



AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LTD. (AMAF)

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# ANNUAL REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020



# AMAF 2020



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## WHO WE ARE

The Australian Medical Aid Foundation Ltd (AMAF) is a registered voluntary not for profit organisation and a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). AMAF is made up of medical and non-medical volunteers who share a vision for restoring and providing basic health care for those in need. Our major focus area has been North East Sri Lanka, a country ravaged by three decades of war, economic deprivation and natural disasters like the 2004 Tsunami, recurrent drought and floods.

AMAF was created in 1996 by a group of Tamil medical professionals in Australia to help victims who were affected during the civil war in the North and East of Sri Lanka. It was formally incorporated in Sydney, Australia on the 10th of March 2001. The main focus of the Foundation was to evaluate and intervene in the deteriorating health care crisis in the North East of Sri Lanka. The armed conflict had led to a significant deterioration in the provision of health services, impacting all levels from primary to tertiary care. AMAF strived to rebuild the health infrastructure of the region and maintain services using a multi-faceted approach. The experience gained in providing relief and health services during the war years served the Foundation well during the Tsunami disaster of 2004. The Foundation was well versed in mobilising resources, providing relief and restoring health services rapidly after the Tsunami devastated the coastal regions of Sri Lanka.

When the war ended in May 2009, we focussed on rebuilding the medical infrastructure that would benefit the region in the long term. Working within WHO's broader definition of Health we have carried out projects that encompass nutrition, physical, psychological and social wellbeing and rehabilitation of the people in North East Sri Lanka.

## OUR VISION

The establishment of an excellent and sustainable health care system, especially in North East Sri Lanka, by advancing the clinical, research, infrastructure and educational aspects of medical, dental, allied health and public health services.

## OUR MISSION

To provide medical care, rebuild health care infrastructure, external support, generate financial aid and develop and encourage local expertise while fostering strong links with similar institutions at national and international levels.



# Australian Medical Aid Foundation Ltd. (AMAF)

## Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 2020

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Anyone wanting access to our full financial report, can contact us via email [ausmedaid@gmail.com](mailto:ausmedaid@gmail.com), website [ausmedaid.org.au](http://ausmedaid.org.au), or phone on 1300 990 828. ACFID's website [acfid.asn.au](http://acfid.asn.au) allows you to lodge a complaint to the code of conduct committee of ACFID.



# AMAF Chairman's Message

Dear Fellow directors and Members,

Year 2019-20 was a challenging year for the Australian Medical Aid Foundation (AMAF) in raising funds and delivering medical and health aid to our people in North East Sri Lanka.

Due to COVID 19, last financial year (July 2019 to June 2020) has been a tough period in delivering medical, dental and public health aid to our people in North East Sri Lanka. When I visited Sri Lanka in November 2019, I had the opportunity to inspect the projects and monitor them remotely on my return to Sydney.

The projects are now better monitored compared to previous years, thanks to the Australian Council for International Developments' (ACFID) regulations which helped optimise our monitoring, evaluating, and learning processes.

AMAF has always complied with the rules and regulations of a standard company and that of ACFID. AMAF is in the process of creating several policies, in keeping with ACFID's guidelines. The policies have been recently submitted to ACFID for its review.

During my visit to Northern Sri Lanka I visited most of the projects and discussed with root organisations and individual community workers both in Government and Non-Governmental Organisations about various issues with implementing and monitoring our projects. I identified a need at the Jaffna Hospital and initiated the TeleRadiology project on my return. Such TeleRadiology consultations allows transfer of knowledge to 'the specialists in the Jaffna Hospital. These specialists at the Jaffna Hospital are able to discuss their patients' diagnosis and treatment with overseas medical specialists.

AMAF has successfully implemented several projects and continue to monitor on-going projects with the support of many local committed individuals and partner organisations with a genuine concern for the people in the North East. Details of such projects are included in this annual report. Experience gained over many years in successfully delivering aid and our vast network of root organisations and committed individuals continues to be our strength.

AMAF is looking to expand its membership to all States and Territories in Australia with a view to engage more medical professionals in delivering aid to our people. The second half of the last financial year was very much disrupted by COVID 19. However, AMAF managed to find the necessary N95 face masks and Personal Protective Equipment for the hospitals in the NorthEast Sri Lanka without much delay. We also conducted COVID 19 awareness programs for medical staff in Jaffna and the general public in Australia.

Due to COVID 19, AMAF's fund raising programs are very limited and we managed to get nearly 50% of the income compared to previous years. On the other hand, there were several emergency projects due to COVID 19. Therefore the project expenses are much higher than the income for the financial year and we had to use the reverse funds from previous years to complete the projects.

Most of our volunteers are full time medical and other professionals who volunteer their time to serve on the AMAF Committee. They are supported by a team of AMAF members who are also volunteers. AMAF owes its success to the passion and commitment of all volunteers and the generosity of you, its donors. I am grateful to the AMAF team of medical professionals and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to deliver aid to those in need during challenging times. My deepest gratitude to our sponsors and donors who continue to support us year after year. If not for your generosity, our efforts will be in vain.

