

MEDICAL MISSION AID

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



SERVING WITH PASSION FOR OVER 100 YEARS

About Medical Mission Aid

Medical Mission Aid (MMA) is a Christian charity whose vision is to see a sustainable improvement in health outcomes in the most vulnerable communities globally.

MMA was initially established as an auxiliary of CMS Victoria on the 5th January 1920 and has been serving the poor for over 100 years. In the early days, MMA sent medical supplies and equipment, medication and a variety of donated goods via parcels and later in shipping containers, to countries where CMS missionaries were based. MMA was transformed in 2002 from being an auxiliary of CMS to become an organisation (charity) in its own right. MMA now offers support to medical and health related activities in developing countries, partnering with church and other local organisations.

One of our key strategic objectives is to enable local community-led transformation in healthcare in remote and vulnerable communities. We do this by increasing the quality and quantity of trained local medical staff in developing countries through medical, nursing and allied health scholarships for disadvantaged students. We also assist in the procurement of equipment and medication to enable local Christian healthcare providers to improve medical care for the impoverished. Additionally, MMA equips local Christians and leaders to implement preventative health initiatives, thereby reducing the overall burden of disease.

Another key strategic objective is to facilitate access to healthcare for all, irrespective of gender, caste, class, race, religion or political persuasion. We target those in remote communities where access to healthcare is particularly difficult and where extreme poverty is prevalent, with a focus on marginalised populations, including women, children, refugees and people with disabilities.

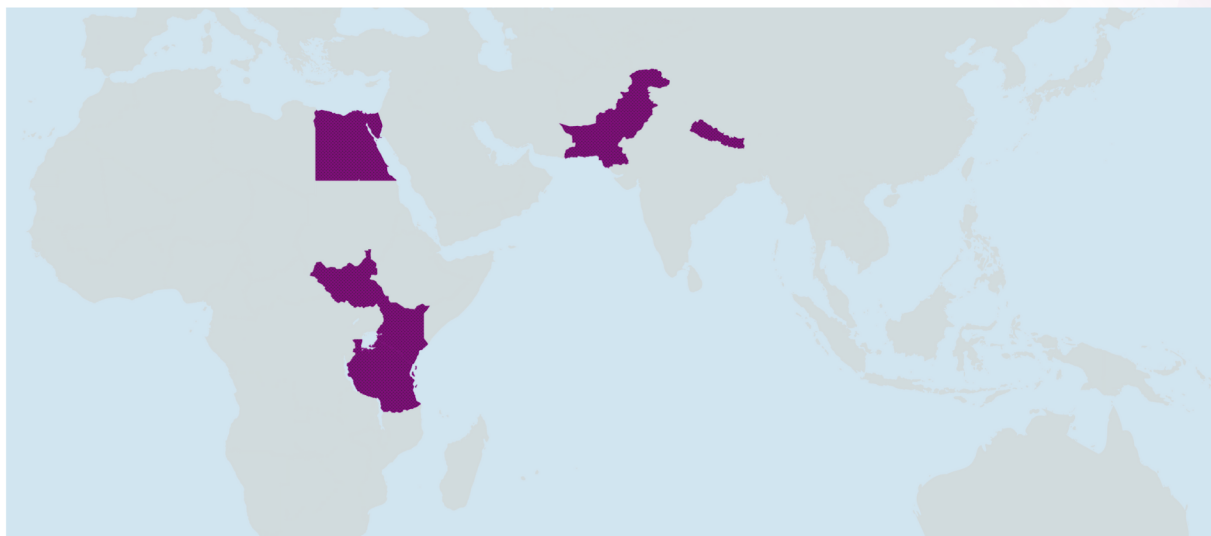
MMA is incredibly grateful to all supporters and partners who have helped to improve the lives of many people over the last 102 years.



