2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Sunrise Children's Association Incorporated

Bringing a brighter future to the children of Nepal

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A message from our CEO

Despite the challenges that Covid-19 posed to the hundreds of children and families we support in Nepal, our team, and some of our donors again in 2020-21, we are very happy to share that overall, 2020-21 was a very rewarding year, with a lot of very positive outcomes. Many more children in our education scholarship and reintegration programs graduated from school and college, and many of their families continued to improve their livelihoods. More children were rescued from unsafe or abusive situations, and more were safely returned to family.

In line with our current 5-year plan, our strategic focus continued to be on **Prevention, Rescue and Reintegration**. Through our education scholarship and livelihood development programs, we helped prevent hundreds of children potentially being trafficked, enticed, or willingly sent from their homes in the hope of a better life and education elsewhere, into early marriage or child labour. We continued to provide nurturing, family-based care for children who had been rescued from orphanages, children's homes or other situations of abuse or neglect at Sunrise Home. We reconnected and reintegrated more children from Sunrise Home back into their biological families and continued supporting them there, to help ensure they are not unnecessarily separated again.

Over the next 12 months, we will continue to focus on **protecting, educating, and empowering children and their families** through formal and informal education and training programs, so they have the opportunity to create brighter futures for themselves. We will continue to help strengthen family unity and the capacity to provide the children with safe, nurturing home environments, through various awareness, counselling, small business and skill development activities.

Our success continues to come through a shared vision and commitment by our teams in Australia and Nepal, the children, families, and stakeholders we work with, and our very generous and dedicated supporter base. After not being able to hold fundraising events in 2020-21 due to Covid-19 restrictions, our sponsors and donors stepped up and showed their incredible commitment and generosity yet again, enabling us to maintain our support of those we are committed to in Nepal.

We are extremely grateful to all our supporters for remaining on this journey with us and wish you all a safe, happy, healthy year ahead.

Sincerely,

Emma Taylor
Co-founder and CEO
SCAI Australia

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The issues facing the children of Nepal

Nepal continues to be the **3rd poorest** country in Asia[1]. Thousands of children still live in poverty and do not have proper access to education or basic needs. Thousands of children continue to be unnecessarily separated from their families due to trafficking, being enticed away to orphanages or similar with a promise of a better life and education, early marriage, or child labour.

At a glance:

- 34% of the population live in multidimensional poverty[2]
- Only 27% use safely managed drinking water[2]
- 32% of adults (over 15 years) are illiterate[2]
- Over 33% of girls married before 18 years, 10% before 15 years (of young women aged 20-24)[3]
- 1.6 million children 5-17 years are engaged in child labour[4]
- Over 11,000[5] children continue to reside in orphanages or other similar institutions, of which it is estimated around 85%[6] are not orphans.

Our programs aim to address the root cause of these issues.

1.IMF, 2.World Bank 3. UNICEF, 4. ILO, 5.National Child Rights Council Nepal, 6.UNICEF

About Us

Sunrise Children's Association Incorporated (SCAI) is an independently funded, not-for-profit organization founded in Australia in 2005, and registered as an International Non-Government Organisation (INGO) in Nepal in 2007. Through our branch office in Nepal, we work with local Nepalese Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), local authorities and communities to protect, educate and empower some of Nepal's most vulnerable children and their families. We have a strong belief in prevention and the rights of the child.

Our Values

- Non-discrimination
- Child focused
- Active participation
- Empowerment
- Partnership
- Sustainability

Our Vision

To see all children grow up in a safe, nurturing family environment, where they are loved, valued and respected and have an opportunity to reach their full potential, free from poverty, abuse and neglect.

Our Mission

To prevent trafficking and unnecessary separation of vulnerable children from their families, through empowering them with education, training and livelihood development support.

Our Core Programs

- Education Scholarship and Livelihood Development Programs
- Sunrise Home
- Reintegration Program
- Community School Development

Summary of our Impact 2020-21

$345,271 Income

$283,361 Expenditure

20 Children cared for at Sunrise Home

385 Education scholarships provided

6 Children reintegrated back into their biological families

320 members (guardians) making regular deposits to savings groups with access to loans

47 Children supported in the Reintegration Program

53 More youth completed Secondary School

250 guardians with Small Business Training

2 More youth finished diplomas and **18** completed year 12

172 guardians with Skill Development Training

327 Winter (Xmas) Sweaters distributed

4 more graduated from self-funded bachelor's degrees, **12+** currently studying

2 University graduates studying master's degrees in Australia and Nepal

Our Approach

Education and Empowerment continue to guide everything we do.

