globe.



## Critical Needs

Critical Needs helps provide holistic support to each Compassion assisted child. These projects ensure that all areas of a child’s life receive care. Critical Needs includes Water and Sanitation, Disaster Relief, Health, Infrastructure and more. These interventions provide each child in our program with a safer, healthier life.



We know the safety and wellbeing of children is foundational to their healthy growth and development. As a result, Compassion has a zero-tolerance policy for child abuse. We take the protection and privacy of all children involved in our program seriously.

All children—regardless of their gender, race, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, family or social background—have equal rights to protection from abuse.



How you're helping to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

# Your 2022 Impact Story

● TOGO





# Mums and Babies



**For mums and babies living in poverty, the first year of a child's life is critical for survival.**



## Your Impact This Year

**FUNDED THROUGH  
COMPASSION AUSTRALIA**

**1,253**

babies, plus their caregivers, were provided with life-saving education, support and medical assistance.

**FUNDED BY  
COMPASSION GLOBALLY**

**27,058**

babies and 26,836 caregivers were assisted by Compassion supporters around the world.

**77**

Mums and Babies projects were funded to provide ongoing service to their communities.



How your support helps vulnerable caregivers and babies

Home-based care for mothers and babies



Perinatal specialists visit families monthly to offer healthcare, education and emotional support.

Advocacy



Ensures mothers are treated fairly by local services and can access the essential support they need to thrive, including medical care and birth attendants.

Community support networks



Brings local mothers together to combat isolation, learn new ways of earning an income and provide each other with long-term support.

Compassion centres



A safe place where mothers can always turn for support, learning opportunities and expert advice on how to monitor their child's healthy development.

Barbalinda

● INDONESIA

Barbalinda gave birth to Adiva alone at her house and was diagnosed with a retained placenta. This condition caused heavy bleeding and low haemoglobin. Her family refused to bring her to the hospital in the city because of their traditional beliefs and inability to pay the costs of transportation and medical help.

But because Barbalinda is registered with her local Mums and Babies centre, the staff helped to persuade her family to bring her to the hospital. All the costs were covered by Compassion.

"I could have died if I had not been helped by Compassion. I am grateful that the staff convinced my family to let me go to the hospital, even though I initially believed my family would not allow it," she says.

Barbalinda successfully underwent surgery to remove the placenta from her womb. She made a full recovery from the surgery and reunited with her family and baby Adiva.



Noelia

● DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Noelia was just 16 years old when she found out she was pregnant. She and her boyfriend felt that their world ended.

Loneliness and anaemia put Noelia and her baby at risk, but her mother took her to the Mums and Babies project at her local church where she was accepted, loved and supported. Through Compassion, Noelia received medical care, vitamins, proteins and basic supplies for her baby alongside emotional and spiritual support.

"It wasn't until I got registered that I started to learn that I can move forward. [It] has been the greatest blessing I have ever received. Their love and support mean so much to me," she says.

For Noelia, the despair and rejection she felt when she first discovered she was pregnant have been replaced by acceptance, community and a new hope for the future. She is learning new skills to become a mother capable of protecting and providing for her baby.





# Child Sponsorship



Poverty looks different for each child, but our goals stay the same: good health, good skills, good relationships and the opportunity to hear the Good News.

## Your Impact This Year

FUNDED THROUGH  
COMPASSION AUSTRALIA

FUNDED BY  
COMPASSION GLOBALLY

**127,380**

**2,042,992**

children were sponsored through  
Compassion Australia by 88,848  
generous sponsors.

children were sponsored through  
Compassion globally

**114,513**

letters were sent from sponsors to  
sponsored children with words of love  
and encouragement.



### How your support helps children and youth

## Physical



Your support means children can learn good health and hygiene practices, as well as receive proper medical care as needed to stay well.

## Socio-Emotional



Healthy relationships are important in a child's life. Children learn how to interact with others in a compassionate way, knowing they deserve the same.

## Cognitive



Children receive education and support that helps them to develop skills and self-confidence to eventually become economically self-supporting.

## Spiritual



Each child has the opportunity to hear the gospel in a culturally relevant, non-coercive way through Compassion's partnership with local churches.

