2024 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

Dear Supporters and Friends,

With the generous support of all our sponsors and donors, our dedicated team in Nepal and the positive attitudes of the children and families we support, we are delighted to share that we again saw many positive outcomes in the 2023-24 fiscal year, in both Australia and Nepal. Every year has its challenges, but with ongoing commitment from everyone involved and the efforts made by the children and families in Nepal to improve their lives, we saw many of them make impressive progress.

2024 was the first year of our new 3-year Project Agreement with the Government of Nepal, which saw the continuation of Sunrise Home and the Reintegration Program, four of the five education scholarship programs, and three new education scholarship programs.

In 2024 we directly supported 361 children across all our programs, with Education Scholarships for 285 children, which included livelihood development support for their families, care for 26 children at Sunrise Home, and ongoing education and other support for 50 children who were reintegrated into biological family from Sunrise Home. Our team undertook 1,229 protection and monitoring visits to the children's homes and 450 to their school/colleges to help keep them safe, in school and with their families. We saw 27 more youth graduate from Secondary School and 23 more from college. 172 youth actively participated in Peer Education Training, 109 in Life Skill Training and 38 in Career Counselling. The families of the children in the education scholarship programs continued to participate in both formal and informal Small Business Training, Skill Development Training, Parental Education Training, Financial literacy training, and make regular savings and loans with their local savings group or cooperative.

In the 2024-25 fiscal year we will continue to focus on **Prevention, Rescue and Reintegration** through our various program activities which help keep these vulnerable children in school and with family, and help prevent them being trafficked, falling into early marriage, child labour or other forms of abuse. Our programs continue to support governments priorities and the genuine needs of the children and families in our project areas.

We would like to express our deep gratitude for our old and new sponsors and donors who make our work possible and give the children and their families the opportunity to create more fulfilling, meaningful lives.

Sincerely,

Emma Taylor
Co-founder and CEO
SCAI Australia

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Who We Are

Sunrise Children's Association Incorporated (SCAI) is an independently funded, not-for-profit organization founded in Australia in 2005 to support vulnerable children in Nepal. SCAI was registered as an International Non-Government Organisation (INGO) in Nepal in 2007, and through our branch office in Nepal, we work with local Nepalese NGO partners, local authorities, and communities to protect, educate, and empower some of Nepal's most vulnerable children and their families.

Our Journey

SCAI was founded after Emma Taylor, and two other Australian women spent time as volunteers in a poorly run orphanage in Kathmandu in 2004 and saw the terrible conditions in which the children lived, and the risks they faced. They quickly discovered that most of the children were not orphans, and most had been trafficked, enticed, or willingly sent from their homes in remote areas of Nepal, under the false promise of a better life and a good education. Many had lost contact with their families.

In partnership with a team of local Nepalese with a similar vision, Sunrise Home was established as a safe haven for these and other children at risk of abuse, exploitation or neglect. Over time, the team started re-connecting and reintegrating children into their biological families where possible and focusing on preventing other vulnerable children being unnecessarily separated in the first place through providing education scholarships and livelihood development programs.

20 years on, Emma is still deeply involved and driven to help bring about lasting, positive change. With the Nepalese team on the ground in Nepal, SCAI continues to work to protect and educate children, strengthen their families, and give children and families the opportunity to thrive and create brighter futures for themselves.

Why we do what we do

Nepal continues to be the 3rd poorest country in Asia with several significant issues facing the children and youth. Our Vision, Mission, Values and Program Strategies were developed to help address the root cause of these issues.

Child Marriage

Over 33% reported marriage before 18years.[2]

Education

Only 27% of children have completed upper secondary school.[1]

Child labour

1.1m children 5-17 years are engaged in child labour, with 222,000+ being hazardous.[3]

Orphanages

Over 11,000 children are still in orphanages/ similar institutions. It is estimated around 85% are not orphans.[4]

Poverty

22% of children in Nepal live in Multidimensional poverty.[6]

Trafficking

1.5m Nepalis are vulnerable to human trafficking. Young, uneducated, rural girls 11-25 years are at the highest risk.[5]

1.UNICEF Nepal Education Factsheet 2022, 2.UNICEF, 3.ILO, 4.National Child Rights Council Nepal's ''Child Status Report 2078'', 5.2023 Trafficking in Persons report: Nepal, U.S. Embassy in Nepal, 6.Nepal Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021

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 Values

Non-discrimination

Child focused

Active participation

Empowerment

Partnership

Sustainability

Our Program Strategy, Goals & Key Activities

Prevention

Addressing the Root cause through Education & Empowerment.