Despite the challenges of Covid, our dedicated team continued to take the time to listen and understand each individual child and family and their unique needs to ensure our support continues to be effective and meaningful. Again, this year our dedicated team:

- Conducted home and school visits to monitor the children's family, school and social environments, including briefing them about the risks of Covid and relevant safety measures. Hundreds of phone calls were made during periods of strict lockdown.

- Continued to empower children and their families with, knowledge, skills, resources and links to social support networks, to help them take control of their lives.

- Continued to take a participatory, community led approach, involving the children and families in identifying, planning and implementing practical solutions.

Our team conducted 1074 home visits and 274 school/college visits in 2020-21.

Our Programs in Action

Education Scholarship and Livelihood Programs

Giving children access to education while simultaneously helping build their families' capacity to improve their livelihoods.

To address the root causes of the issues faced by the children and their families, we focused not only on education of the children, but developing the capacity of their families to create more secure livelihoods, as well as other physical, psychological, and social support that help improve the children's environment and their families' ability to provide them with proper care.

In 2020-21 our support for the children/youth included:

- ✓ School uniforms, supplies and fees.
- ✓ Clothing, hygiene kits, medical and rent assistance.
- ✓ Regular visits to the children's schools and colleges.
- ✓ Regular home visits, phone calls and counselling.
- ✓ Career guidance and life skills training.
- ✓ Youth club and awareness building activities.

385 Children had access to an education, school materials, and other vital support which provided greater equality and enabled them to stay with their families in 2020-21.

"My father passed away in 2012 due to pneumonia and fever. The days were so hard for our single mother to support and manage the family. After the earthquake of 2015, we (me and my 2 younger brothers) were selected for the Sunrise scholarship program, which ultimately brought rays of hope in our family. Now my younger brothers have graduated from year 10 and joined year 11, and I am working as the Field Coordinator at RUDEC Nepal (partner of SCAI), and also studying a Bachelor of Business Studies (2nd year now)."

-Mandaya Tamang, Field Coordinator at NGO RUDEC Nepal and BBS 2nd year student

"My father passed away in 2012. Our family relied fully on agriculture to manage two meals in a day and our living. My younger brother and I were fortunate enough to get Sunrise scholarship support. Now I am now 20 years old and graduated from Grade 12 in Education. I have been working as a teacher at my school from where I graduated from year 10 in 2019. I am planning to join bachelor's degree soon."

-Rita Tamang, Teacher

"My father passed away during the Maoist's insurgency. My younger brother Ravi and I are receiving education scholarships from Sunrise and our mother is a saving group member. We took a loan from the saving group and bought a goat. Now we have 13 goats. We also have bought a buffalo by selling a few goats and also acquired 2 Ropani of land with the help of money earned from goat farming and a grant from the Government of Nepal for the loss of our father. Earlier my mother had sent me to Kathmandu for work. But with dedication of my family and a lot of support and counselling from Sunrise has not only helped improve the living standard of the family but has also enhanced my awareness and reduced our vulnerability, poverty and illiteracy".

-Raj Kumar Kamar, Secondary School Graduate

"My father passed away in 2013 due to unknown health conditions. My single mother raised me and my elder brother, supporting us through agriculture work and some incentives for single women from the Government. I was supported by Sunrise since 2016. I completed secondary school with B+ Grade in mid-2018, then joined year 11 in Education stream and then completed year 12. Now I have joined a Bachelor of Education and also recently got selected in Nepal Police as a Constable".

-Suman Tamang, Bachelor of Education and Nepal Police Constable

Livelihood Development

In 2020-21 our support for student's families included:

- ✓ Monitoring of parent/guardian's savings and loans groups.
- ✓ Small Business Training (SIYB Training).
- ✓ Skill Development Training; Tunnel (greenhouse) farming and Livestock Farming.
- ✓ Home visits, phone calls and counselling.
- ✓ Parent-teacher meetings.