## Mercy, 24 years old

### GHANA

As a young girl, Mercy and her family lived in a squatters' settlement. Her mother roasted plantains and maize by the side of the road as their only source of income.

Life for Mercy improved greatly when she was registered at her local Compassion child development centre. "Compassion paid my fees and provided books and school supplies," she says. "They gave us groceries... and paid the rent for us for two years!"

Sadly, just before Mercy entered high school, her father passed away. She felt lost, wondering how she could continue her schooling when her mother needed help at home. Yet with her church's support and the encouragement of the centre's tutors, she pressed on to graduate from high school and then with a degree in computer science. "One thing that really benefited me was the encouragement and emotional support that the centre staff constantly gave," she says.

Now, Mercy works in the IT department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ghana and hopes to complete her Master's in data science.



## Esmerelda, 31 years old

### MEXICO

In contrast to her family's financial situation, Esmerelda remembers a joyous childhood. Her father, Gabriel, worked fixing shoes and her mother, Modesta, sometimes sold clothing for additional income. The family of seven lived in a small house with only one room and often struggled to afford food.

When Esmerelda was 9 years old, she was registered at her local Compassion child development centre. She received clothes, school supplies, blankets and even construction materials to improve her family's home. She remembers being encouraged to grow, learn and strive for a better future at the centre—values she held onto.

As a young adult, she graduated from Compassion's program and, with their support, went on to complete a master's degree in food science. Now, she teaches maths to high school students and volunteers with her husband at their local Compassion child development centre.

"The Compassion program gave me so much and I feel a great happiness to be able to return a little of everything that was given to me," she says.





# Critical Needs



Every Compassion assisted child will, at some point, face challenges that require care beyond that provided by sponsorship alone.



## Your Impact This Year

FUNDED THROUGH  
COMPASSION AUSTRALIA

**55**

Critical Needs projects were fully or partially funded by Australian supporters.

**245,000+**

children and their communities directly benefitted from Critical Needs projects like clean water, safe housing and education.





## Compassion's Critical Need funds

### DISASTER RELIEF

Allows for an effective and quick response when disaster threatens the safety and stability of Compassion assisted children and their families.



### INCOME GENERATION

Empowers young people and their families to be economically self-supporting through vocational training and resources to start a business.



### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Compassion works through the local church to identify a tailored plan for each child and provide what is needed to continue their educational development beyond school.



### INFRASTRUCTURE

Provides structures that promote safety, dignity and stability for children such as houses, classrooms and playgrounds.



### HEALTH

Covers expenses when unforeseen circumstances in a child's life arise such as accidents, disease or the need for surgery.



### WATER AND SANITATION

Support initiatives that provide children, their families and communities with access to safe water and sanitation.



### HIGHLY VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Ensures the additional safety and care of children living in high-risk situations through immediate housing, trauma counselling, legal support and more.



### WHERE MOST NEEDED

Equips our local church partners to address the needs they have identified as the most urgent in their communities.



## Sebastián, 5 years old

### ● ECUADOR

Sebastián and his cousin Gaby were abandoned by their parents, leaving their grandparents to care for them. They already lived a vulnerable life—then, one day, their house burned down.

In the ashes of their home they collected plastic, wood and cardboard to improvise a small hut. The early mornings were cold, the small space was uncomfortable and the charred wood still smelled of smoke. The family had nowhere else to go.

They spent five nights in their makeshift tent, sleeping on the floor and with little food. One Sunday school morning, Sebastián talked to their church pastor about what had happened. Distressed by the terrible situation, the pastor applied to use Compassion's Highly Vulnerable Children fund to help the family find safety and somewhere to sleep.

Soon after, with funding from Compassion, the pastor and church members arrived at Sebastián and Gaby's house. They cleared away the debris and began construction of a new, safe home that included clean running water, electricity and beds.

"I am happy because my grandparents and I now have a house!" Sebastián joyfully explains.



## Shalom, 6 years old

### ● RWANDA

When Shalom ran around with his friends, he would tire quickly, felt dizzy and gasped for breath. Unable to afford the visit to a doctor, it was only during a health screening at his local Compassion centre that he was told he had a heart defect and would need to be assessed in hospital.