We look to you for continued support in serving the needy in the North East of Sri Lanka in years to come.

Dr. Pon Ketheswaran MBBS, FRANZCR  
Consultant Radiologist  
The Chairman, AMAF



# Secretary's report

I am happy to report that the Year 2020 has been a successful one with AMAF being able to implement many worthwhile projects in North East Sri Lanka for the benefit of the population.

While many of our projects were carried out in partnership with the Rotary Foundation another was delivered in partnership with the Rotary Foundation and the Tamil Engineers Foundation of Australia.

When COVID 19 struck the North and East of Sri Lanka, AMAF urgently sourced and delivered N95 masks and Personal Protection Equipment to Jaffna and Batticaloa Teaching Hospitals. We were also able to supply urgently needed equipment, including 4 ventilators, 1 transport ventilator, 4 bedside monitors, and equipment to prevent deep vein thrombosis in ventilated patients to Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

During the financial year 2019-20, we supplied all the necessary equipment and commissioned the orthopaedic surgical service in Kilinochi District General Hospital which treated many injured patients from road traffic accidents along the A9 Highway.

We enhanced the capacity of the Cheticulum District Hospital by providing equipment to their Emergency Department in association with Rotary Foundation and the Tamil Engineers Foundation of Australia.

Almost 200 hospital beds were shipped to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital from Australia, some of which are in use in the new Eye Ward.

The newly inaugurated Telemedicine Service consisting of Radiologists from Australia, USA, England, Singapore and New Zealand recently held its 100th video telemedicine session. This service was funded by AMAF.

Our ongoing projects, such as school dental projects in Mullaitivu and Pattalipuram, sponsorship of medical students in need of financial support to continue their education, as well as a drug and alcohol education and reinforcement project in North East Sri Lanka and Hill County continue successfully.

AMAF is run entirely by volunteers. We are constantly looking for more volunteers to join our NSW Fraternity. We urge you to join the NSW branch and support its work.

Our annual Good Friday Appeal was delayed due to restrictions imposed as a result of COVID 19 resulting in limited access to the Radio station. Thanks to you, our generous donors, over A\$150,000 was raised, our highest collection in any one event, in recent times in NSW. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to hold our annual fundraiser – our 20th Muththamil Maalai this year due to COVID 19 related restrictions. Instead, we hope to fundraise by phone and mail so we can continue to help our people in the North and East of Sri Lanka.

Since inception in 2001, AMAF has successfully carried out several medical, dental and public health projects in North East Sri Lanka. None of this would have been possible without the support, encouragement and generous donations from you, the Tamil Diaspora in Australia. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to working together in the years to come.

Mr. Vellauthapillai Raviraj  
National Secretary, AMAF



# PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2019/20

Following are details of projects AMAF has funded during the financial year 2019/20. We also detail below, new projects undertaken by AMAF and some that are ongoing.

## 1. DONATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

### A) Donation of hospital beds and equipment to Jaffna Hospital (A\$17,280)

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Australia and their 'Donations in Kind' program, AMAF organised and funded 6 shipments of over 300 hospital beds. These include electronic and mechanical hospital beds that are now in use at Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

Some of the 300 beds are in use in the eye wards that moved to the new multi-storey building while others were donated to district and peripheral hospitals in the Northern Province.



## B) Orthopaedic equipment for Kilinochi Hospital (A\$121,275)

The Killinochi Hospital recently opened an Orthopedic department following the appointment of an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Sutharshan. AMAF with the help of Rotary Club jointly funded orthopaedic surgical equipment to the value of approximately \$200,000. The new Orthopaedic unit will provide valuable service to the people in the Vanni region and the victims of motor vehicle accidents.

Patients who needed to travel to the Jaffna or Vavuniya hospitals for orthopaedic consultation and management, now have access to the same service locally.





### **C) Medical Equipment Chettikulam hospital: (A\$11,400)**

AMAF funded the purchase of much needed medical equipment for the Chettikulam District Hospital. This is in keeping with AMAF's focus on enhancing the services of rural and remote hospitals.

### **D) Donation of Wheelchairs: (A\$11,240)**

The Jaffna Jaipur Centre for Disability Rehabilitation (JJCDR) was set up in 1987 when there was a critical need for artificial limbs for civilian victims of the war. The JJCDR was known as Jaipur Foot Programme, the Jaffna Branch of the Colombo Friend-in-Need Society. Now it is an autonomous body known as "Jaffna Jaipur Centre for Disability Rehabilitation" (JJCDR). It was registered in 2001 as a voluntary social service organisation with accreditation as an NGO.

The JJCDR provides a range of services to amputees. High quality, light weight, low cost prosthesis to the amputees, quality mobility devices to help the differently abled to move independently, physiotherapy and follow up services to the amputees are some of the services they offer. JJCDR also provide micro finance/ revolving loans in an income generating project encouraging economic independence of amputees.

AMAF donated 25 wheelchairs for children with cerebral palsy early in September 2020. Dr. T. Sathiyamoorthy (Director, Jaffna Teaching Hospital), Dr. Geethanjali Sathiyadas (Consultant Paediatrician, Jaffna Teaching Hospital) were among the guests who attended the ceremony where wheelchairs were handed over.