320 Guardians made regular deposits through the community led savings groups, enabling them to take loans to start, improve and diversify their livelihoods in 2020-21.

Despite the challenges of the Covid-19 virus, the families we support have demonstrated their resilience and positivity, and along with regular support from our team in Nepal, have continued to stay focused on their goals.

Previously, many of the families were struggling with the absolute basics, but through savings and loans from their local savings groups, many are now on the path to independence through improved livelihoods such as **goat, buffalo and ox rearing, poultry farming, vegetable/tunnel farming, litchi farming, pig farming, fish farming, tailoring/sewing, mill, and operating small grocery stores.**

Sunrise Home

Providing a temporary home for children rescued from orphanages or other situations of abuse or neglect until they can be safely reintegrated back into their families.

A safe, nurturing, home environment is vital for the physical, mental and emotional well-being and development of a child. When this is not possible in a child's own family, we continued to provide full time care at Sunrise Home, with a range of activities for their personal development.

In 2020-21 our support included:

- ✓ Basic physiological and safety needs, such as food, shelter, clothing and medical care.
- ✓ Education at our local community school and extra-curricular activities.
- ✓ Counselling and various activities to help the children develop self-esteem, confidence and daily life skills to equip them for life back in their communities.
- ✓ Tracing families who have lost contact and reconnecting children with their families.
- ✓ Regular assessment of options within the children's immediate or extended family to determine the best option for permanent care.

20 children were provided full care at Sunrise Home. 6 children were reintegrated back into their biological families in 2020-21.

Returning rescued children to their families where they belong

"My mother passed away when I was about 4 years old. About 10 years ago, my father went to work in India, leaving me with my grandmother. I was sent away with one of the villagers who took me to work in a local hotel. He never returned back. I was rescued by the police and sent to a children's home, and from there I went to Sunrise Home. My father returned from India, and now I am back living with him at our own house and Sunrise is supporting me for my education."

- ***Ramesh Gharti Magar***

Most children that join Sunrise Home after having being rescued from abusive or neglectful orphanages or similar insitutions by the National Child Rights Council (NCRC) of Nepal, were enticed or sent away from home in the hope of a better life and education – their dreams shattered when things didn't turn out as they had hoped. Others had been left abandoned after parents passed away or disappeared.

After thorough assessment, 6 more children from Sunrise Home were returned to their villages, one to his father and the others to uncles and aunts.

Reintegration Program

Tracing, re-connecting and reintegrating children back into their biological families and communities.

We strongly believe that no matter how good a children's home like Sunrise Home may be, the best place for a child to grow up is with their biological family and in their own communities. In most cases the children are reintegrated back into the families of older siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents as they often do not have living parents or parents that can care for them. For these extended family members to be able to provide adequate care for the children, our ongoing support is usually needed. We monitor reintegrated children for a minimum of 3 years, but often until they finish college (year 12).

In 2020-21 our support included:

- ✓ School uniforms, supplies and fees.
- ✓ Clothing, toiletries, food and rent assistance.
- ✓ Regular visits to the children's schools and colleges.
- ✓ Regular home visits, phone calls and counselling.
- ✓ Career guidance and life skills training for graduates.
- ✓ Extra-curricular and personal development activities.
- ✓ Sunrise Youth Club activities.

47 children and youth received ongoing support, enabling them to live with their own immediate or extended families in 2020-21.

“My mother and maternal uncle both passed away in a flood. My father used to work as a labour and was an alcoholic, so my single aunt sent me to a transit home for some time, but I couldn’t stay there, so I joined Sunrise home. Sunrise has been providing me academic support and food support, so I can live happily with my aunt and cousin”.

- ***Som Tamang, Class 6***

"My father passed away in 2010 and my mother remarried in 2013 and left us. Our elder sister took care of us in the Kalimati slums. Due to the lack of safety and care as she had to work, my elder brother and I were sent to Sunrise home until my sister was older and able to care for us again. Sunrise found my mother and we went to stay with her for a short time, but we wanted to return to live with our elder sister and her family, where we still live now.
Thank you Sunrise, for supporting my education, monthly food and rent and medical treatment. Not only this, but we are also indebted to Sunrise for supporting the funeral ceremony of our mother”.