Key Activities:

Education Scholarships

- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Personal support – Food, clothing, medical, rent.
- ✓ Regular Home and school/ college protection & monitoring visits.
- ✓ Career guidance, Life skills, and Peer Education training.

Community School Development

- ✓ Psychosocial counselling training for teachers.

Family Livelihood Development

- ✓ Parent/ guardian's savings and loans groups.
- ✓ Small Business Training and Career Counselling.
- ✓ Skill Development Training.
- ✓ Cooperative formation & training.
- ✓ Livelihood development monitoring and guidance.
- ✓ Parental education/Family counselling.

Family based care

Providing a temporary, safe, nurturing home for rescued children.

Key Activities:

Sunrise Home

- ✓ Full care including food, clothing, medical, shelter.
- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Live-in caregivers.
- ✓ Psychosocial counselling.
- ✓ Daily life skills.
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities.
- ✓ Awareness building programs.
- ✓ Career counselling.
- ✓ Life skills training.
- ✓ Peer education training.
- ✓ School monitoring visits.
- ✓ Family tracing.
- ✓ Reconnection with family/community.

Host Community School Development

- ✓ School building and grounds.

Reconnection & Reintegration

Getting children back where they belong.

Key Activities:

Reintegration Program

- ✓ Reconnection visits & family counselling.
- ✓ Permanent reintegration with family.
- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Basic needs support – Food, clothing, medical, rent assistance.
- ✓ Regular Home and school/ college protection & monitoring visits.
- ✓ Career guidance.
- ✓ Life skills training.
- ✓ Peer education training.

2023-24 in Brief

285 Education scholarships

26 Children at Sunrise Home

1229 Home Monitoring Visits

6 Children reintegrated back into families

450 School/ College Monitoring Visits

50 Children in the Reintegration Program

211 members (parents/guardians) in cooperative &

27 more youth completed secondary school

72 new members (parents/guardians) in savings groups

23 more youth finished year 12

68 Skill Development Training (211 informal refresher)

173 Youth Peer Education Training

109 Youth Skill Development Training

65 guardians Small Business Training (200+ refresher)

38 Youth Career Counselling

26 Teachers Psychosocial Counselling Training

478 Winter Fleeces

Our Programs in Action

Prevention

Education Scholarship and Livelihood Programs

Preventing trafficking and unnecessary separation through educating and empowering children and their families by providing access to education while simultaneously helping build their families' capacity to improve their livelihoods and transform their lives.

Education Scholarships

Access to education in government or community schools in Nepal is still out of reach for many children, due to fees, extra books, stationery, uniforms, and other materials required. SCAI helps with these basics but continues to take a holistic approach that includes other physical, psychological, and social support that helps improve the children's overall health, well-being and personal development.

285 Children had access to education scholarships and other vital support in 2023-24.

285 with Education support

School /college uniforms, stationery, extra books not provided by the government, notebooks, exam and other fees, and extra tuition which is often compulsory for key subjects for the secondary level classes. Several children also receive clothing, hygiene kits and those in genuine need, medical and rent assistance.

1131 Home protection and monitoring visits

During these regular visits, the team met with various children, family members and in some cases neighbours, to monitor their family situation and living environment, and provide counselling, support and guidance as needed, as well as monitor their livelihood development activities.

376 School and college monitoring visits

During these monthly visits, the team met the sponsored children, class teachers and principals, to monitor the children's overall performance in terms of study, school attendance, participation in extracurricular activities, any challenges they may be facing, and explore practical solutions if needed.

19 Youth in Career Counselling

Covering a range of fields, this training for class 9-11 students helps inspire them and helps them identify their desired career path, possible courses and faculties, entry requirements and scope, and available scholarship opportunities.

67 Youth in Life Skills Training

These sessions oriented youth in classes 8-10 on various important life/psychosocial skills, such as communication, problem- solving, decision-making and interpersonal skills, to help them deal with the demands and challenges of life.

