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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Year ending 30th June 2009

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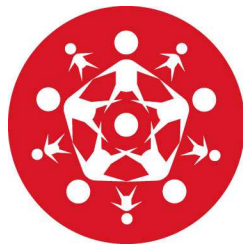
Vision Statement

AFADU seeks to provide resources and opportunities for:

- All **children** and young people to experience love, joy, security and acceptance within their communities; and all children and young people to have skills, knowledge, opportunities and freedom to choose to live a fulfilled and empowered future.
- **Communities** with whom AFADU works to be empowered to deal powerfully and sustainably with problems facing them and the children in their care.
- **Partnerships** to be created that connect people, foster opportunities and empower communities to work successfully together to achieve the above.

Our Mission

AFADU is dedicated to providing support and resources that build a future of hope for vulnerable children and young people in African countries in which AFADU works. AFADU will work in partnership with children, young people, their communities and other stakeholders to support and meet the physical and psychological needs of vulnerable children and young people through creative, child-focussed, sustainable social development initiatives.



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Our Values

- We are committed to a **participatory approach** to develop and implement creative solutions to identified problems.
- We are committed to **connecting people and communities in a manner that engenders mutual trust and respect.**
- We **respect the environment, local customs and culture** of communities in which we work.
- We operate with **openness, honesty and integrity** to ensure **transparency and accountability.**

Who we are

AFADU is a not-for-profit, non-partisan, non-religious, development, relief, non-governmental organization based in Australia working with communities in Africa to improve the lives of HIV/AIDS affected and other vulnerable children and young people in poor communities.

The year in review

Principal Activities included:

LCV Registration was passed and accepted by the Department of Social Welfare after a very long 11 years of dedication and committed work by Ezelle Schimper and team in Zimbabwe and AFADU volunteers visiting the project over the years. This official registration will allow the children, carers and associated workers to reside at LCV. As a registered children's village the program can expand to increase the number of children and activities in the village over time. The registration has also provided security and safety not just for the children and surrounding community but for those working in the project to feel secure to share with other local NGOs and project workers in Zimbabwe. Connection with local resources, knowledge and skills, exchanging ideas, will build capacity for the workers and for the project itself.

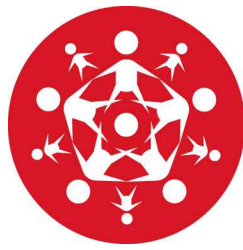
We shipped two **containers** this year (11 containers in total since 2004, No.12 due to be shipped end of 2009-2010) to **Lirhanzo Children's Village project, Zimbabwe** care of our sponsors GESeaco, PIL Shipping, transport agents in Australia, Singapore and South Africa, Archer Family



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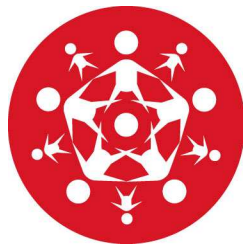
Trust and of course guided by the extraordinary Ian Routledge in Singapore and Michael Young in Newcastle, NSW. A new permanent site has been secured at Mt Kuring-Gai in Sydney kindly donated by Suncamper Motor Homes.



Goods were packed by many Australian volunteers and included, thousands of knitted blankets donated by *Wrap with Love* in Sydney, hospital and life saving equipment including operating tables, 2 X ECG Machines Sterilising Unit, Spirometry equipment, a centrifuge for spinning blood and ear testing equipment, olive leaf extract, clothing, bicycles, sewing equipment and fabric donated by TAFE, Sydney, educational materials, 700 plus treated mosquito nets donated by Defence Australia, Nursing text books and much more.



These goods were distributed through the Chikombedzi Mission Hospital to its staff and patients and the surrounding communities in the Masvingo District.



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We have **48 children** affiliated with LCV eligible for **sponsorship**. **43 children** are currently sponsored and attending school, both Secondary and Primary, participating in excursions, being provided with books and other educational materials, food, clothing, shelter and medical attention.



The year saw \$14,409 raised through sponsorship. During and after the government elections in 2008 all schools in Zimbabwe were closed for many months.