- ***Kajol Thapa, class 10***

“My mother passed away in 2009, and after a month, my father also, from jaundice. My old grandmother took care of me for some months. After joining Sunrise Home I started loving my Sunrise brothers and sisters. After some years of staying at Sunrise, I was reintegrated back to my uncle’s family. I help my aunt with cooking and household chores and am very happy with my family. I aimed to be a nurse and serve the needy people in the future.”

- ***Parbati Rai, year 10***

“My father passed away in 2012 when a ride from the local show fell on him, leaving our mother alone. It was very tough time for our mother to raise us relying on our local agriculture. My younger sister and I were sent to Sunrise Home, then immediately afterwards, our mother passed away and our youngest brother joined us at Sunrise. We used to visit our relatives' home during holidays and after counselling my uncle’s family accepted us to live with them in our village. I completed year 10 and became a lead child club member. Now I have joined year 11 at college in the Management stream.”

- ***Anuradha Shahi, Management student, year 11***

Where Are They Now?

Year after year we are delighted to see so many youth continue on their positive journeys after our financial support ends. With a solid foundation of college (year 12) or a diploma and a positive attitude, several more of the youth have taken further steps towards bright, independent futures.

Nikita Thapa (now 22 years) passed Secondary School with a high **Distinction** (80%, B+ grade) in mid-2016, then joined a **3-year Diploma in Nursing** after undertaking a bridging course. She **graduated from nursing** in 1st division in 2019. After graduating, she passed her nursing license exam and is **now studying a Bachelor of Nursing in the USA.**

Laxmi Shakya (now 21 years) passed Secondary School **with B grade** (70%) in mid-2017, then joined **a 3-year Diploma to become a Lab Technician.** She also volunteered for 1 month as a teacher in a local school to gain experience and give back to the community. **She graduated from her 3-year Diploma course with 93.5%** and is **now working as a Lab Technician.**

Rajkumar Shrestha (now 20 years) passed Secondary School **with A grade** (80%) in mid- 2017**,** then joined a **Diploma in Pharmacy course.** He **graduated from his 3-year Diploma course** with 76.8%. He is **now working in a Pharmacy** after doing work experience for more than 15 months in his friend's pharmacy.

Anita Lama (now 21 years) passed Secondary School **with A+ grade** (90%) in mid-2016, then joined a **3-year Diploma in Nursing course** after undertaking a bridging course. She **graduated from nursing** in 1st division (77%) in 2019. After graduating, she passed her nursing license exam and is **now working as a nurse** in Grande International Hospital. She is also preparing to study abroad.

Sudha Lama (now 23 years) passed Secondary School in high **1st Division** in mid-2015, and then joined **3-year Diploma in Nursing course** after undertaking a bridging course. She **graduated from her Nursing course** in 1st division (75.4%) in mid-2018 and **certified as a Registered Staff Nurse** after attending competitive exams. She is **now working as a qualified nurse.**

Manoj Tamang (now 20 years) passed Secondary School with **A+ Grade** (91.25%) in mid-2017, which was **the top score in the whole of Shivapuri Rural Municipality**. He then joined year 11 in Science and won a scholarship from the Nepal Government as well as receiving ongoing support through SCAI. He **graduated from year 12 with A Grade** (86.5%) in mid-2019. **He recently won a Bachelor of Medicine (MBBS) scholarship from the Nepal Government.**

Community School Development

Helping keep youth with their families by expanding and improving the quality of education in our local community.

Pre-school, secondary school, English medium and modern, interactive teaching methods and facilities, continue to draw children and youth away from their rural families to school in Kathmandu and other urban areas. Often children are sent to orphanages or to work as part-time house helpers in the city in pursuit of these facilities.

In 2012-13 SCAI bought land and constructed a double storey school building of 14 rooms to accommodate the local community school. Nepali medium was extended to the end of secondary school, and English medium was added from Pre-school through to Secondary School. Since then, SCAI has continued with a range of operational support.

In 2020-21 our support included:

- ✓ Funding 2 qualified, English speaking, secondary level teachers.
- ✓ Providing a light, spacious, school building and grounds, with sports field and children's playground.
- ✓ Interactive learning software.
- ✓ Regular monitoring and guidance.