67 Youth in Peer Education Training

These sessions oriented youth in classes 8-10 on possible teenage issues and coping skills, how to facilitate their peers to resolve issues during difficult times with proper communication, and share any issues they currently face, for improved health and well-being.

Awareness building of key issues

Through their schools/colleges, regular monitoring visits and trainings organised by our team in Nepal, the youth are provided the opportunity to learn about and discuss key issues that may affect them, giving them a chance to raise their voice in the community. These include topics like child rights, early marriage laws and various other. They also have the opportunity to participate in activities like Scouts which broaden their knowledge, skills and participation in society.

Community School Development

26 Teachers with Psychosocial counselling training

In line with our holistic approach to the children's healthy development, this initiative aims to help create child friendly school environments, by identifying psychosocial issues among children and extending emotional and psychosocial support or referring the case to the appropriate service center as required.

A Student's Story

A Day in the Life of Dolma Tamang – Betini Education Scholarship Program

In our reports we often share some of the children's success stories, and what the graduate students are doing now, but we also think it is important to reflect on the challenging journey that these children and youth undertake to reach where they have. The story of Dolma below is very common amongst the children we support in our education scholarship programs, and demonstrates such commitment and resilience, which makes us so proud of and inspired by them and makes their achievements as graduates even more impressive.

Dolma is now 16 years old and studying in year 10. She lives with her mother, younger brother and sister, elder brother and sister-in-law. Her father passed away when she was 5 years old, which left her poor family struggling financially. To prevent her from dropping out of school, she was selected for one of SCAI's education scholarship programs.

Every day she walks **2.5 hours** one way to school. She also helps her family with household and agriculture work, so she wakes up at **5am** every morning. She then sweeps the house, washes, and then leaves home at 5.30am to collect grass for her livestock which takes around 1 hour. She then eats breakfast and helps her mother with the dishes then leaves home at 7.30am for school.

She attends school from 10am to 4pm, and reaches home at 6.30pm, after a hilly 2.5 hour walk through a dense forest and a few rivers. She eats dinner at 7pm then starts her homework after helping her mother to wash the dishes. She often studies until 10pm.

However, she says she gets so tired after her huge 5-hour daily walk and early morning and daily routine, that sometimes she struggles to stay awake until 10pm to finish her homework. Despite this tough schedule, Dolma is regular at school and committed to doing well in her studies. She aims to become a businesswoman in the future.

A week in the life of Kantee Tamang, Program Coordinator

The success of the children and families also comes from the huge commitment and effort made by our team. All our field staff are locals from the project areas, so have first-hand experience and knowledge. **Kantee** completed year 12 in 2021 through one of SCAI's education scholarship programs. Due to her diligence, positive attitude and local knowledge, she was employed as a "Field Coordinator" with our NGO partner RUDEC Nepal and on the side has almost completed her self-funded bachelor's degree.

Kantee is responsible for monitoring **92 sponsored children** who are in the last 2 years of our scholarship program, across 10 schools. She visits all 10 schools every month and visits all 92 children at least three times a year, more for particularly high-risk cases. Due to the remote nature of several of our program areas, she is **away from home for 5-6 days** each week and walks miles every day to reach the children's homes and schools. The nearest school is 2.5 hours walk from her home, and most days require her to traverse steep, narrow pathways that only a local could navigate. It is not uncommon for her to start walking at 6.30 or 7am and spend a total of 4-5 hours a day walking, before she spends the night with a teacher or village member.

The whole way, Kanti carries her backpack with her essentials for the week. This is a typical week for Kanti and our other field coordinators. Without their incredible commitment to the children in our program, it is highly likely that many of them would have dropped out from school at an early age and have very limited futures.

Livelihood Development

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. This in turn enables them to take greater control of their lives, including providing themselves and their children with better care and reducing the chance of family separation.

283 Guardians actively participated in the livelihood development activities in 2023-24.

72 Parent/ guardians in savings groups (new)

The guardians of the 73 children in the 2 new education scholarship programs formed 4 savings groups, and each met on a monthly basis to deposit savings, issue loans, monitor repayments, and discuss their livelihood development.