## 2 COVID-19 PROGRAM / PROJECTS

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a pandemic that shook the world. This is a highly infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus that spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The population in the North and East were educated in respiratory etiquette (for example, coughing into a flexed elbow).

There are over 50 million people infected globally with numbers increasing each day. Over 1 million have died. The pandemic has caused devastating consequences all over the world, particularly in developing countries, like Sri Lanka.

AMAF wasted no time in supporting hospitals that treated people in the North-East of Sri Lanka. AMAF donated Personal Protective Equipment, Ventilators and Compression Pumps to prevent Deep vein thrombosis. AMAF also arranged distribution of dry rations to those affected. Most importantly, AMAF arranged for the public to be educated in general hygiene and awareness of how to avoid being infected with the deadly virus.

### A) PPE (Personal Protective Equipment): (A\$2,400)

#### 1. 1500 N95 masks to NorthEast of Sri Lanka:

The N95 mask is a form of respiratory protective wear worn over the nose and mouth to help minimise the chance of inhaling airborne particles like viruses and other germs. It is a disposable mask made from synthetic polymer fibres produced in a highly specialised process called melt blowing. During this process, the inner layer of the N95 mask is created which forms the filtration layer capable of filtering out at least 95% of airborne particles when worn correctly.

During outbreaks of Covid 19, wearing N95 masks has been shown to help reduce the inhalation of compromised air, filtering out nasty virus which lead to illness or which can aggravate existing respiratory problems.

The AMAF donated 750 masks to Jaffna Teaching hospital and another 750 N95 masks to Batticaloa Teaching Hospital. AMAF arranged urgent delivery of these N95 masks for use by health workers at the beginning of the COVID 19 outbreak in Sri Lanka.



Australia Medical Aid Foundation (AMAF) N 95 Masks இனை மட்டக்களப்பு போதனா வைத்தியசாலைக்கு அன்பளிப்பு செய்தது. அத்துடன் AMAF, COVID 19 நோயாளிகளை பராமரிக்க தேவையான மேலும் பல உபகரணங்களை (PPE) வழங்க முன்வந்துள்ளது. கடந்த காலங்களிலும் AMAF மட்டக்களப்பு போதனா வைத்தியசாலைக்கு பலவிதமான உதவிகளை செய்துள்ளது. தொடர்ச்சியான உதவிகளை செய்து வரும் AMAF நிறுவனத்திற்கு வைத்தியசாலை சமூகம் தமது நன்றிகளை தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறது.



## யாழ்.போதனாவுக்கு ஒரு தொகுதி மாஸ்க்

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அவுஸ்ரேலிய மருத்துவ உதவி நிறுவனத்தால் இந்த முகக்கவசங்கள் யாழ்ப்பாணம் போதனா மருத்துவமனைப் பணிப்பாளர் சத்தியமூர்த்தியிடம் அண்மையில் கையளிக்கப்பட்டன. (ஐ-7)



## 2. Full body PPE

AMAF funded and arranged delivery of 500 Full body PPE to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital and another 500 Full body PPE to the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital during the initial outbreak of COVID 19.



### B) Donation of Medical equipment: (A\$85,955)

In order to prepare for the COVID 19 outbreak, the Jaffna Teaching hospital requested 4 Ventilators, 1 transport ventilator, 4 Bedside Monitors & 2 Compression Pumps to prevent deep vein thrombosis. These medical equipment were donated to the Jaffna Hospital this year.



### C) Food Supply (Dry ration) for daily wage earners:

1. A. AMAF arranged for distribution of dry rations to the value of \$5,000 to those who relied on a daily wage and were affected by the pandemic. This project was facilitated by Vanni Hope.



2.The people of Vaharai in the Eastern province received dry rations also donated by AMAF. The Vivekananda Technical College assisted AMAF in the distribution of such dry rations to the value of A\$5,000.





### 3. SUPPORTING EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH

#### A. Telemedicine/Tele-Radiology at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital

AMAF has funded an annual Zoom membership and Xray light box for a conference room in the Jaffna Hospital to conduct Multidisciplinary Teleradiology meetings with experts overseas. Such video conferences have been invaluable to the local doctors who are able to discuss cases with their experienced counterparts overseas. AMAF has facilitated over 110 meetings so far where over 550 cases have been discussed. Approximately 4 meetings per week are hosted discussing Abdominal, Musculoskeletal, Neurology, and Neurosurgery imaging. Our Chairperson, Dr. Pon Ketheswaran is also the Global Coordinator of the Teleradiology meetings.

These video meetings with experienced doctors overseas enable the transfer of knowledge to medical professionals in the North East who are then able to provide better medical diagnosis, and management to patients.



#### B. Ongoing Financial Bursaries To Disadvantaged Displaced Medical Students - University Of Jaffna (\$A 16,500)

AMAF has supported medical students from disadvantaged and war affected areas in the Vanni since 2009. 23 such students who received monthly bursaries from AMAF during their entire medical studies have now qualified and serve in hospitals mainly in the North East of Sri Lanka. The Medical Student Union was responsible for this initiative and was supported by AMAF.