11th group of students has now been able to complete Secondary School at our local community school, avoiding them having to leave their homes for the city

Summary of our key impacts so far

SCAI has provided **1301** children with education scholarships who are now much less likely to be trafficked, be married early, be forced into child labour, be sent away from home, or drop out of school.

A total of **303** youth have finished school and **113** have finished college (year 12) or a 3-year diploma through SCAI's sponsorship so far.

320 guardians have had the opportunity to take loans to start or improve their livelihood through the SCAI initiated savings groups.

SCAI has cared for a total of **165** children full time at Sunrise Home.

87% of these children have been safely reintegrated back into their families so far.

In addition to our core program activities, SCAI and our NGO partners continue to implement various other regular and one-off activities that contribute to creating safe and healthy living environments for the children, their families and surrounding communities.

Other Activities

Life-saving support

One example of support outside our core work was to provide urgent help to some of our sponsor children that faced extraordinarily challenging situations that put their lives or futures at risk.

Shankar's father passed away in 2018. In early 2019, Shankar became unable to mobilize his legs properly after suffering from a fever. Our team brought him to hospital where he was diagnosed with Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM). Unable to move or communicate and with regular fevers in and out of ICU, the villagers gave up on him. But with commitment from his mother and our team, he underwent treatment for almost a year. Whilst still unable to speak or walk, he is in good health, can now understand, communicate with sounds and actions, and move most of his body.

SCAI provided 2 female goats for breeding and provide food support until they can get back on their feet, but his mother is already now able to care of Shankar, his 2 brothers and his visually impaired sister much better.

Bindu fell from a hill in Sept 2020 while collecting grass for her animals. She was unconscious and brought to Kathmandu. Our team coordinated with the hospital, and treatment for a hematoma on the brain was made possible, partly through a social security scheme for the poor population. After ICU care for this and other injuries and important medication, she recovered. Bindu is now back in her village and back at school.

Amrita was studying with SCAI's support, but went missing in mid-2019 after being enticed away by a young man. She was found in April 2020 with a new baby. When the young man disappeared, she spent a short time in a hostel with special care. Initially she refused to go home to her village and threatened suicide as she believed her family would reject her and villagers would insult her because of her being a young single mother.

After counselling her and her family, she returned home, and then also returned to school, while her mother helps care for her baby.

**Name changed for privacy*

Covid-19 Isolation Centres

Following an outbreak of the Covid-19 virus in our two main working areas in Nuwakot District, SCAI, in partnership with the local rural municipality offices, opened two Covid Isolation Centres, thanks to the extremely generous support of SCAI's donors**.**

Our support included:

- ✓ 1000 VTM testing kits.
- ✓ 16 sets of semi-folding beds (3x6 hospital bed), mattress, bedding.
- ✓ 11 Infrared Thermometers (Swiss, USFDA approved).
- ✓ 32 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) sets - Face shield, Eye glass, disposable cap, boot cover, mask NS standard.
- ✓ 2 Oxygen machines (USA brand, NS standard).
- ✓ 2 Water poly tanks with tap for hand washing (500L).
- ✓ 1528 Washable masks.
- ✓ 10L Chlorine water with sprayers.

Our SCAI Community

The SCAI community is made up of staff, sponsors, donors, volunteers, event supporters, committee members and various stakeholders, each of whom contribute to the success of SCAI and our programs in Nepal.

Our Staff

Our small but highly qualified and dedicated team continued to demonstrate their resilience and commitment over this past year, working tirelessly to plan, monitor and evaluate our programs and impact at field level, to inspire our children, youth, families, stakeholders and NGO partners to be the best they can be and achieve their goals.

SCAI Team

Emma Taylor, Co-Founder / CEO
Raj Kumar Lama Tamang, Country Manager (Nepal)
Mansingh Aidee, Program Officer (Nepal)
Namita Hamal, Finance and Admin Officer (Nepal)

Our NGO Partners

In addition to our SCAI team, our thirteen staff from our local NGO teams from RUDEC Nepal, SO Nepal and CSN Nepal, work closely with SCAI to implement our projects. We simply could not achieve what we do without our strong local partnerships and the hard work of our local partners.