This impacted the examination schedules and teaching staff availability for the rest of 2008 and into 2009. Compulsory costs, imposed by the government, when schools reopened had 65% of students unable to attend school. For this reason LCV opened the ACE School Program for children based at Edenvale Ranch who could not afford school or who were not sponsored. Some older children are now participating in the skills training programs eg Batsirinai Sewing Group, a local group of women and teenagers who not only learn dressmaking and many other skills eg business management, accounting and team management but provide training and encouragement for other interested women in the community to start up a business that inspires them.

The **Community Education Fund** provides education to community children not individually sponsored throughout the District. These funds paid for school fees and books that community families cannot afford. The fund also supports students wishing to attend Vocational College for further studies. Solomon is a student now attending Veterinary School.



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LCV Educational School, a new initiative in 2009, was established to provide onsite education for 120 children both LCV orphans and community children up to Grade 7 teaching the ACE system. This project will build three classrooms for Pre-school, Grade 1 and the rest of Primary levels to be built at the LCV site between the living units and the storage building.

Lirhanzo Childrens Village (LCV) Project, Zimbabwe has a Bank of Animals



including goats, sheep, chickens, cows and donkeys with associated skills training programs for the children and the local community.

This year saw the rearing of piglets. A new cow was purchased for the purpose of boosting milk for the children and more goats were purchased for breeding.

This program has employed locals to tend to the animals and train the children. The animals are used for food and also for upgrading to increase the value of the stock. Eggs from the chickens are sold or used as barter for other products. In every batch of 200 chickens breed, 20% went directly to the children.

The **Batsirani Community Sewing Group**, a sub committee of LCV, including some of the orphaned teenage girls, local women carers and women in the community continues to expand producing mostly school uniforms, church uniforms, bedding and linen. These women and young girls can now work independently without supervision from the tutor producing high quality garments and many other community women are inspired by the group to become members. Their market, due to the unstable increasing inflation rate, has changed to include the supply of school uniforms for schools in the north of South Africa. The group have participated in skills training programs supported by local sewing teachers and contract a local repairer for machine repairs.



Food requirements for LCV continue to be contributed to from the profits from the program but this has been inconsistent due to the economy and competition from a nearby clothing shop



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importing clothing from South Africa selling at a much cheaper cost to the public. Constraints are still lack of reliable electricity, spare parts for sewing equipment. Some women can travel to South Africa to shop for supplies needed eg special fabric for uniforms, parts for machines. A new embroidery machine was purchased in South Africa through donated funds to allow school logos to be embroidered to various school apparel.



The proposed BSG-APHEDA Agreement in Australia, an Agreement to support BSG, unfortunately did not happen due to the political problems with Zimbabwe. Through Global Giving, a UK and USA web-based international fundraising organisation and many individual sponsors, BSG has commenced construction of a Sewing Factory Centre and Education & Training Facility in the township of Chikombedzi with a budget of AUS\$250,000. We had 91 donors donate £2870, about \$5000 AUD from the Global Giving site bringing the total to \$7000 AUD.....a long way to go to our target.



With initial funding local tradesmen commenced production of bricks for the foundation of the building on the land donated through the local District Council for development of the project. This project will provide facilities for in-house skills training for women in the community and outlying areas and a facility to produce and sell their products at a larger scale and higher quality. It is clear that this project is developing into a self-sufficient income-generating project that will benefit the wider community through employment and education. Margaret, a Committee Member of BSG, has attended courses in Administration and Communication.



Chikombedzi Mission Hospital has seen many challenges again this past year given the economic inflation and unstable political situation. Even the central referral

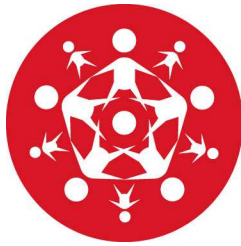
hospitals closed due to lack of funding and morale. The major challenges remain unaltered and lack of an ambulance, lack of a functional telecommunication system and internet service, collapse of the referral chain for people requiring specialist care, the newly gazetted hospital fees in foreign currency imposed on an already financially crippled rural population and the lack of intravenous antibiotics and paediatric drugs were among the more serious problems.