AMAF is currently supporting 21 disadvantaged medical students who receive Rs. 4000 per month during their undergraduate studies. This project is run by the Welfare Department of the University of Jaffna and funded by AMAF.



### C. Sharing of information and discussion on COVID 19 in a forum.

AMAF is responsible for creating a whatsapp group for the purpose of sharing information from experts all over the world on prevention of COVID19. AMAF also trains staff at the Jaffna Hospital via video link on prevention of an outbreak of the virus..



## 4. COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS

### A. Dental Program at Schools - Mullaitivu District and Pattalipuram (\$A 24,000)

This is one of AMAF's key ongoing public health initiatives. The program is running successfully and serves students in schools in the Mullaitivu district. AMAF employs a dentist, a dental therapist and a dental assistant who serve at the clinic and in the mobile dental unit. AMAF donates toothbrushes and toothpaste to school pupils as part of the oral health programme. The program has the enthusiastic support of young Australian dentists, Dr. S. Ramesh, and Dr. Ravi.

The mobile dental unit visits schools each term and runs workshops for teachers in dental hygiene demonstrating effective ways of brushing one's teeth. These trained teachers then pass on their knowledge and information to other teachers and students while distributing toothpaste and toothbrushes donated by AMAF. The students are encouraged to brush their teeth during their morning break at school.

In the last financial year, the dental health program was expanded to serve the remote area of Pattalipuram. A total of 800 students in all eleven schools in the area were supplied with toothbrushes and toothpaste while educated on the important of dental health.





*AMAF expanded its school dental program to the remote region of Pattalipuram where toothbrushes and toothpaste donated by AMAF were distributed amongst school children while educating them about the importance of good oral healthcare.*



## **B. Campaign to prevent drug and alcohol abuse**

This is an ongoing project in partnership with the Rotary and Lions Clubs in Sri Lanka. AMAF provides ongoing funding for a public health campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of alcoholism and substance abuse amongst the youth in North, East and Central provinces in Sri Lanka. There has been an alarming increase in the use of alcohol and illicit drugs among several youth in North East Sri Lanka. The alcohol and drug awareness program is aimed at school children aged 15 to 19 years and has been rolled out at selected central locations including Batticaloa, Jaffna, Killinochi and Vavuniya. The Public Health Inspectors Service runs a 'Train the Trainer' programme for selected members of the community. The Rotary club and NGO's who work on this project identify and train students and community leaders like teachers from affected areas to combat this growing problem.

This program was rolled out in Batticaloa during the last financial year with the help of Rotary and Lions Clubs in Sri Lanka. AMAF has committed to funding regular reinforcement sessions in Jaffna, Batticaloa and in the Central province



*Students attending the drug and alcohol prevention campaign with their drawings hanging on the wall.*



## 5. EMERGENCY AID

### A. Mosquito nets for Eastern Province through Sivan Arul Illam during the Dengue season (A\$4,993)



## FUTURE PROJECTS

### A. Training carers of cancer patients

There are hundreds of palliative care patients who have no access to trained carers. To address this gap, the Ministry of Health in the Northern Province arranged for a few carers to be trained at the Hyderabad Palliative unit.

AMAF was looking into the possibility of funding training for 2 more carers who may then train others locally, but this project did not go ahead due to travel restrictions following the outbreak of COVID 19. In the past, AMAF has funded the training of physiotherapists who were able to train others on completing their course of training.

### B. Jaipur Prosthetic Limb Project and Batticaloa Prosthetic Limb Service

About 20,000 individuals benefit from this facility and one third will need ongoing maintenance/repairs and replacement of their prosthetic limbs. In addition to the existing beneficiaries, new patients approach the service for fitting of prosthetic limbs. One–sixth of users of prosthesis require replacements every year. This project, until recently, was funded by NGOs who no longer have the Sri Lankan Government's approval to serve in the area and therefore had to withdraw their funding support. In conjunction with Rotary Australia, AMAF has committed to fund the running costs of this project for 3 years. A similar project in the Batticaloa region also facing hardship has appealed for funding to continue its service to the users of prosthesis.

## AMAF'S LOCAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Mutthamil Malai:

In Sydney, AMAF is known for its highly successful and popular fundraisers each year. At the end of each calendar year the NSW Chapter of AMAF conducts an event of music and drama well known for its popularity and success. Approximately 800 guests attend each year. Approximately over \$75,000 is raised from sponsorships and sale of tickets for this event, annually.





## 2. Radiothon Fundraising Event:

On Good Friday each year, the committee, and supporters of AMAF (both in Sydney and Melbourne) gather at a local Tamil Radio Station to make an appeal for funds reaching out to the Tamil diaspora in Australia. The program highlights projects conducted by AMAF and arranges telephone interviews with our partner organisations and beneficiaries in the North and East of Sri Lanka. Our generous donors are encouraged by the success of our projects and continue to support us financially. The committee and supporters make telephone calls to individuals appealing for funds, during the Radiothon. We can raise over \$100,000 at this event, each year.