211 Parent/ guardians in cooperative

Towards the end of the previous 5-year project period, all 13 savings groups merged into 1 officially registered cooperative for long term sustainality and access to funds. The members from 4 of the 6 education scholarship programs met on a monthly basis in sub-groups (similar to their earlier savings groups based on location) to deposit savings, issue loans, monitor repayments and discuss their progress with their livelihood ventures.

65 in Small Business Training (SIYB)

The training focused on how to select feasible businesses in the local context and based on their local skills, knowledge and resources, prepare business plans, how to get started, marketing, risk analysis and overall management.

Informal refresher training was also provided to many of the 211 guardians from previous groups to help them continually improve their livelihood ventures.

68 in Skill Development Training

We continued to scale up the capacity of parents/guardians through various skill trainings so they could improve their livelihood initiatives, including:

Tunnel (greenhouse) and various vegetable farming, for seasonal and off-seasonal vegetable farming, making bio compost manure, pest control and marketing of their produce.

Various animal rearing trainings mainly for goat, poultry, cow/buffalos on improving habitat, protecting their animals from disease, proper food, health/hygiene, insurance, vet care.

1131 Livelihood development monitoring visits

Our Livelihood Development Officer and support team made 1131 visits to the homes of the children's families to monitor their new or upscaled livelihood ventures, and provide feedback on their specific situations.

85 Entrepreneurship Development / Account Keeping Training

Executive Committee members, Sub-committee members and staff of the cooperative attended 2 day training covering all key aspects of running the cooperative effectively, and developing their entrepreneurial skills so they can maximise their returns on their investments.

46 Cooperative Management / Financial Literacy Training

This training, held for Executive Committee members, Sub-committee members and staff of the cooperative focused on formulating effective business plans for the cooperative itself and for its associated members, effective collection of savings, and mobilisation of loans for the promotion of the livelihood of cooperative members. The Executive Committee meet regularly to review and discuss upcoming activities and hold an AGM.

1 New Cooperative Collection and Sales Centre

The cooperative formed by project established a ''Cooperative Collection and Selling Centre'' in June 2024. The plan is to collect the products of cooperative members at the centre and sell them to markets through this centre, providing a link between our farmers and the market. 1 staff is recruited on the percentage basis of profit in this center.

85 Parental Education

The objective of these sessions is to help the parents of our sponsored children develop positive parenting skills so that they can take proper care and provide appropriate guidance to their children. This training was organised with funding from the Dupcheshwor Rural Municipality office as part of government collaboration with our project.

Family Stories

Minu Tamang, a progressive mum

Minu is 33 years old and mother of the sponsor child Sonam. She and her husband were working as daily wage earners in agriculture and were not able to generate a sufficient income to care and educate their four children.

Minu was determined to not let her children drop out of school and provide a better life for them. Due to their situation, one son was selected for one of SCAI's education scholarship program, and through that Minu was able to join her local savings group, then later, the cooperative formed by the project.

Minu began by saving just NPR 100 a month (around $1.25) as that was all she could afford at the time. She then had the opportunity to take part in various training programs such as Small Business Training (SIYB) and Skill Development Training and improved her knowledge and skills in areas of vegetable farming, poultry farming, goat farming, and buffalo rearing, which were instrumental in inspiring her to launch her own business.

After the trainings, she took a loan from the cooperative amounting to NPR 50,000 ($625) which she invested in buying 50 chicks. With the profit earned from poultry, she reared 5 goats and is continuing to expand her various livelihood ventures. Minu now generates an annual income of NPR 90,000 which is a fantastic achievement and is able to care for her children much better and now also funds a significant part of their education.

Suntali B.K, Grandmother

Suntali is 55 years old and plays a key role in supporting her 2 grandchildren. Previously, they were solely reliant on agriculture which was not enough to sustain the family's expenses as well as the children's education. Due to their poor situation and the risk of the children having to drop out of school, their grandchild Rajesh was selected as a scholarship student.

Under the program, Suntali was able to join a saving group formed by the project and began saving an amount of 100 NPR/month ($1.25).

She had the opportunity to take part in various trainings such as Small Business Training, vegetable farming, poultry farming, goat farming, and buffalo rearing, and decided to launch her own new business rearing animals.