After many tests, doctors in Rwanda diagnosed Shalom with an atrial septal defect. The condition was serious but treatable. But for Shalom and his mother Clarisse, completely unaffordable. Fortunately, Compassion were able to help. "It's been overwhelming for me when I see the support Shalom receives from his sponsor, the centre staff and Compassion," Clarisse says.

The operation could not be performed in Rwanda, so Shalom was flown to India. On arrival, COVID-19 was at its peak, but Shalom stayed safe and the operation was a success. He even has a new dream for the future. "I want to become a pilot so that I can take my mother to India and show her very big buildings and big cars," he says. Now Shalom is happy, healthy and can run around with his friends.



How you—and others just like you—  
made an impact around the world.

# The Global Story



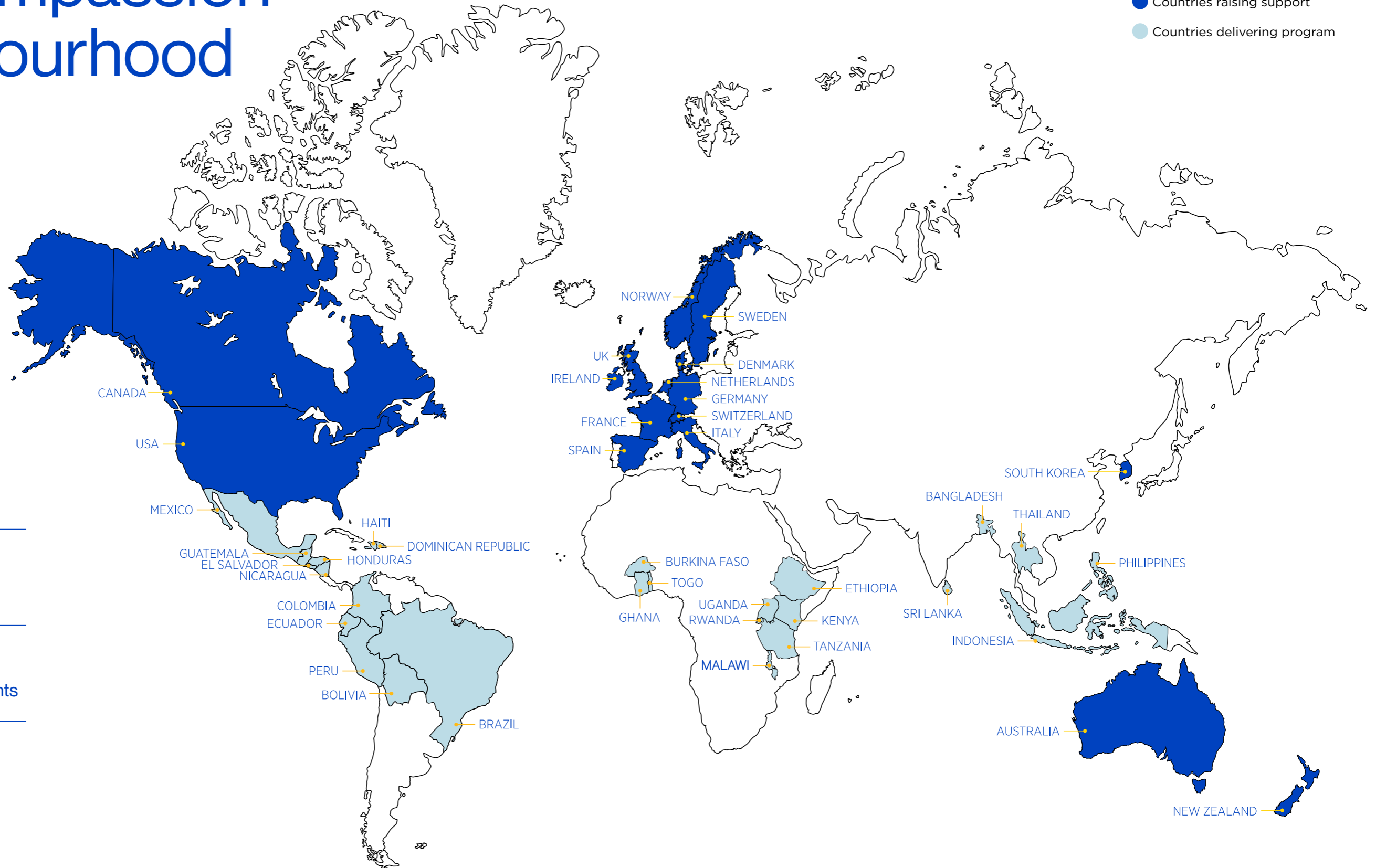
● EARTH



# The Compassion Neighbourhood

## MAP LEGEND

- Countries raising support
- Countries delivering program



**2,286,253**

Registered Children

**27,058**

Mums and Babies Participants

**8,238**

Local Church Partners

# Africa

**Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya,  
Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda**

Totals from June 2022

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**9**  
Countries

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**3,605**  
Church partners

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**908,501**  
Registered children

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**11,282**  
Mums and Babies participants

<p>Est. 2004</p> <p><b>399</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>106,157</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,426</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>1</p> <p><b>Burkina Faso</b></p>	<p>Est. 1993</p> <p><b>561</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>134,184</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,545</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>2</p> <p><b>Ethiopia</b></p>	<p>Est. 2004</p> <p><b>413</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>96,540</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>621</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>3</p> <p><b>Ghana</b></p>	<p>Est. 1980</p> <p><b>466</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>138,214</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,927</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>4</p> <p><b>Kenya</b></p>	<p>Est. 2022</p> <p><b>2</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>1,198</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>178</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>5</p> <p><b>Malawi</b></p>	<p>Est. 1979</p> <p><b>432</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>110,087</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>899</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>6</p> <p><b>Rwanda</b></p>	<p>Est. 1999</p> <p><b>555</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>112,214</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,414</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>7</p> <p><b>Tanzania</b></p>	<p>Est. 2007</p> <p><b>304</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>74,062</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,487</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>8</p> <p><b>Togo</b></p>	<p>Est. 1980</p> <p><b>473</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>135,845</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,785</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>9</p> <p><b>Uganda</b></p>