## 3. AMAF's Monthly radio program:

AMAF members Dr Paran Sithamparakumar and Dr Chitra Harinesan run awareness programs over the Tamil Radio on a regular basis. This is very well received by listeners who benefit greatly. Contributors this year have been Dr Janani Thillainadesan, Dr Thanaraj Suthersan, Dr Vanathy Sooriyakumar, Dr Sivaruban, Dr Mayuran, Dr Sivakumar, Dr Nalayini Sugirthan and Dr Sasiharan.





#### 4. **Special COVID-19 awareness program:**

During the initial outbreak of COVID 19 in Australia, AMAF conducted a series of radio programs raising awareness and teaching preventative strategies to avoid falling victim to this deadly virus.

#### 5. **Cervical screening for survival:**

AMAF has arranged to host an event with the Pink Sari Project to raise awareness of the importance of cervical screening in vulnerable communities. Arrangements for this event will be finalized as soon as Covid 19 restrictions are eased in NSW.

#### 6. **DONATION TO NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

Bushfires have been blazing in Australia since September, and they've intensified to "apocalyptic" levels, as more than 15.6 million acres have burned so far. The fires have killed at least 25 people and destroyed 2,000 homes. Experts also estimate that over 1 billion animals have died since the fires began in September 2019. The NSW rural fire service did a commendable job to stop fires and save lots of lives and properties. The AMAF donated \$10,000 to the NSW Rural Fire Service to support their efforts. Well Done Fires.



# MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING

## **Project Monitoring:**

When an appeal is received, AMAF requests the NGO or authorised agency to provide us with a formal funding request supported by plans, photos and a minimum of 3 quotations for the cost to help us evaluate the viability of the project. The request is then submitted to the Board for approval.

Once the project is approved by the Board, we advise the NGO of the approval and explain any conditions we may have in approving the funding. We remit up to 50% of the funds when the project is initiated. The NGO is required to send us 3-6 monthly reports, photos and videos during the implementation of the project. We correspond with them via email, phone calls, SMS, WhatsApp and direct visits. When AMAF members visit the facility, we speak to the Manager and beneficiaries (mainly patients) to evaluate the benefits of the project AMAF has funded. We take photos and videos of the project with prior approval from the patients and medical personnel at the facility. AMAF appointed a local 'Project Manager' last year to coordinate the projects it funds. This year we updated our templates of the Project Request, Project Progress and Project Completion Forms.

We have a reliable network of volunteers, medical colleagues and members of NGOs who help us monitor the projects we fund. If we have any concerns regarding the use of the funds we donate by the NGO or client, we ask one of our trusted associates to inquire or visit and gather information, photos or videos for our evaluation. Any progress reports, photos or videos received are shared amongst the AMAF board via email. Such videos and/or photos are also shared with our donors at fundraising events. This encourages their continued support.

## **Evaluation:**

All progress reports, photos, videos, and any independent reports received are shared with the Board of Directors of AMAF for their feedback. The progress of projects is regularly discussed at board meetings. If AMAF is satisfied that the project is progressing well, we would send the NGO a note of encouragement. If we find the progress is unsatisfactory we make contact immediately seeking explanation as to why the project was not progressing as planned. If AMAF concludes that the explanation for the delay is satisfactory and/or unforeseen, we would continue to monitor the progress closely.

If we find that the project was not progressing as planned and the explanation offered was unsatisfactory, we act against the client in one or more ways as follows:

1. Temporary suspension of further funding until the issue is resolved.
2. Request an independent expert to analyse the situation and help them to resolve the issues.
3. We provide more support to help complete the project.
4. If, unfortunately, all attempts fail we wind up the project.
5. We warn the client that any future projects we may consider will be monitored with stricter guidelines.

## **Learning:**

AMAF learns from every project it supports or funds. If the project is a success we confirm and adapt the same strategies and plans for similar projects. If the project fails, we analyse the cause of failure and avoid repetition. We will ensure that the approval process is conducted under stricter guidelines. We discuss ways of improving our evaluation process with the clients and beneficiaries. We document all the issues (positive and negatives) for future reference.

Dr. Pon Ketheswaran  
The Chairman, AMAF



# 2019– 2020 Financial Summary and Review

## All Figures in Australian Dollars

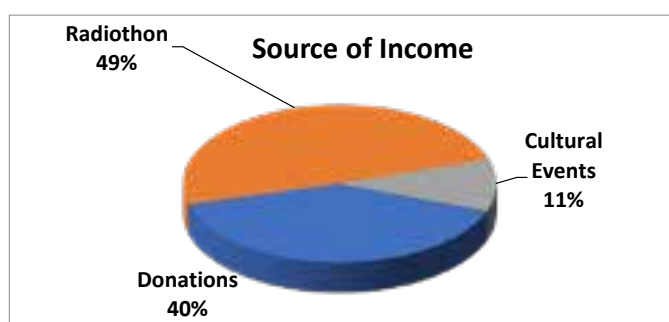
Australian Medical Aid Foundation Ltd (AMAF) recorded an overall deficit of \$ 196,540. Revenue decreased by \$ 11,609, expenses incurred on International Program increased by \$ 233,261, fundraising cost increased by \$ 549 and accountability & administration cost decreased by \$ 3,741. Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, we increased our expenses in International Programme and allocated funds raised for other charitable expenses. But we are confident that we will generate sufficient funds in 2020 / 2021 to meet the requirements of the activities for which funds were raised in previous years. AMAF had a strong Balance Sheet and a healthy financial position as at June 30, 2020 to meet future commitments.