She took a loan from her saving group amounting to NPR 30,000 ($375) which she invested in buying 4 goats. She then bred and sold 3 goats and earned NPR 45,000. She repaid her loan to the savings group from the earnings and bought 1 buffalo. Now she has 6 goats remaining and 1 buffalo and is working to further expand.

Family based care

Sunrise Home

Temporary family-based care for children rescued from orphanages /institutions or other situations of abuse or neglect until they can be safely reintegrated back into family.

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 immediate family due to death, abandonment, abuse or high risk of trafficking or separation, we provide full time care at Sunrise Home as a last resort, until we can trace, re-connect, and fully reintegrate the children back into family or community.

The number of children at Sunrise Home and in the Reintegration Program varies each year, depending on the number of children rescued by the National Child Rights Council (NCRC) and needing full-time care, and how easily we are able trace, re-connect and reintegrate children back into immediate or extended family.

26 children were provided full care at Sunrise Home in 2023-24.

Full care, basic physiological and safety needs, such as food, shelter, clothing, and medical care.

Education including uniforms, school materials, fees at our local community school (built by SCAI).

Live-in caregivers 24/7 to help provide family like care, love, guidance, and support.

Psychosocial counselling in a group and on an individual basis from our live-in counsellor as per the needs of the children.

Daily life skills involving various activities to help the children develop self-esteem, confidence, and equip them for life back in their communities. This includes basic cooking, cleaning, washing, gardening, tending to animals and crops.

Extra-curricular activities for recreation and development of personal hobbies and interests, including weekly Laughter Yoga, excursions, sport, games, dance, singing and informal competitions such as writing, spelling, drawing, quizzes, and home library. **Festivals and celebrations** are a key part of the local culture, and the children are encouraged to celebrate and participate in as many as interests them.

Awareness building on key issues facing youth, giving them a chance to learn, discuss and raise their voice. Some topics covered were: Sexual and gender-based violence, Children's Day, Human Right's Day, World Day Against Child Labour, Environment Day, International Women's Day, Teacher's Day.

Career counselling to help graduate youth identify their desired career path, various courses and faculties, requirements and scope and available scholarship opportunities.

Life Skills Training oriented youth on various important life/psychosocial skills, such as communication, problem-solving, decision-making and interpersonal skills, to help them deal with the demands and challenges of life.

School monitoring visits – During these regular visits to the children's schools, the team met the sponsored children, class teachers and principals, to observe their learning environment, find how the children are behaving, performing, their attendance, and any challenges they may be facing, and explore practical solutions if needed.

Family Tracing – The search for families who have lost contact begins as soon as children join Sunrise Home, with the intention to reconnect them as soon as possible.

Reconnection visits – Following assessment of the safety of the children's homes and family situation, and on agreement of both the child and family, the children are sent on re-connection visits in their holidays and festival times to help build/re-build family bonds and acclimatize the children to their local community before permanent reintegration.

Reconnection & Reintegration

Reintegration Program

Getting children back where they belong, with their biological families and communities.

We strongly believe that no matter how good a 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.

After a series of reconnections visits by the children and assessment visits by our team, we proceed to permanently reintegrate the children back into their family. In the absence of their own parents, older siblings, aunts, and uncles have taken over their guardianship in most cases.

To ensure the children are not at risk of unnecessary separation again and receive a good education and have their basic needs and rights met, our ongoing support is usually needed. We support reintegrated children for a minimum of 3 years, but often until they finish college (year 12) or equivalent.

6 more children were permanently reintegrated back into biological family and 50 children and youth received ongoing support in 2023-24.

- ✓ Permanent reintegration with family.
- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Basic needs support – Food, clothing, medical, rent assistance for most severe cases.
- ✓ Regular protection & monitoring visits to the children's homes.
- ✓ Regular monitoring visits to the children's schools and colleges.
- ✓ Career Counselling.
- ✓ Life Skills and Peer Education Training

Yash Kumar, in the absence of his own parents went to live with his grandmother, uncle, aunt and brother.

Siblings, Buddhimaya, Bigyan, Anushka and Anu returned to live with their biological father.

In the absence of her own parental care, Ritika went to live with her grandparents and younger brother.

Where Are They Now?