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2021-2022 OVERVIEW



Overseas Project Partners

Tanzania

Murgwanza Hospital
Berega Hospital
Jitambue Project - Diocese of Kagera

Pakistan

Tank Hospital

Egypt

Episcocare

Kenya

Hope Movement Mission

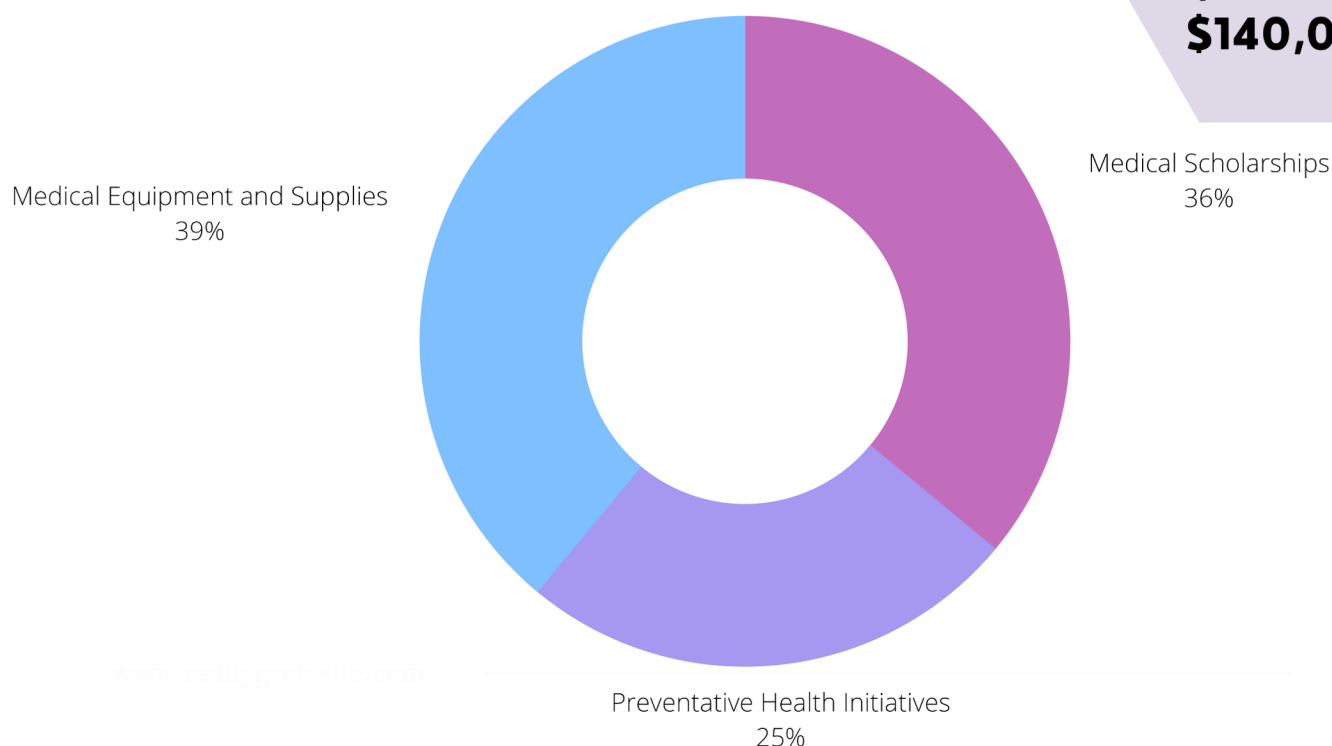
Nepal

DHERSEC
Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital
Minority Focus
Human Development and Community Services
International Nepal Fellowship
UMN Okhaldhunga Hospital

South Sudan

Christian Health Initiatives

**Total
Project
Spend over
\$140,000**



Vision

To see a sustainable improvement in the health of all people in vulnerable communities in developing countries.

Mission

MMA partners with local Christians in developing countries to assist in the advancement of effective healthcare in disadvantaged communities. This is achieved through provision of medical scholarships, grants for medical supplies and supporting locally led preventative health initiatives.

Values

- Christ-Centred - Being committed to upholding the centrality of God in our work and to respond to the Biblical mandate of Jesus to care for the marginalised and vulnerable.
- Compassion - Having empathy with others and striving to understand their lives, experiences, discomfort and suffering, with a willingness to reach out in solidarity.
- Integrity - Being accountable to the people and partners we humbly serve, transparently sharing our results, stories and lessons.
- Sustainability - Investing in projects that empower locals to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Inclusiveness, Equality and Justice - Believing in the equal value of every human being and the importance of respecting and honouring each individual

Board Members



Meryl McEwen
President



Jennifer Bock
Vice President



David Bock
Secretary



Barry Kelly
Treasurer



Cath Beaufort
OAM



William Milton

Message from the President

Meryl McEwen

This past year has continued to see difficulties throughout the world as a result of the pandemic. A number of countries that MMA support have been marred by political instability and more latterly, drought in some areas causing a lack of clean drinking water and corresponding health issues, while Pakistan has recently been experiencing floods challenging the programs there.