## REVENUE

Total Revenue, compared to previous year, decreased by 5% with income from donations decreasing by 9%, Radiothon decreasing by 17% and cultural events increasing by 383%.

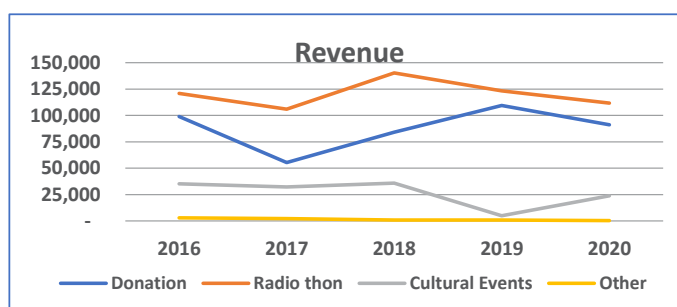
### Where the Money Came From

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Community & Corporate Support	
Donations	91,144
Radiothon	111,676
Cultural Events	23,715
Other Income	312
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>226,847</b>



### 5 Year Revenue Trend

	\$A
2016	257,942
2017	195,502
2018	261,095
2019	238,456
2020	226,847

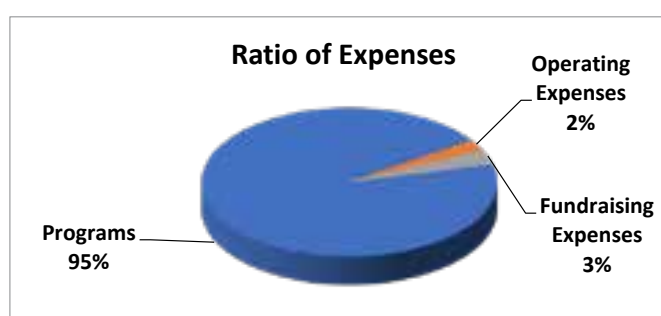


## EXPENDITURE

Total expenditure was, compared with prior year, above by 119% with the program expenditure increasing by 140%, operating expenses decreasing by 28% & fundraising expenses increasing by 4%.

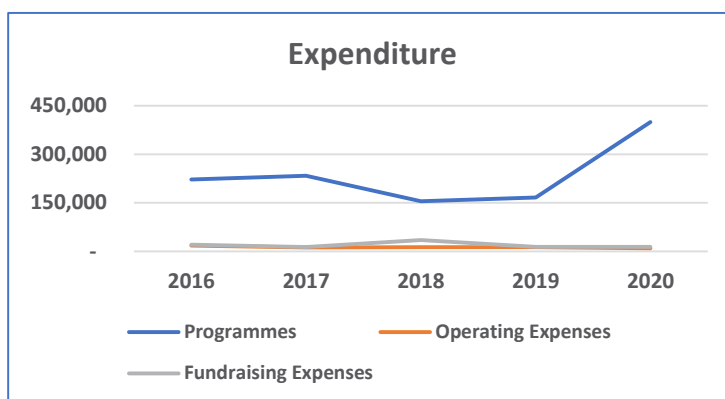
### How the money was spent

	\$A
Programs	399,576
Operating Expenses	9,584
Fundraising Expenses	14,227
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>423,387</b>