We are always delighted to see so many graduate youth continue on their positive journeys after our financial support ends. With a solid foundation of college (year 12) or a 3-year Technical Diploma and a positive attitude, several more of the youth have taken further steps towards bright, independent futures. Here are a just a snippet of where a few are now - see our Annual 'Where Are They Now' Newsletter for many more!

Mansingh Aidee - Mansingh flew through Secondary School in 2013 with a Distinction, then completed Science at college in 2015 with the support of SCAI. He worked with SCAI Nepal as Program Coordinator for 5 years then Program Officer for 2 years. With his first-hand experience of a youth growing up under the care of SCAI and his hard work, he made a significant contribution. He has been an active part of his Rotaract Club for several years and has been appointed to several consultant positions for French and US aid projects. He has also successfully completed a Bachelor of Public Health and is currently undertaking a master's degree.

Lasang Lama - Lasang passed Secondary School in 2013 in high first Division, then completed Science at college in 2015 with the support of SCAI. Following that, she devoted almost 4 years to volunteering in a monastery, teaching Buddhism and Chinese language to children. She studied Chinese language for 3 years at university and now works in Kathmandu at a Chinese logistics company. She has also managed to successfully complete a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Health and Nutrition.

Sujata Rai - Sujata passed Secondary School in 2011 in 1st Division, then completed Management at college in 2013, majoring in Hotel Management. During college she worked part time in a hotel in various roles including Accounts. After that, she got a job with Etihad Airlines in Dubai, working in the Admin Department, and has now been promoted to the HR department. Sujata is now happily married and continuing to advance her career and life overall.

Shreya Lama – As with many of the children who have been in our care, Shreya was sent to Kathmandu to an 'orphanage' in Kathmandu with the promise of a better life and education, despite having a living parent. After not having her basic needs met, she was transferred to the care of Sunrise. With our support, Shreya passed Secondary School in 2016, followed by college in 2018. Since then, she has been working as a teacher in her home village in mid-western Nepal. Despite suffering from polio when she was a baby, with the use of calipers and her determination, she has carved out a stable and successful life.

Pasang Sherpa - After losing his legs from the knees down when he was in his early teens, Pasang passed Secondary School in 2011 in first Division. He then completed two years of Management at college in 2013, majoring in computer science with the support of SCAI. Since then, he has been working as a teacher and school accountant in the local community school and has also worked as an after-school tuition teacher. He is now married and has a 10-year-old son, and since graduating has been primary guardian of his younger siblings.

Summary of our key impacts so far

SCAI has provided **1390** children with education scholarships who are now much less likely to be trafficked, married early, forced into child labour, sent away from home, or drop out of school.

A total of **431** youth finished school and **196** have finished college (year 12) or a 3-year diploma with SCAI's sponsorship so far.

320 guardians have had the opportunity to take loans to start or strengthen their small businesses through the SCAI initiated savings groups.

SCAI has cared for a total of **203** children full time at Sunrise Home.

183 (90%) of these children have been safely reintegrated back into immediate or extended families so far.

Over **145** children and youth have been supported through the reintegration program, providing support for school, college, and other basic needs.

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 sustainability of SCAI and the positive outcomes from our programs in Nepal.

Our Staff

Our dedicated team of 15 from SCAI and our NGO partners, RUDEC Nepal and Sunrise Org Nepal, continued to work with unwavering commitment and dedication, to plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate our programs and impact in Nepal.

Our Governance and Management Teams

Management Committee

Geoff Sam, OAM	Chair
Dr Leigh-Anne Claase	Secretary
Ivo Kavelj	Treasurer
Sarah Thom	Committee Member
Emma Taylor, OAM	Committee Member

Public Fund Committee

Dr Susan Phillips	Chair
Deborah Sykes	Committee member
Corinna Hale	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.

Our Sponsors and Donors

We are extremely grateful that our 5 major sponsors maintained their generous commitments throughout 2023-24, and we were thrilled to welcome our 3 new major project sponsors on board, Armadillo Foundation, MIT Group Foundation and Arauco Ltd.