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# Asia

**Bangladesh, Indonesia,  
Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand**

Totals from June 2022

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**5**  
Countries

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**1,564**  
Church partners

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**391,804**  
Registered children

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**5,110**  
Mums and Babies participants

Est. 2003

**174**  
Local partners

**42,954**  
Registered children

**884**  
Mums and Babies participants



**1**  
Bangladesh

Est. 1968

**723**  
Church partners

**168,384**  
Registered children

**1,968**  
Mums and Babies participants



**2**  
Indonesia

Est. 1972

**414**  
Church partners

**103,867**  
Registered children

**1,170**  
Mums and Babies participants



**3**  
Philippines

Est. 2009

**81**  
Local partners

**21,603**  
Registered children

**924**  
Mums and Babies participants



**4**  
Sri Lanka

Est. 1970

**172**  
Church partners

**54,996**  
Registered children

**164**  
Mums and Babies participants



**5**  
Thailand

# Central America

**Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua**

Totals from June 2022

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**7**  
Countries

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**1,770**  
Church partners








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**536,712**  
Registered children

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**5,956**  
Mums and Babies participants



<p>Est. 1970</p> <p><b>212</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>65,566</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,014</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>1</p> <p><b>Dominican Republic</b></p>	<p>Est. 1977</p> <p><b>276</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>68,640</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>828</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>2</p> <p><b>El Salvador</b></p>	<p>Est. 1980</p> <p><b>224</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>65,370</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>533</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>3</p> <p><b>Guatemala</b></p>	<p>Est. 1968</p> <p><b>370</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>134,122</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>1,619</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>4</p> <p><b>Haiti</b></p>	<p>Est. 1974</p> <p><b>220</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>62,062</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>458</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>5</p> <p><b>Honduras</b></p>	<p>Est. 1979</p> <p><b>219</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>67,903</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>805</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>6</p> <p><b>Mexico</b></p>	<p>Est. 2002</p> <p><b>249</b> Church partners</p> <p><b>73,049</b> Registered children</p> <p><b>699</b> Mums and Babies participants</p>  <p>7</p> <p><b>Nicaragua</b></p>
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# South America

**Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia,  
Ecuador, Peru**

Totals from June 2022

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**5**  
Countries

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**1,299**  
Church partners

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**449,231**  
Registered children

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**4,710**  
Mums and Babies participants