Receipt of the official CMA Standards Council accreditation certificate - Meryl McEwen, Shanta Parker, Stephen Kerr (CMA)

In spite of this, God, through MMA, has enabled many programs in the health area to continue and reach out to those in need with commendable results. The work of MMA this past 12 months has continued to be diverse, with scholarships in the area of nursing, dentistry and medicine providing ongoing assurance of good medical programs, alongside community health awareness and training programs. MMA is thankful for the prayers and support of individuals and churches in this vital work. MMA also received a generous bequest ensuring the ongoing work of our project partners.

A highlight this year has been the accreditation of MMA with Christian Ministry Advancement (CMA). This organisation is recognised by the government as ensuring excellent governance of Not for Profit organisations. Many hours were put into gaining this accreditation but all supporters can now be fully assured of best practice in all areas of the organisation.

Particular thanks are due to the efforts of our Executive Director, Shanta Parker, for her enthusiasm and skills in the day to day running of MMA and also her ongoing connections with our overseas partners. Each member of the Board is also to be thanked for their corporate efforts in the ministry of MMA in difficult times and we continue to trust God for his ongoing guidance into the future.

Message from the Executive Director

Shanta Parker

Over the past 102 years, Medical Mission Aid's work has touched thousands of lives. MMA has been working to bring about an improvement in health outcomes and give the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the world the opportunity to reach their potential and live healthy, productive lives. Together with our partners, we seek to strengthen healthcare capacity in developing countries in order to tackle the health challenges of today and those of the future. It is incredibly special for me to read the stories sent by our local partners, and to be able to reflect on the significant impact of our work on individuals, families and communities. Thanks to our loyal supporters and new MMA friends – without you, this would not be possible.

Continuing on from last year, we have enjoyed building partnerships and developing relationships with our overseas partners as well as individuals, churches, schools and other not for profits here in Australia. We have further advanced our internal processes and systems to ensure excellent reporting and record keeping, risk management, diligent governance and accountability. We were recently accredited by the CMA Standards Council, ensuring the trust we have developed over many years continues going forward.

Despite another year of Covid-19 presenting many challenges, we have many reasons to be thankful. We can be thankful that most of our scholarship students were able to finally recommence their training, with many of them finishing with outstanding results, soon to have a huge impact on the health of their impoverished communities. We can be thankful for our incredible overseas partners, who continued, despite many difficulties, to serve the poor, orphans and widows and people with disability. We can be thankful for our faithful supporters, who through their generosity, have given hope to many people and changed lives.

Thank you so much to all who have invested in, supported and prayed for MMA this year. We are extremely grateful.



Autumnfest 2022 - so wonderful it was able to be held in person this year with special guest speakers Dr Dorothy Prentice and Dr Amanda Ward

Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships

Christian Health Initiatives (CHI), South Sudan

Prolonged civil war has decimated South Sudan's health system and health indicators confirm this, with very high maternal and under five mortality rates and low life expectancy. CHI is training students in Clinical Medicine and Midwifery in order to build the capacity of the National healthcare system. It is expected that this will address the fundamental problem of the shortage of healthcare workers at most of the rural and semi-urban healthcare facilities, and ensure access to and availability of basic healthcare services and preventive care for most of the population.

Introducing Ayen Nai Mayen

by Anil Cherian

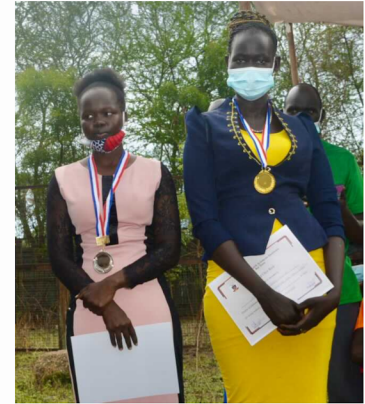
Jonglei State and Upper Nile are two states which were most affected by the 50-year civil war in Sudan. Jonglei State is one of the largest states in the Republic of South Sudan. Even though the people of this state played a vital role in securing the freedom of the southerners (now South Sudan), the state is largely under developed and behind the other states in most of the developmental parameters. Recent research shows that only around 5% of girls complete their primary education and only 2.5% complete secondary school.