8 Major Project Sponsors

Kathmandu Kids, Australia	$705,000 over 15 years
Paul Hameister, Australia	$215,000 over 14 years
Paul and Rose Cody, UK	$180,000 over 14 years
Geoff Sam, Australia	$145,000 over 8 years
Große für Kleine Kinderfonds Foundation, Germany	$105,000 over 16 years
Armadillo Foundation	$50,000 over 1 year
MIT Group Foundation	$21,500 over 1 year
Arauco Ltd	$21,000 over 1 year

*Figures rounded to the nearest $1000.

In 2023-24, funds from these incredibly generous sponsors continued to go towards the education scholarship and livelihood development programs as well as Sunrise Home and the Reintegration Program.

145+ Individual Monthly Sponsors

Special thanks to every single one of our regular monthly sponsors who continue to help fund Sunrise Home and the Reintegration Program. We are extremely grateful for the long-term support of so many, with 70 of our current monthly sponsors having been on board for over 10 years.

150+ One-off donations

In 2023-24, one-off donations were made to purchase warm winter fleeces for the 'Winter Warmth and Smiles' Xmas campaign, to support emergency medical treatment of an 8-year-old boy in one of the families we support in the reintegration program, and other general /unspecified activities.

Fundraising Events

The Annual **'Dining at Sunset, Bringing Hope at Sunrise'** Nepalese dinner was held in Melbourne in August 2023, raising around raising around $20,000 profit.

Thank you to everyone that supported the event through attending, volunteering, donating auction prizes, shopping at the Nepali market, making donations and sponsoring children.

Financials

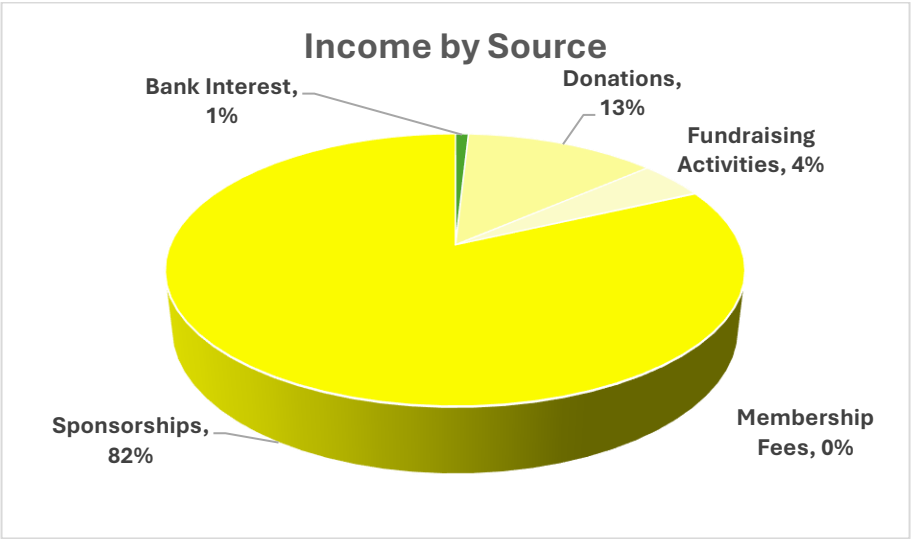
We are proud to maintain our high level of transparency and accountability in Australia and Nepal and deliver our programs in an effective and efficient manner again in 2023-24.

Income and Expenditure

	2023	2024
Income		
Bank Interest	1,670	3,485
Donations	40,226	51,364
Fundraising	33,479	17,775
Memberships	360	360
Sponsorships	253,873	329,264
	329,608	**402,248**
Expenditure		
Audit Fees	2,200	1,650
Bank Charges	100	155
Bookkeeping	1,804	1,856
Fundraising Expenses	11,572	6,390
Fundraising Support	-	863
Insurance Fees	1,624	2,190
Marketing/Website	1,461	1,745
Programs Nepal	269,000	272,414
Program Support	29,906	36,359
Salary/Expenses	28,750	33,132
Superannuation	6,038	5,835
Telephone/Internet	698	312
Travel	3,818	946
	356,971	**363,847**
Operating Surplus/(loss)	(27,363)	38,401
Retained Earnings at Start of Year	227,063	199,700
Retained Earnings at End of Year	199,700	238,101