### 5 Year Expenditure Trend

2016	260,057
2017	259,217
2018	203,292
2019	193,318
2020	423,387



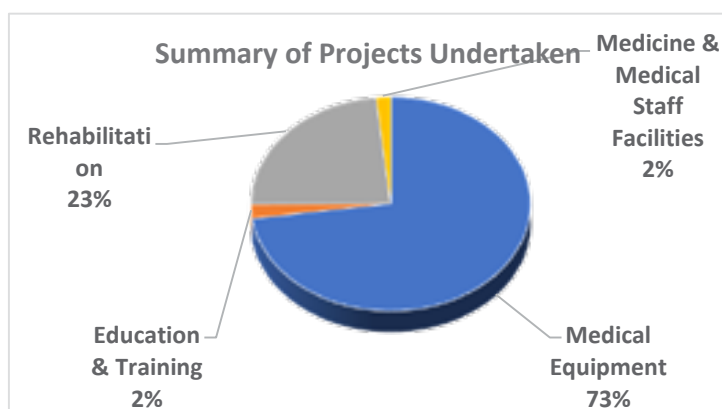
### Fundraising Expenses / Revenue

	\$A
Fundraising Revenue	226,535
Fundraising Expenses	14,227



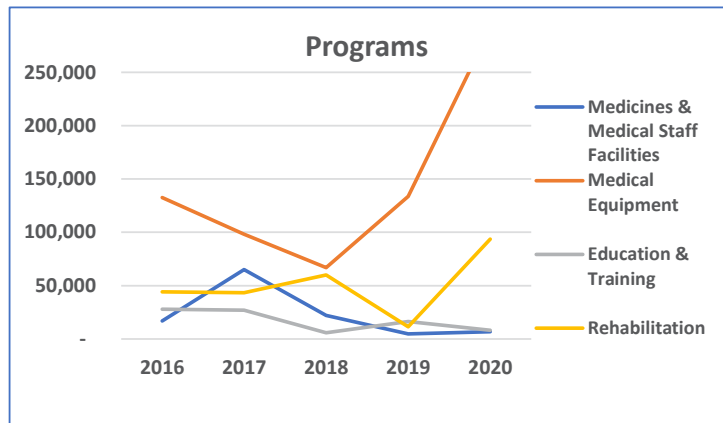
### Where The Programme Money Was Spent

	\$A
Medical Equipment	290,905
Education & Training	8,254
Rehabilitation	93,614
Medicine & Medical Staff Facilities	6,803
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>399,576</b>

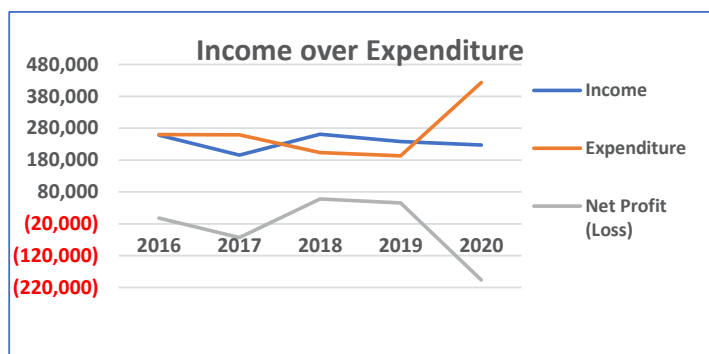


### 5 Year Programme Expenditure Trend

2016	221,742
2017	233,407
2018	154,957
2019	166,315
2020	399,576

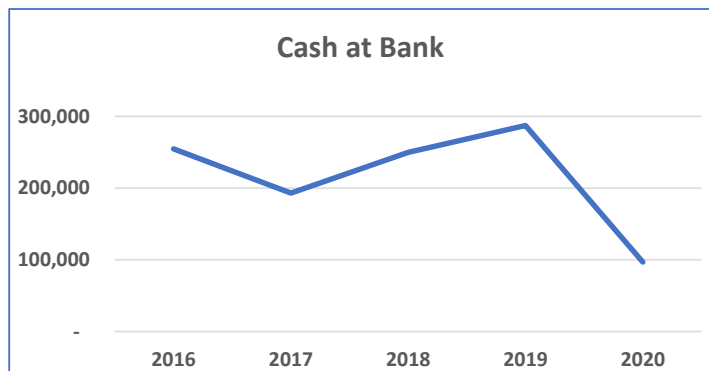


### INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE TREND



### CASH AT BANK

2016	254,794
2017	192,860
2018	249,866
2019	287,191
2020	96,862



**"Program"** includes expenditure incurred on all our projects

**"Fundraising Expenses"** are costs associated with attracting more support through donations and sponsorships and includes expenses incurred to raise funds through cultural events and Radio Thon

**"Operating Expenses"** covers the administrative and other costs inherent in running an organisation including insurance, telephone, professional fees and other running costs



## **AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LTD (AMAF)**

### **STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the year ended June, 30 2020

	2020	2019
	\$A	\$A
<b>REVENUE</b>		
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<b>Community and Corporate Support</b>		
- Donations and gifts	202,820	232,705
Grants	-	-
Other Income	24,027	5,751
<b>Total Revenue (Note 1)</b>	<b>226,847</b>	<b>238,456</b>
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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
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<b>International Aid and Development Programme Expenditure</b>		
<b>International Programme (Note 2)</b>		
- Funds to International Programme	399,576	166,315
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>		
- Public	14,227	13,678
<b>Accountability &amp; Administration</b>	9,584	13,325
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<b>Total International Aid and Development Programme Expenditure</b>	<b>423,387</b>	<b>193,318</b>
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<b>Net surplus (deficit) of income over expenditure</b>	<b>(196,540)</b>	<b>45,138</b>

*During the financial year 2020 and 2019, Australian Medical Aid Foundation*

*\* Had no transactions for international political or religious proselytisation programmes*

*\* No non-monetary donations, gifts, legacies or bequests were recorded*

*\* Did not incur any expenses relating to Domestic Aid & Development Programs*

*\* Accounts are presented in Australian Dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand*

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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## AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LTD (AMAF)

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at June 30, 2020

	2020 \$A	2019 \$A
<b>ASSETS</b>	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents	96,861	234,563
Other interest bearing deposits	0	52,628
Trade & other receivables	45	5,477
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>96,906</b>	<b>292,668</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	157	435
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>435</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>97,063</b>	<b>293,103</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables		
Provisions	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>95,063</b>	<b>291,103</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Membership Contribution	23,000	22,500
Retained Earnings	72,063	268,603
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>95,063</b>	<b>291,103</b>