The hospital has been able to support two (2) residential Doctors and has commenced construction of a Nursing School with Lecture Room and Dormitory through funds donated by the Sincerruty Group, the social development arm of Harmer's Workplace Lawyers in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Goden Majonga, one of the two doctors sponsored by Harmers on behalf of AFADU has resumed studies for his Masters Degree. Dr. Walter Makuni has been accepted for the vacant position and will commence work in September 2009.



The new doctor has a special interest in HIV patients and is keen to push the desperately required Opportunistic Infectious Diseases Clinic. Much needed equipment such as Birthing Kits for pregnant women were donated from ZONTA, Australia, bed linens for hospital beds, mattresses, medical supplies all transported in the containers shipped this past year.

Love in a Box Program this year was outdone by **Backpacks for Kids**, a program organised by Angie Wear in Darwin. Many families and communities around Australia participated in this program putting together backpacks filled with many school items eg pencils, notebooks for the



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school children of Zimbabwe. These backpacks were shipped in the containers and distributed to many school children in the Chikomedzi area.

Community Water & Irrigation project in LCV, Zimbabwe is still going strong involving thirteen (13) village communities and LCV and is overseen by a local Agricultural Supervisor provided by the district Agricultural Department. Buying food in the southern region of Zimbabwe has continued to be a challenge as food shortages were rife throughout the country.

At the Lirhanzo Children's Village and surrounding village community the maize and wheat crops grown from the irrigated water project have substantially helped the local villages and the LCV children. Together with the support of the resident Government farming adviser, farming techniques have dramatically improved yielding increased crop harvests producing two crops per year. This has an immense impact economically and personally on the district community, 20 local village families and their children providing support, encouragement and a future.



With improved farming techniques each time the local farmers successfully harvest their crops, their spirits are lifted proportionately! The Supervisor provides guidance and training to the local farmers involved in the project and his salary is topped up by the local community from monies generated through the sale of crops grown. The project supplies water to these local villages and the children's village in Zimbabwe (LCV).

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community have produced many crops being wheat alternating with maize.



Fencing Project funded by the Archer Family Trust and with community support and labour constructed a new meshwire fence built to surround and protect the irrigation and agricultural projects from the cattle and goats herded freely around the veldt ensuring maximum crop outputs and security.

Field Trip to Lirhanzo Children's Village, Zimbabwe

June 2008 saw Pam Harrison and Julie Routledge from Australia and Louis Honeycutt from the USA, travel to the project. This was very challenging as it was the time of the re-

election in Zimbabwe. Emily O'Donnell, Sponsorship & Education Coordinator will visit LCV in December 2009. There is an AFADU team of volunteers planning to visit in 2010.

AFADU website and blog site – www.afadu.com/blog have been updated thanks to Elliott Routledge and Patricia Pegorer. Web research revealed a low number of hits to the site since its creation which has indicated the need to update and change the website to attract more people. We will be taking on a new Volunteer Content Manager for 2010.

Communication to the LCV project has been improved due to a new Satellite System installed at the Edenvale Ranch, administrative headquarters for LCV and the roving Satellite Phone facility

supplied by TR-Telecom & AFADU. LCV Project Coordinators have been trained in the use of internet and email allowing for reports to sent back regularly to Australia.

Media has played an important role this past year providing opportunities for children's stories to be told and shared through articles in *Green Living*, *Mind Food Magazine* an editorial on BSG and a UN Film about life in Zimbabwe produced by David Ohana, a gift to AFADU.



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Fundraising is, as always, a challenge, as AFADU depends on individuals and corporate companies to create ways to fundraise. This year thanks to Anne and Geoff Hillis, AFADU supporters living in Victoria, funds were raised for the commencement of the LCV Education/School Building Project. The BSG project, thanks to Patricia Pegorer and many international donors, was accepted as a Sustainable Development Project on the UK and USA sites of Global Giving and to date has raised sufficient funds to commence building of the Sewing Factory and Educational & Training Facility.