Ayen Nai completed her primary education in Malek near Bor. She was one of the five female candidates selected to study Clinical Medicine at the Bor Institute of Health Sciences in Bor Town. Nai proved to be an intelligent student and was consistently at the top of her class from the very beginning. She proved to the people around that women from rural South Sudan are equally capable and can become skilled and competent healthcare providers. While this is true in every part of the world, it is remarkable in a conservative, male dominated society.

Ayen Nai not only performed well academically but was always available to help the other students, especially the other girls. Some of these girls struggled in the first year. But seeing that Ayen Nai was able to perform well convinced them that they could also be equal. As a result, three of the five female students finally emerged among the academically top students.

Ayen Nai topped the National Health Professionals Board Examination and earned an average score of 84% and passed with distinction in all subjects. She also got the highest marks among 300 or more students in Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The success of Ayen Nai clearly shows us that in the last four years, the Jonglei Health Sciences Institute has emerged as one of the best performing health sciences institutes in South Sudan. However, our hope is that with her intelligence and strong work ethic, she will be able to inspire a young generation of Dinka girls to take up sciences in school and become skilled and competent health workers.



Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships

Murgwanza Hospital



Dr Frank specialising in ear, nose and throat (ENT)

Murgwanza hospital is in a very remote community in Tanzania, with the nearest specialist hospital 400 kms away. In order to save lives, Murgwanza Hospital's strategic plan included the training of 6 specialists in the coming years.

MMA has been supporting 3 doctors for the last 3 years, and they will complete their studies this September. Dr Christian will be qualified as a General Surgeon, Dr Deonatis in Internal medicine and Dr Frank as an ENT. All of these doctors have worked extremely hard and this is a wonderful achievement. They will go back to Murgwanza Hospital to provide specialist services that have been unavailable to this remote population. Congratulations to these doctors - they will make a huge difference to the people of this region and surrounding communities.



Dr Deonatus training in Internal Medicine at Bugando Medical Centre

Berega Hospital



Maria completing studies in Nursing

Berega hospital is situated in a poor rural area in the Kilosa District of Morogoro Region in Tanzania. This scholarship program hopes to assist young women and men from poor families to train as medical professionals to lift the students and their families out of poverty and to help build capacity at the hospital.

This year MMA awarded scholarships to seven students studying clinical medicine and nursing.

The Berega Institute of Health Sciences has recently received accreditation for a pharmacy and social work course, and MMA look forward to supporting students in these areas in the future.

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I would like to convey my sincere gratitude for the support made by MMA towards my nursing course. I started this course in 2019 when I was very naive in the field. The support made by MMA through Berega Hospital at Berega Institute of Health Sciences instilled knowledge in me such that now I can provide care to patients like conducting deliveries, drug administration, monitor vital signs, counselling patients infected by HIV/AIDS, vaccinate clients who need of vaccination for Corona. Also I am able to provide services to the elderly and children as well. On completion of my studies in early September in this year I expect to work at Berega Hospital.

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Maria

Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships

Minority Focus

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"I am very much grateful to Minority Focus and its inbound partner MMA for financial and encouraging supports to me during my studies. Please pray for me. I dreamed to initiate a Pharmacy Company in the future soon I obtain my Diploma Certificate and license from the government. Please pray for me for the initiation of the company in near future, till that time I will keep engaged on this sector. I long to be a leading Pharmacy with justifiable costs of medicines so that our community can be served better.

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Som serving his community

Minority Focus, a faith based organization, began operations in 1985 with a purpose of providing partial scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain further education in technical, medical and vocational sectors. Their mission is to equip Christian students to become qualified leaders at all levels of society, and to impact communities and ultimately lead Nepal towards becoming a thriving nation. Medical Mission Aid has been involved in the training of students from poor economic backgrounds in the fields of Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, General Medicine and Hospital Administration.

Human Development and Community Services (HDCS)

"Our hospitals are located in the rural part of Nepal. Many health professionals don't want to go to the rural area of Nepal to provide health services. In this scenario, when we provide scholarships to our staff or their children and talented students from poor families, then they are motivated to serve through our rural hospitals. Our previous experience is that they have a long term commitment with us for providing services."

Mr Sharma, ED HDCS

Monica



Poonam



Poonam is wheelchair bound due to a spinal cord injury. She is a key member of the Green Pastures Hospital pastoral care department, particularly in empowering and counselling others with spinal cord injuries and teaching practical skills.