*The above is based on the Audited Financial Reports

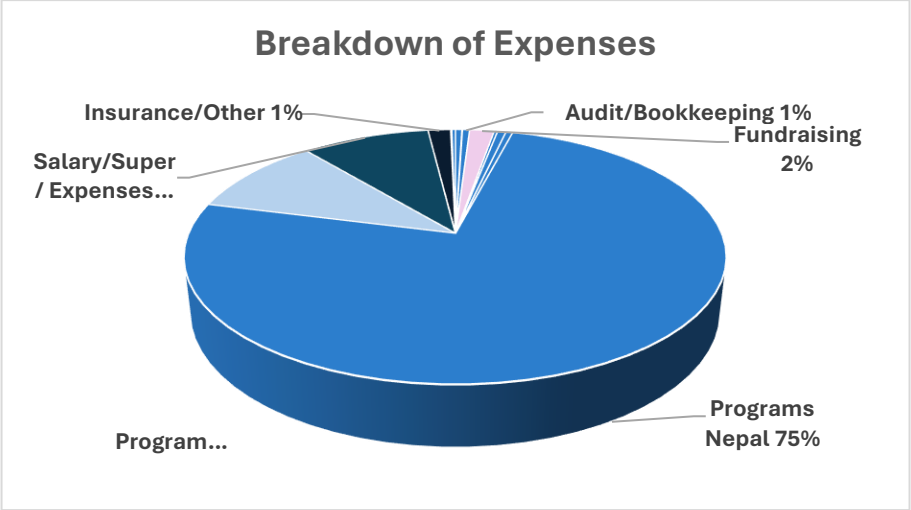
Further details can be found in our full Audited Financial Statements 2024, prepared by Lee Green, at www.scai.org.au and in our regular project Newsletters.



Income

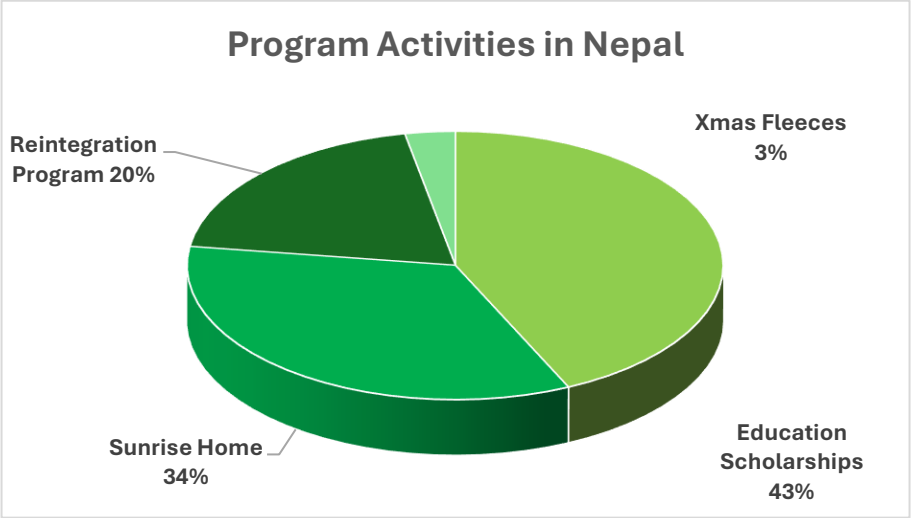
Total Income of $402,248 in 2024 was up from $329,608 in 2023, an increase of $72,640 (22%).

This was largely due to 30% increase in sponsorships of $75,391.



Expenses

Total Expenses of $363,847 in 2024 was up from $356,971 in 2023, an increase of $6,876 (2%).



Activities in Nepal

Education scholarship programs (including livelihood development) accounted for 43% of spend in Nepal, with Sunrise Home 34%, the Reintegration Program 20% and Winter Fleeces 3%.

Thank you sincerely for your support

If you would like to become a part of the SCAI community, through becoming a member, supporting a child or a project, helping with the annual fundraising events, taking on a fundraising challenge of your own, donating your expertise, or simply helping spread the word about our work, we welcome you with open arms, and can guarantee it's a very rewarding journey.

Sponsors receive quarterly newsletters dedicated to the program you are supporting, and importantly, we can guarantee that we can tell you exactly where your money goes!

All donations over $2 in Australia are tax deductible.

If you have queries about this report, our audited financial statements, or our work, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

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