Treasurers' Report

The Financial Audit for the year ending June 2009 is in progress and will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

All BAS statements have been completed and lodged to date.

The total balance at 30 June 2009 is \$23,185.45.

National Australia Bank (NAB, Darwin) was accepted as the official AFADU bank replacing Westpac.

Signatories to the new account are Pamela Harrison (Director) and Phillip Wear (Honorary Treasurer) accepted officially in 2009.

Auditors are in the process of being changed to Merrit & Partners.



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Message from the Chairperson

Thank you to all our donors including GESeaco, PIL Shipping, Abergeldie Pty Ltd, Harmers Workplace Layers, Wrap with Love, TAFE NSW, Comvita New Zealand Limited, TOLL (Australia), Suncamper, Hamilton Island Enterprises, Hamilton Island Medical Centre, Reef View Hotel, ZONTA (Qld), NAB (Darwin), 247 Sailing Inc, Archer Family Trust and the many schools, families and communities around Australia who have made this difference.

Thank you for being....

People willing to step up and make a difference

People willing to learn about others different from ourselves

And

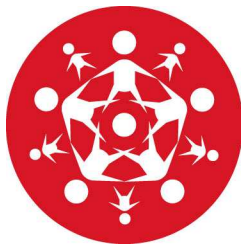
People willing to share knowledge and skills.

Everything we have achieved has been possible because of ordinary people being extraordinary. Thank you for caring and being willing to go that extra mile.

On behalf of the AFADU team and the children in Zimbabwe we thank you.

Julie Routledge, (Chairperson)

21st November 2009



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TREASURERS REPORT FOR:

June 2009
Month Year

Report No: _____ Date: 16.11.09

Report compiled by Treasurer: Phillip Wear

Balance: \$23185.45 as of 30.6.09

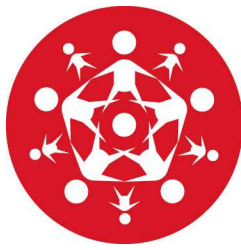
SPECIFIC FUNDS:

FUNDRAISING:	RECEIVED	OUT
Education/Sponsorship:	\$61,692.06	54,490.34
Medical:	\$3,030.00	\$600.00
Doctor	\$43,112	\$43,112
Darwin Fund raiser	\$14,449.95	\$11,000.00
LCV Donkey & Goat	\$650.00	\$650.00
LCV Education	\$965.00	\$965.00
Canoe Challenge	\$8,870.53	\$8,370.53
Nursing School	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	RECEIVED	OUT
Fencing:	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
BSG Craft	\$9,416.85	\$2,513.48
Craft	\$4,726.92	\$4,120.00
Water	\$15,400.00	\$15,400.00

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HEART TO HEART	RECEIVED	OUT
Container:	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

COMMUNICATIONS	RECEIVED	OUT
Website:	\$	\$

ADMINSITRATION AND FINANCE	RECEIVED	OUT
GST:	\$527.00	\$530.46
Admin & Interest	\$446.02	\$978.90
General	\$19,768.26	\$16,286.56

Comments:

Current balances are a combined totals of both Westpac and NAB bank accounts.

NAB account opened as per board meeting 2.11.08 to run in conjunction with Westpac accounts until all transactions had been transferred over.

For 2009 financial year

Receipts received \$87,845.32

Total Payments \$81278.04

For year on year ending 2009 balance \$6567.28

Current balances are as follows as of 30.6.09

Admin/interest -\$532.88

General \$2176.06

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Field Trip	-\$11.23
Education	\$7,201.72
Craft	\$606.92
BSG Craft	\$6,903.37
Medical	\$2,430.00
LCV Education	\$965.00
Darwin Fund Raiser	\$3,449.95
GST	-\$3.46
Total	\$23,185.45

I have engaged local Accountants here in Darwin Merit Partners to complete 09 financial information. All information has been passed on to Matthew Kennon of Merit Partners to complete 2009 financials

Westpac account is now closed and all transactions will go through NAB account 830481835 as per board meeting 2.11.2008

Phill Wear

Honorary Treasurer

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