Unfortunately, she has had little opportunity for formal training and therefore, MMA is supporting Poonam as she studies a three-year accredited diploma course in counselling run by the Elijah Counselling Training Centre in Kathmandu. Poonam will make a significant difference in the lives of those with challenging physical and mental needs, and stigma due to conditions such as spinal cord injury, leprosy, and end-stage disease.

UMN - Okhaldunga Hospital

Ansumala completed her medical studies last year and finished her one year internship in July 2022. She has recently married and will go with her husband to Okhaldunga Hospital in remote Nepal to start her career as a doctor, making a difference in many lives and inspiring other girls to follow their dreams to become a doctor.



Preventative Health Initiatives

Jitambue Project

Excerpt from report by Thomas,
Project Co-ordinator



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"Providing youth with a life skills education is essential, and they should be exposed to this education at an early age. Due to cultural and nature of education in Tanzania, access to information with regard to reproductive health by the youth and vulnerable groups in the Tanzania particularly in Ngara District has been a serious issue. Most information on sexual and reproductive health and rights is not talked either by parents, guardian and teachers. In a generation driven by lack of access to information, the exclusion of vulnerable people from vital information means that they are further pushed into frustration, poverty, early pregnancies, destitution and contraction of HIV and STIs. So young people need to acquire life skills that will help them to cope with the challenges they face.

These life skills include learning about proper hygiene, reproductive health, pregnancy, sexual abuse, male and female relationship, making right decisions, communication skills and many more. The Diocese of Kagera through Jitambue Project aims to bridge this gap in education, by structuring activities that will expose young people and students to these essential lessons and skills."

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Care of Orphans

Hope Movement Missions (HMM) was founded by Pastor Fredrick over 25 years ago to care for the many orphans and widows around the Bungoma area in Kenya. There are currently 220 orphans in home-based care. However, many did not have basic necessities, such as mattresses and blankets, and this was resulting in regular illness, including pneumonia.

Last year, MMA provided treated mosquito nets to reduce the incidence of malaria, as well as provision of funding for a borehole, resulting in the community having clean drinking water for the first time. This year, MMA has provided blankets and mattresses for 100 orphans. As a result, prevalence of disease has significantly dropped by as much as 60% and there has been an improvement in emotional and psychological health, as well as school performance.



Women's Health

MMA is partnering with Episcocare in a Women's Health program to improve the health and wellbeing of refugees from Syria and Sudan, as well as women and children from 6 slum communities in Egypt. This program is focusing on education around reproductive health and raising healthy children. The awareness sessions are also addressing sexual harassment and domestic violence and its effects, especially on young children, with ideas on prevention and response. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is also being discussed to increase the understanding of the complications of this practice and its serious psychological and physical effects on girls.

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When S and her daughters travelled to Upper Egypt to visit her relatives there, her husband's family tried to circumcise her daughters. However, S refused and managed to persuade her husband to protect his daughters. According to S, "my husband agreed with me and refuse our daughters circumcision."

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Care of people with disability

Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital



MMA sent funds for a new Operating Room light for the Obstetric Delivery Room last financial year. It finally arrived this year- no more baby deliveries in the dark or by torchlight!



MMA continues to support Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, one of the world's busiest Leprosy hospitals. Together with funds to further train their exceptional staff, MMA contributed towards new wheelchairs, newborn weighing scales, a neonatal phototherapy light, baby cots, a humidicrib and a foetal heart monitor.

DHERSEC

Disabled and Helpless Rehabilitation Service Centre (DHERSEC) is a non-profit organisation in Nepal, established in June 2006 with a vision to support people with disability (PWD) as well as those living in extreme poverty. There is no medicare in Nepal, nor NDIS/disability allowances, so extremely underprivileged people are not able to receive medical care as even the public health system is not free. This is Prince's story...

Prince comes from a very poor family and lives in a squatters area in the Terai region of Nepal. His family are of the scheduled (or 'untouchable') caste, who experience inequality and discrimination at every level of their daily lives, limiting their employment and educational opportunities.

Six month old Prince was born with Myelomeningocele - the most severe type of spina bifida. He had a fluid-filled sac protruding from his back that contained part of his spinal cord and nerves. Spina bifida can cause symptoms such as muscle weakness, loss of bladder or bowel control, and/or paralysis. Prince also had Hydrocephalus - extra fluid in and around the brain, causing increased pressure on the brain. If this pressure wasn't relieved, it may have interfered with normal brain growth and development and possibly have led to permanent damage in the brain.