Est. 1975

**227**  
Church partners

**98,754**  
Registered children

**1,215**  
Mums and Babies participants



**Bolivia**

Est. 1975

**216**  
Church partners

**64,949**  
Registered children

**496**  
Mums and Babies participants



**Brazil**

Est. 1974

**311**  
Church partners

**94,736**  
Registered children

**760**  
Mums and Babies participants



**Colombia**

Est. 1974

**279**  
Church partners

**100,738**  
Registered children

**1,302**  
Mums and Babies participants



**Ecuador**

Est. 1980

**266**  
Church partners

**90,054**  
Registered children

**937**  
Mums and Babies participants



**Peru**

How your dollars make a difference.

● BOLIVIA

# The Stewardship Story



**Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do,  
and he will establish  
your plans.**

**Proverbs 16:3**



# Your Support in God's Mission This Year

SHAUN SERAFIN, COMPASSION AUSTRALIA HEAD OF FINANCE

**Each financial year seems to bring with it new global challenges that need a swift and strategic response. Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to care for children living in poverty during the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the growing economic and food crisis.**

The 2022 financial year was one in which the Australian and global environment continued to change. Conflict in Ukraine entered the global consciousness, while conflicts in the developing world continued throughout the year. As travel restrictions were eased throughout Australia and the world, COVID-19 cases increased significantly and created problems with global supply chains. This, in combination with war and natural disasters, drove an increase in inflation not seen in over a decade. At home in Australia we have felt the impact of inflation too, alongside the devastating floods throughout much of our east coast and the fires in our west.

Despite these challenges, your generous support for Compassion's work in over 25 developing countries around the world has enabled the impact of the organisation to increase from last year. Your contributions to Compassion Australia enabled us to raise \$98 million during the 2022 financial year.

This resulted in \$78.7 million (81.5%) spent on programs that delivered the following:

- Our holistic child development programs that care for each child physically, socio-emotionally, cognitively and spiritually
- The provision of essential goods and services for the benefit of the children and their communities, especially during times of crisis
- The ongoing facilitation of hope and encouragement through the personal relationships of sponsored children with their sponsors

Across all three programs (Mums and Babies, Child Sponsorship Program and Critical Needs), your generosity has made a positive impact in the lives of well over 245,000 children in over 25 countries. Thank you for your support!

Though lockdowns and other restrictions at times impacted our ability to engage with our church and business partners, it also enabled us to maintain a low operating expenditure. The administration and fundraising ratio for FY22 was 18.5%. The savings achieved in the year have enabled us to a surplus of \$1.79 million to invest in strategic priorities in the coming year.

On behalf of all our staff at Compassion Australia, as well as the children we serve, thank you for your generosity. We pray that God will continue to establish His plans as we commit our work to Him.

**Shaun Serafin**  
COMPASSION AUSTRALIA  
HEAD OF FINANCE

# Our Board

**COMPASSION AUSTRALIA IS GOVERNED BY A VOLUNTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH UNIQUE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE, UNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELEASING CHILDREN FROM POVERTY IN JESUS' NAME.**

Compassion Australia is a company limited by a guarantee, with a Constitution that defines the organisation's purpose, objectives and powers and how income is to be applied. It is the role of the Board of Directors to ensure we operate in accordance with the principles and commitments stated in our Constitution.



## Isaac Moody

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; CHAIR OF THE CEO AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2008

Isaac has a group of businesses in hospitality, agriculture and property which enable him to volunteer for ministries like Compassion and maintain strong community involvement in the Toowoomba region.

## Mark McCrindle

VICE-CHAIR OF COMPASSION BOARD; MEMBER OF THE RISK COMMITTEE; BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2015

Mark McCrindle MA, BSc (Psychology), Grad Cert Theol, Dip B.S. is a demographer, social researcher and founding principal of McCrindle Research.

## Mabel Chua

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD; CHAIR OF THE RISK COMMITTEE; MEMBER OF THE CEO AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2012

Mabel holds a Master of Laws, Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in accounting and finance. Prior to becoming the Managing Director of M 6:8 Legal in Perth, Mabel was a partner at a multi-disciplinary boutique legal practice. Mabel has served in various leadership capacities in her local church and in the Christian community.