A word from Raj, Country Manager, SCAI Nepal

"We work in rural areas and serve extremely underprivileged children and communities in Nepal. We aim to prevent family separation of children and promoting family reunification. We aim to empower family/guardian of children, so children are protected at community itself and not separated just for the sake of full filing their basic needs. We feel very proud when separated children are reintegrated with their family/relatives and ultra-poor families becomes self-reliant to some extent and able to fulfill their own parental responsibility. We understand this was not possible without the help of all generous people who extended their noble support us thus far. I am heartily grateful to everyone at SCAI Australia and across the globe who extended their support enabling us to continue serving these highly vulnerable children and help bring positive change to their lives."

Read more about our team at **www.scai.org.au**

Our Sponsors and Donors

We continue to be extremely grateful to our very dedicated supporters, who have remained committed despite the financial challenges COVID-19 has presented. Without them, we simply could not do what we do!

5 Major Project Sponsors

Kathmandu Kids, Australia
Geoff Sam, Australia
Paul Hameister, Australia
Paul and Rose Cody, UK
Große für Kleine Kinderfonds Foundation, Germany

Funds from these incredibly generous sponsors who have each donated **$80,000-$180,000** to date, continued to go towards the education scholarship and livelihood development programs and community school.

Special thanks to the amazing team at **Kathmandu Kids** who have supported us for over 12 years and raised over **$500,000** so far to support our work!

130 Individual Monthly Sponsors

Funds from our monthly sponsors continued to go towards Sunrise Home, the Reintegration Program and one of our education scholarship programs.

Special thanks to **Angus Sobels** and **Santosh and Anju Verghese** who have donated **over $65,000** each so far!

213 One-off donations

In 2021 the one-off donations were used to support the **Covid-19 Isolation Centres**, the annual **'Winter Warmth and Smiles' sweater/**beanies initiative and other program activities not supported by our regular sponsors.

Our Fundraising Challengers

Meet some of our very generous long-term supporters who went out of their way to help raise extra funds for us during the Covid pandemic in 2020-21.

Pat Killelea – Promoting Sunrise through talks to generous seniors on Central Coast, raising almost $35,000!

'Nana Pat' as she is affectionately known to our Sunrise teams in both Australia and Nepal is a long-term sponsor and volunteer at Sunrise in Nepal. She has generously shared her knowledge and experiences to numerous groups of very kind-hearted seniors groups across the central coast since 2008!

Louise Hill – Selling 'Sunrise Songbirds' prints, $1243 (ongoing)

Louise, the very talented graphic designer and multimedia artist, and long-term Sunrise child sponsor, lovingly created a stunning print called 'Sunrise Songbirds' and has been selling it to help raise funds. Sales are still coming in and more prints are available, so contact louise@louise-hill-design.com if interested!

Penni Michael – 100 Envelopes Campaign, $1375

Penni, another one of our long- term child sponsors, very kindly initiated this event originally as an afternoon tea, then due to Covid as an online event. People were requested to choose an envelope and then kindly donated the amount on the envelope.

Billi Bierling – Promoted SCAI's initiatives through online Core Class newsletter, $1220 (ongoing)

Journalist, mountain climber, humanitarian and long-time friend of Nepal has also been running regular 'Core' classes online with friend Stine and kindly requested people to donate to a Sunrise cause since early 2020 (and prior to the Core classes through word of mouth).

Anna and Peter Every – requested friends to donate to Sunrise to celebrate their birthdays, $235

What better way to celebrate your birthday than by bringing joy to both the birthday folk as well as children in need.

We would again also like to thank everyone who organized workplace giving and who continued to help us raise funds both directly and indirectly through helping spread awareness about our valuable work.

Our Governance and Management Teams

SCAI Australia
Management Committee

Geoff Sam, OAM	Chair
Kate White	Secretary
Ivo Kavelj	Treasurer
Sarah Thom	General Committee Member
Dr Leigh-Anne Claase	General Committee Member
Emma Taylor, OAM	General Committee Member (CEO)

Public Fund Committee

Paul Hameister, OAM	Chair/Committee member
Dr Susan Phillips	Chair/Committee member
Deborah Sykes	Committee member

SCAI is an incorporated association, incorporated under the South Australia Association Incorporations Act 1985, and registered as a charity under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

SCAI was endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) in 2010, enabling donations $2 and over to be tax deductible in Australia. All gifts and deductible contributions made for our charitable purpose are held in a separate Public Fund, administered by the three Public Fund Trustees.