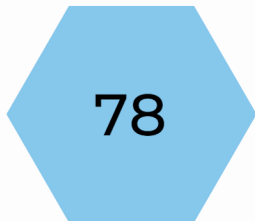
People from Prince's community approached DHERSEC, asking for help. With DHERSEC's support, life saving surgery to close the spinal defect and drain excess fluid from his brain was successfully completed.



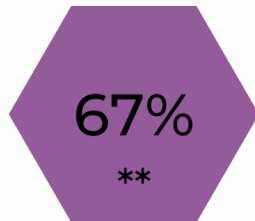
MMA IMPACT IN NUMBERS

Scholarships

Total number of Scholarships

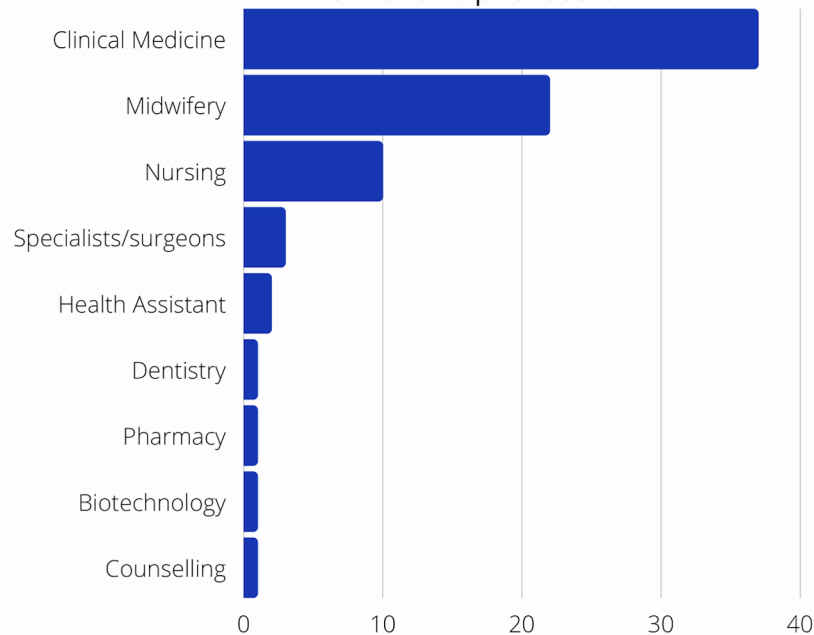


% Scholarships awarded to women

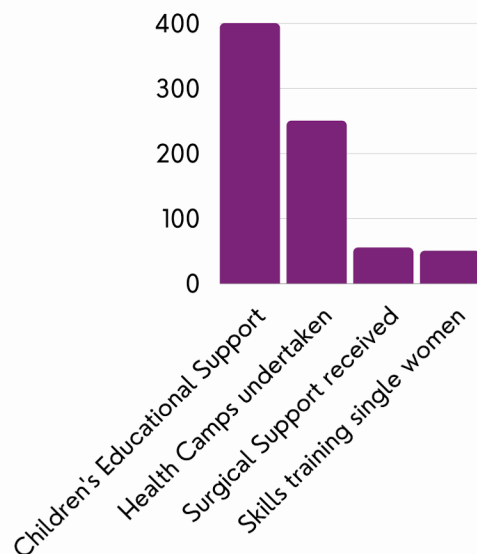


** Excluding South Sudan - currently at 28% female. This is a significant challenge for our local partners. In Jonglei state, only 5% of girls complete primary education and only 2-3 % of girls go on to complete their high school and undertake study in university.

% Scholarships allocated to different professions



People with Disabilities



Funding given for wheelchairs, newborn weighing scales, neonatal phototherapy light, baby cots, humidicrib and Foetal Heart Monitors

Preventative Health Initiatives

6224

Youth trained in Reproductive Health and Life Skills

209

Women educated on prevention of female genital mutilation and sexual harassment in Egypt

150

Orphans received mattresses and blankets to help prevent illness including pneumonia

MMA FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Barry Kelly

We are extremely grateful that our members and donors have continued to support MMA through the last financial year.

MMA is pleased to support worthwhile projects in Africa and Asia.