## Dr John Bond

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2002

John is a Minister of Religion with International ministry experience. He has worked with Youth for Christ International, as a Senior Minister in Churches of Christ and is currently serving as the World Zone Leader of Asia South East Pacific for Dynamic Church Planting International. He is the Founding Director of Sonlife Ministries Inc.

## Mike Jeffs

MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE; MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL SINCE 2010; AUSTRALIAN BOARD MEMBER SINCE 1995

Mike has extensive business knowledge with 40+ years' experience in management and director roles. He is the Founder and Director of Network Communications Pty Ltd, Founder and CEO of GOOD and Director of Southern Cross Institute Pty Limited.

## Kent Medwin

CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE; MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2010

Kent has been in business for over 20 years and is the Managing Director of Rock Property Australia and the State Leader (Vic/Tas/Fiji) of Hillsong Church. Kent is passionate about seeing change and growth while empowering others to impact their sphere. He resides in Melbourne, Victoria with his wife and three children.

# Board Declaration

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COMPASSION AUSTRALIA DECLARES THAT:

[a] The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 64 to 68 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:

- i. Comply with Australian Accounting Standards, and
- ii. Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.

[b] In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

**Isaac Moody**  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

**Mabel Chua**  
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

# Accountability and Transparency

Compassion Australia is committed to earning and keeping your trust and confidence through transparency and godly stewardship. Integrity is a value that drives the whole organisation in Australia and across the world.

**You can give confidently, knowing that your support will be stewarded well and that it makes an impact in the lives of vulnerable children.**



We are independently audited annually by Bentleys Brisbane (Audit) Pty Ltd.



We are an organisational partner of the Fundraising Institute of Australia.



We comply with the standards of Missions Interlink.



We're committed to complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) external standards.



We are an accredited member of the Christian Management Association (CMA) Standards Council.

Compassion Australia is authorised to fundraise in New South Wales (Authority CFN/10658), Victoria (Registration No. FR0010734), Queensland (Registration No. CH1569), South Australia (License No. CCP2632), Tasmania (Approval No. FIA-208) and Western Australia (Licence No 20740). No authority to fundraise is required in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory.

# Risk Management

The Board of Compassion Australia has a risk management policy and framework which describes how Compassion identifies, assesses, manages and controls risks to its operations. The Board is responsible for overseeing implementation of the framework by management and is assisted in its work by the Board's Risk Committee and Finance Committee. The key risks include:

## Foreign Exchange Risk:

Compassion Australia sends funds in foreign currency overseas, which means we need to deal with foreign currency exchange risk. The Finance Committee of the Board determines our approach to mitigating our foreign exchange risk based on regular analysis of trends in financial markets and economic indicators.

## Investment Risk:

Investment decisions and guidelines are approved by the Board's Finance Committee. Compassion Australia invests all available funds in either interest-bearing accounts—including short maturing term deposits—or in commercial property holdings.

## Technology Risk:

Protecting our intellectual property and supporters' information is critical to Compassion Australia's operation and reputation. Our volunteers and staff are responsible for protecting confidential and personal information, with procedures in place to ensure consistent information handling according to its sensitivity and level of importance and, where applicable, in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles. Our Newcastle office, and cloud-based data storage used by remote staff, is also protected by a backup system, located remotely in case of catastrophic damage or data loss at our primary location. Compassion Australia also complies with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard.

## External Auditing:

Compassion Australia engages Bentleys Brisbane (Audit) to perform a thorough external audit on our financial reports each year. Full financial reports dating back to 2012 are available to view at [compassion.com.au/annualreports](https://compassion.com.au/annualreports)

## Internal Auditing:

Compassion International has global funds management controls and procedures for the proper use of funds in countries where programmatic work is undertaken. It also has an internal audit and risk management function that routinely monitors financial and operational integrity at child development centres and national offices across the globe. Compassion International provides regular reports which allows us to be satisfied that the programs we support meet minimum standards of financial accountability and programmatic integrity.

Observations and action items from child development centres and field offices are documented and brought to the attention of staff and management for consideration, decision making, action planning and subsequent follow-up.

Compassion International also has an anonymous fraud and ethics reporting hotline. This is an independent and objective process that determines the legitimacy of any allegations and takes appropriate action.