Risk Management

Due to the nature of our work, there will always be risks. SCAI has a comprehensive Risk Management Policy and Framework and a Risk Register, designed to identify, evaluate and mitigate risks, which is reviewed on a regular basis by the management team and the Risk Management Officer. This is reported to the board at the quarterly meetings.

Financials

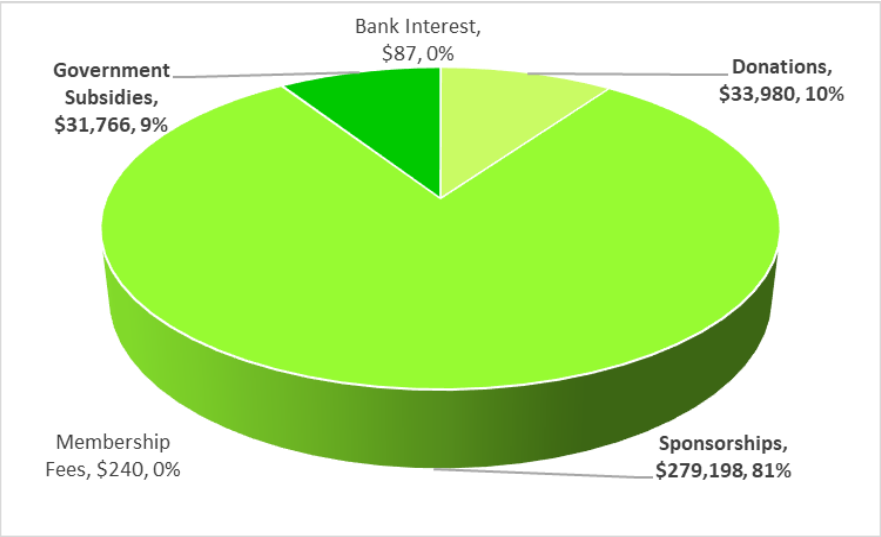
We are proud to maintain our high level of transparency and accountability and deliver our programs in an effective and efficient manner again in 2020-21.

Audited Income and Expenditure Statement

Income	**2020**	**2021**
Bank Interest	$262	$87
Donations	$11,481	$33,980
Government Subsidies	$16,000	$31,766
Membership Fees	$450	$240
Sponsorships	$293,625	$279,198
	$321,818	**$345,271**
Expenditure		
Audit Fees	$1,540	$1,540
Bank Fees and Charges	$252	$173
Bookkeeping	$1,128	$1,868
Fundraising Expenses	$1,719	$0
Give Now Charges	$3,264	$1,314
Insurance Fees	$1,088	$0
Interest	$339	$0
Marketing/Website	$109	$442
Memberships & Trainings	$190	$0
Programs Nepal	$244,200	$220,500
Program Support	$26,250	$26,250
Recruitment	$110	$0
Staff Salary & Expenses	$26,250	$26,250
Staff Insurance	$1,137	-$218
Super	$4,987	$4,988
Telephone/Internet	$138	$254
	$312,701	**$283,361**
Operating Surplus	$9,117	$61,910
Accumulated Surplus	$235,763	$297,673

Total Income of $345,271 in 2021 was up from $321,818 in 2020, an **increase of $23,453 or 7%.** This was largely due to an increase in one-off donations and the government stimulus package (Jobkeeper), offset by a decline in sponsorships. Donations were made up of around $16,000 for the Covid isolation centres, over $5,000 for Xmas sweaters and over $12,000 from general one-off donations.