All donations received were spent on these projects, with the shortfall and other operating costs being covered by income received from other sources (government grants and investment returns) and by dipping into MMA's reserves.

2022 FY Income and Expenditure

Total revenue was recorded at \$626 thousand (k) for the 2022 Financial Year (FY) which was substantially up on the prior year due to a generous bequest from Betty Huston.

- Donations, which were up by 13% on the previous year, represented 72% of MMA's on-going revenue.
- The returns from MMA's investment portfolio represented 12% of our on-going revenue, down on last year reflecting the 2022 investment market.
- The Victorian Government's COVID Boost for small business support represented 11%.
- Other income, which mainly reflects the sum of incoming and outgoing payments associated with a legacy Op Shop matter, represented 6%.

Total expenditure for the 2022 FY was \$226k, 7% lower than the previous year.

- Project funds distributed to partners amounted to \$142k
- Employment, operating & administrative costs totalled \$78k, a similar cost to 2021 FY.

As a result, MMA reported a 2022 FY surplus of \$400k compared to a deficit of \$41k in 2021 FY.

MMA 2022 Financial Report Extract – Statement of Profit & Loss

Medical Mission Aid Inc.

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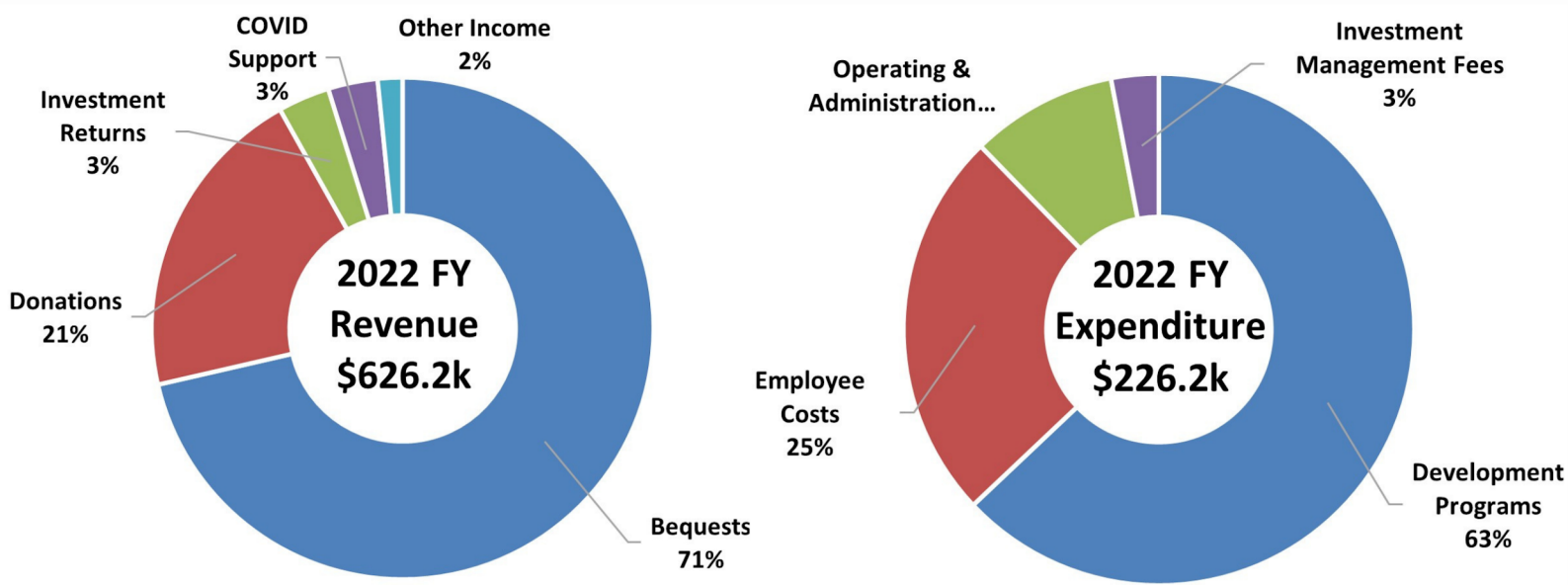
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