# Revenue

REVENUE	2022	2021
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
— Monetary	\$ 97,752,659	\$ 94,122,846
— Non-monetary	-	-
<b>Bequests and legacies</b>	\$ 256,364	\$ 427,733
<b>Grants</b>		
— Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-
— Other Australian	-	\$ 2,160,874
— Other Overseas	-	-
<b>Investment Income</b>	\$ 323,752	\$ 289,491
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 984	\$ 42,635
<b>Revenue for international political or religious proselytisation</b>	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,333,759</b>	<b>\$ 97,043,578</b>

# Expenditure

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

EXPENDITURE	2022	2021
<b>INTERNATIONAL AID AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>International Programs</b>		
— Funds to international programs	\$ 67,313,090	\$ 69,342,665
— Program support costs	\$ 11,274,975	\$ 10,057,034
<b>Community Education</b>	\$ 102,754	\$ 272,449
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>		
— Public	\$ 9,820,405	\$ 9,392,507
— Government, multilateral and private	-	-
<b>Accountability and administration</b>	\$ 7,983,904	\$ 6,320,556
<b>Non-monetary expenditure</b>	-	-
<b>Total International aid and development programs expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 96,495,128</b>	<b>\$ 95,385,210</b>
<b>International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs</b>	-	-
<b>Domestic programs expenditure</b>	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
<b>Commercial Activities Expenditure</b>	-	-
<b>Other Expenditure</b>	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 96,545,128</b>	<b>\$ 95,435,210</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$ 1,788,631	\$ 1,608,368
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		
— Property valuation increase 30 Warabrook Blvd, Warabrook NSW	\$ 6,268,478	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 8,057,109</b>	<b>\$ 1,608,368</b>

# Balance Sheet

## Assets

ASSETS	2022	2021
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,466,948	\$ 22,422,028
Investments less than 1 year	\$ 358,200	\$ 357,580
Trade and other receivables	\$ 399,516	\$ 315,643
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 538,143	\$ 505,864
Assets held for sale	\$ 633,040	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 25,395,847</b>	<b>\$ 23,601,115</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 15,875,010	\$ 9,962,263
Right of Use Assets	\$ 342,398	\$ 387,057
Investment property	-	\$ 633,040
Intangibles	\$ 1,560,046	\$ 668,313
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 17,777,454</b>	<b>\$ 11,650,674</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 43,173,301</b>	<b>\$ 35,251,790</b>

# Liabilities

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

LIABILITIES	2022	2021
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	\$ 14,436,571	\$ 14,500,553
Income in advance	\$ 71,869	-
Borrowings	\$ 212,935	\$ 254,582
Provisions	\$ 375,988	\$ 398,160
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 15,097,363</b>	<b>\$ 15,153,295</b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Borrowings	\$ 142,417	\$ 144,366
Provisions	\$ 228,755	\$ 306,471
Other	-	-
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 371,172</b>	<b>\$ 450,837</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 15,468,535</b>	<b>\$ 15,604,132</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 27,704,766</b>	<b>\$ 19,647,657</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Restricted Reserves	-	-
General Reserves	\$ 21,436,288	\$ 19,647,657
Revaluation Surplus*	\$ 6,268,478	-
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 27,704,766</b>	<b>\$ 19,647,657</b>

\*Revaluation surplus relates to the increase in value of 30 Warabrook Boulevard, Warabrook, which was revalued during the 2022 Financial Year.



### Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements To the Members of Compassion Australia

#### Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022, and the summary Expenditure and Revenue for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Compassion Australia (the "Company") for the year ended 30 June 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

#### Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards and *Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

#### The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 20 October 2022.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements and the extraction of such information from the Company's full financial report to give an abridged summary of the financial position and performance of the entity for the relevant financial year under review. This responsibility includes ensuring the summary financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

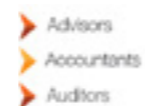
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Bentleys Brisbane (Audit) Pty Ltd  
Chartered Accountants

Stewart Douglas  
Director  
Brisbane 20 October 2022



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neighbourhood: sponsors,  
supporters, businesses,  
churches, ambassadors,  
advocates and families—  
**THANK YOU!**

You have made 2022 a year of incredible  
impact for children living in poverty.



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