*At the end of the financial year AMAF had no balances in the following categories; Inventories, Assets held for sale, Investments, Property, Intangibles, Borrowings, Current Tax Liabilities and Other Liabilities*

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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## AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LTD (AMAF)

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Retained Earnings	Membership Contribution	Total
Balance as at July 1, 2019	268,603	22,500	291,103
Membership Contribution		500	500
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	(196,540)		(196,540)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,063</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>95,063</b>

### Cash Movements for the year ended June 30, 2020

Funds raised for	Cash available at the beginning of the financial year	Cash raised during the financial year	Cash disbursed during the financial year	Cash available at the end of financial year
Medicine & Medical Staff Facilities	68,734	0	6,803	61,931
Medical Equipment	45,316	196,847	290,905	(48,742)
Education, Training & Support	75,682	0	8,254	67,428
Rehabilitation & Health Care	67,729	30,000	93,614	4,115
Total for other non designated purposes	29,731	0	17,601	12,130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>287,191</b>	<b>226,847</b>	<b>417,177</b>	<b>96,861</b>





## **AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LTD (AMAF)**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The concise financial report is an extract of the full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2020. These summary financial reports comply with the standards set out by ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Note 1</b>		
<b><u>FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>		
Radiothon	111,676	123,269
Donations	91,144	109,436
Cultural Events & Other	24,027	5,751
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>226,847</u></b>	<b><u>238,456</u></b>
<b>Note 2</b>		
<b><u>International Program</u></b>		
Medicine & Medical Staff Facilities	6,803	4,762
Medical Equipment	290,905	133,668
Education, Training & Support	8,254	16,468
Rehabilitation	93,614	11,417
<b>Total International Program</b>	<b><u>399,576</u></b>	<b><u>166,315</u></b>



AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LIMITED  
ABN 91 130 857 715

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the directors of Australian Medical Aid Foundation Limited:

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 5 to 13, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012* including:
- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the *Corporations Regulations 2001*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012*; and
  - (iii) complying with ACFID Code of Conduct for non-governmental development organisations
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors:



Director



Director

Melbourne, 30th October 2020



## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LIMITED

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises of the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows are derived from the audited financial report of Australian Medical Aid Foundation Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020. We expressed a qualified auditor's opinion on that financial report in our report dated 2 November 2020.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards for the financial report. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Australian Medical Aid Foundation Limited.

### *Board members' responsibility for the financial report*

The members of the board are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) the Australia Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.

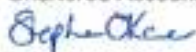
### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Australian Medical Aid Foundation Limited based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

### *Qualified opinion*

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Australian Medical Aid Foundation Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020 are consistent, in all material aspects, with the financial report from which it was derived. For a better understanding of the scope of the audit, this auditor's report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the financial report.

LDAssurance  
Chartered Accountants



Stephen O'Kane  
Partner

Dated: 2 November 2020

## **Donation! Why choose us?**

The Australian Medical Aid Foundation (AMAF) makes every effort to utilise your donation in the most efficient way. Run entirely by volunteers we have little or no overhead expenses in supporting the people of North East Sri Lanka. It is our policy to keep administrative expenses to an absolute minimum. AMAF members who travel overseas to implement projects would do so at their own expense.

As you are aware, fundraising activities take up significant amounts of time. Fortunately, with the help of many dedicated volunteers we have been able to host numerous fundraising community events with great success. With a very committed and caring expatriate medical fraternity it has been our privilege to care for the medical needs of our war weary and traumatised people back home. We cannot continue to support our people in the North and East of Sri Lanka without your continued support. We need you and we need your support to carry out our projects successfully.

Please mark our annual Good Friday Appeal Day “Radiothon”, which will be held on 2nd April 2021 on your calendar and donate generously.

We hereby affirm that we will continue to play a vital role in improving medical care to the war affected regions of Sri Lanka. Together we can make a difference.

### **Board of Directors of AMAF**





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## Yes, I would like to support AMAF Projects

Family Name: .....

Given Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: ..... State: ..... P/Code: .....

Contact Phone #: .....

Email: .....

I wish to pay by:      Cheque / Money order: Payable to Australian Medical Aid Foundation

Credit Card:              Please charge my credit card: Visa / Mastercard

Donation: Amount: \$.....(Min \$25.00)      (Please do not send cash)

***All donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.***

Card Holder's Name: .....

Card Number: ..... / ..... / ..... / .....

Expiry date: ..... / .....

Card Holder's Signature: .....

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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# Five Ways YOU Can Get Involved and MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. **VOLUNTEER...**Opportunities are available that are sure to match your knowledge, skill set, interests and experience.
2. **MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT...to AMAF PROJECT** to help fund the delivery of desperately needed medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics.
3. **DONATIONS** of medical equipment...from your hospital, clinic or surgery. Contact AMAF to learn more about our Medical Equipment Donation Program.
4. **PARTICIPATE** in a health information program...to disseminate important health information to people from non-English speaking background.
5. **SPREAD THE WORD...**tell others in your network and community about our work.

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## **AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AID FOUNDATION LTD. (AMAF)**

'A body committed to providing medical aid'

*Together we can make a difference*