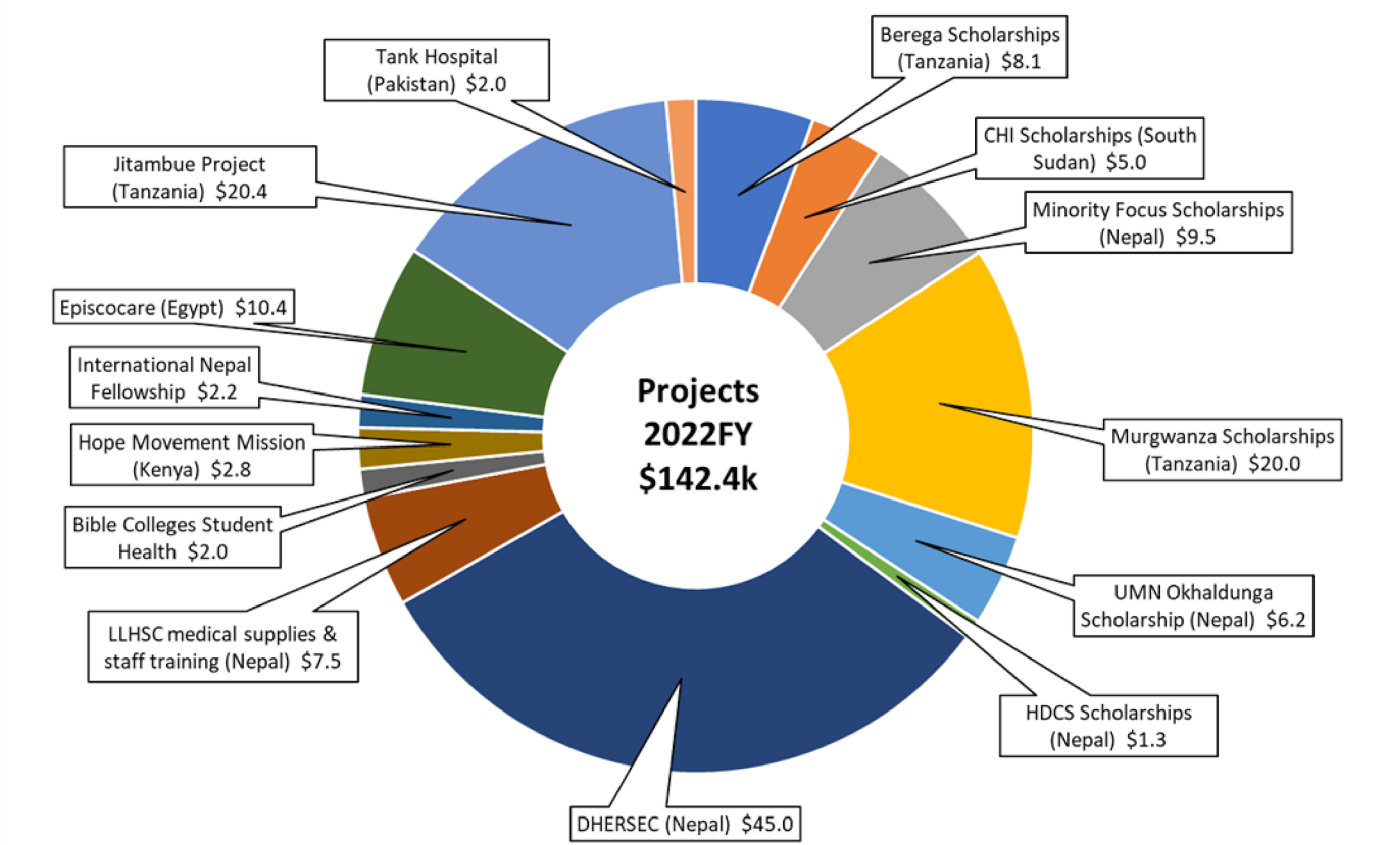
	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	2	626,244	202,614
Aid and development program expenditure		(142,408)	(160,536)
Employee benefits expenditure		(55,992)	(51,490)
Operating and administration expenditure		(20,986)	(26,982)
Investment management fees		(6,813)	(4,930)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		400,045	(41,324)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		400,045	(41,324)

MMA's 2022 Financial Performance in Charts

The following charts present MMA's sources of income and expenditure incurred as a proportion of the total income received and the total MMA spend.



The following chart summarises the projects which MMA supported during 2022 FY and the value (\$'000) of MMA's payment to each of the projects.



Thank You



Your prayers and support for the work of Medical Mission Aid and its partners are very much appreciated.

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