% Income by source



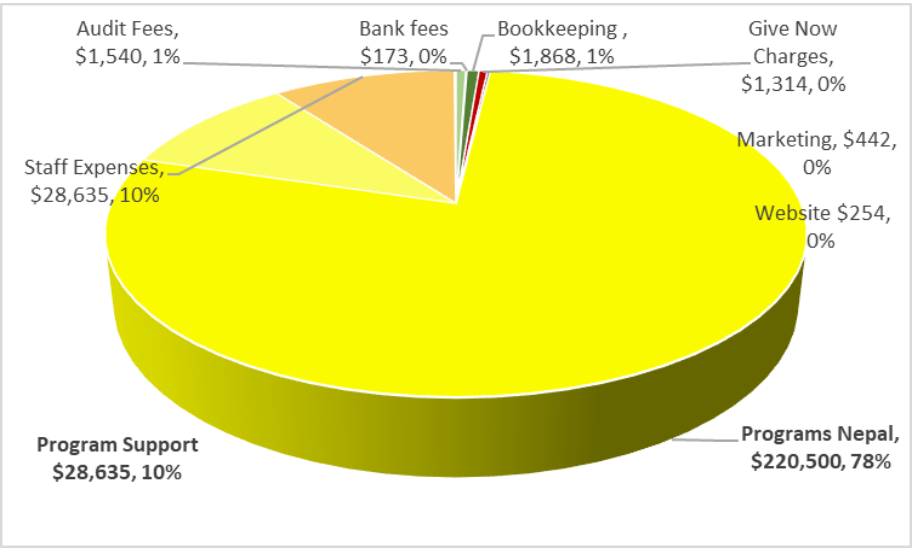
81% came from project sponsorships, **10%** from Donations, **9%** from government stimulus packages.

Whilst actual sponsorship income did see a decline, the % share showed a more dramatic decline of 91% in 2020 to 81% in 2021, largely due the increase in donations and government stimulus packages in 2021 (up from 4% and 5% respectively).

Total Expenses of $283,361 in 2021 was down from $312,701 in 2020, a decline **of $29,340 or 9%.** This was largely due to reduced funds being transferred to Nepal due to postponement of some activities due to Covid-19, largely education-related expenses, livelihood development revolving fund contribution and some associated staff.

% Breakdown of expenditure

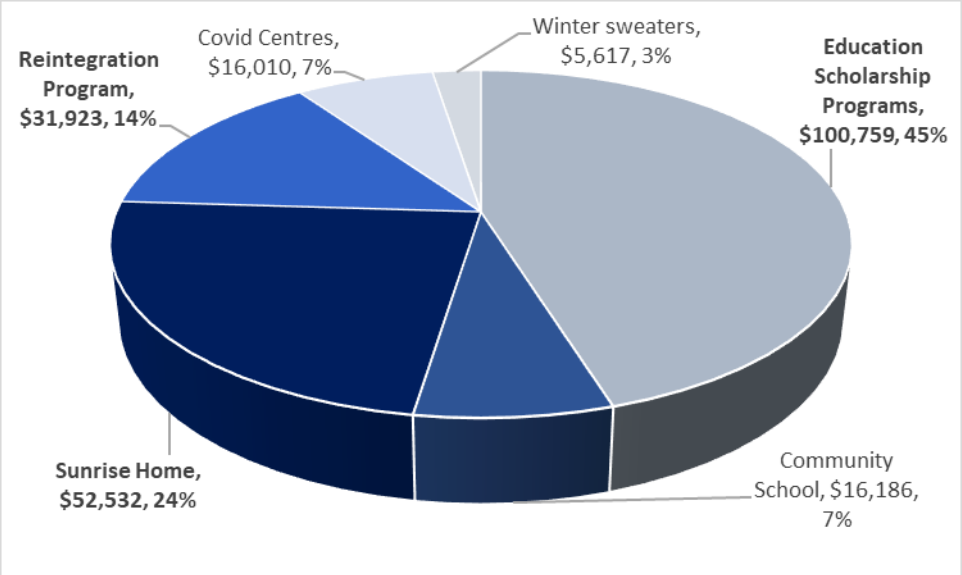
88% was spent on programs in Nepal and program support, up from 87% in 2020. Breakdown of expenses across all areas remains very similar year on year.



Program Activities in Nepal

Education scholarship programs (including income generation) accounted for 45% of spend in Nepal, with Sunrise Home and the Reintegration Program accounting for 24% and 14% respectively.

The percentage of overall spend of these three core programs is down from 2020 (89% to 83%) due to an increase in donations for the winter sweaters campaign and the one-off Covid Centre support in 2021.



SCAI finished the 2020-21 year with an Accumulated Surplus of $297,673, most of which is committed to existing activities.

Further details can be found in our full Audited Financial Statements 2021, prepared by Accru Harris Orchard, at www.scai.org.au and in our regular project Newletters.

Thank you

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