

# DIRECTORS REPORT 2019

## International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust



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transformed lives, changed communities

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# Annual Report of International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust for the year ended 31 December 2019

## ***About Us***

### Registration

International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust (INHAT) is registered in New Zealand under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and the Charities Act 2005 (charity registration CC50312).

### Purpose

INHAT connects partners in effective child assistance and community development programs:

Our vision to *transform lives and change communities*, with the inspiration and love that comes from Jesus Christ. International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust is a Christian aid and development organisation, committed to restoring the lives of those in the poorest countries of the world. Based on its Christ centered values and over 45 years of professional expertise, International Needs New Zealand Humanitarian Aid Trust is a subsidiary of International Needs New Zealand and help empower local nationals to connect communities worldwide with love, hope and freedom.

Through the closely related organisation International Needs New Zealand, INHAT has access to International Needs Incorporated, a partnership linking Christian organisations around the world. Within that network, INHAT undertakes projects for the relief of poverty and economic distress through community development. Projects aim for social, educational, health and self-sustainability outcomes for individuals and communities alike.

## Guiding principles

In carrying out its aims and purposes, INHAT operates within guiding principles:

- Inspiration, leadership and essential expertise in programmes comes from nationals
- Valid community development addresses cause rather than treating symptoms
- Beneficiaries are encouraged to participate and contribute within their means
- Effective community development is aimed at the poor and underprivileged groups, particularly women and children to contribute significantly to wellbeing and self-reliance
- Valid partnerships promote interdependence
- Fiscal integrity (sound stewardship and proper accountability) and commitment to excellence are central to successful programmes

## Governance

INHAT is governed by a board of trustees, usually consisting of eight persons: Peter Sara (chair), David Hughes (vice-chair), Malcolm Taylor (treasurer), Robyn Cotton, Daniel Gibbons, Sarah Markley, Geoff Warne (secretary) and Rabena Tanielu. INHAT is administered on a day to day basis by International Needs New Zealand.

## Code of conduct

International Needs is a member of the Council for International Development and commits to the adherence of its Code of Conduct. Persons wishing to lodge feedback about INHAT's conduct can do so by contacting the Executive Director [director@internationalneeds.org.nz](mailto:director@internationalneeds.org.nz) or the Chair [chairman@internationalneeds.org.nz](mailto:chairman@internationalneeds.org.nz). Alternatively, feedback whether good or indifferent, can be lodged through the Code Committee of the Council for International Development at [code@cid.org.nz](mailto:code@cid.org.nz).

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## INNZ Chair's Report

Last year my wife Jan and I met one of the you students that we support at the Sano Diyo girl's home in North East India. It has been an absolute privilege to have supported her over these years and see how she has grown and developed into such an amazing young woman. From a life that was destined for poverty, supporting her through the International Needs sponsorship model, helped to change this. She is now currently training to be a lawyer and a judge in India. She will be a woman of influence to be sure.



For those supporters in New Zealand who support the funding and care of not only this young women, but many other students in other nations, may I say "good investment".

On this trip, we also travelled to Nepal. On this trip we were taken to one of the local villages to see a water well that was dug and supported by New Zealanders. As we gathered the well, local villagers and the local water well committee could not contain their expressions of gratitude for the generosity of New Zealand donors, who understand that water is life. This was a good investment!

On your behalf, I passed on your good wishes and responded to their thanks by saying that as their friends it was our privilege to help out.

There are many such opportunities for us to make a difference in the lives of others.

Pope Francis said, "Living for others is a rule of nature, we are all born to help each other"

Thank you for answering the call to do what you can.



Peter Sara

Chair

Dear valued friends of International Needs.

Thank you to all our supporters throughout New Zealand, helping us to impact some of the poorest communities around the world.

For over 45 years, International Needs has not only helped to transform the lives of those in need, but has impacted communities by empowering them to be the instrument of change within their own.

Your generosity, enthusiasm and commitment has been instrumental to helping us see this change.

In 2019, New Zealanders supported over 1,800 students to get educated. They were also fed and had access to quality health care. Not only are these students receiving quality education, but their lives are continually improving through other International Needs development work in providing fresh water, sanitation vocational training to their mothers and fathers, which improves the family situation.

Over this past year, we have partnered with locals to provide access to clean water throughout communities in Nepal and Uganda. We continue to witness the growth of schools, community facilities and health services in Uganda, Bangladesh, Nepal and the Philippines. Along with these wonderful community initiatives, we are privileged to see women and children being empowered and equipped through our development of programmes in Nepal, Ghana, Bangladesh and Fiji.

International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust believes in the calling of loving thy neighbour. This love can be shared in many forms, however equipping and empowering local nationals to look after their own people, shows that we are serious about making a difference. All initiatives are locally led by our partners, who know the needs of their own people.

We sincerely appreciate your faithfulness and encouragement over the years and on behalf of the many people that we serve, thank you for being part of our International Needs story.



*Shaun Sutcliffe*

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Director

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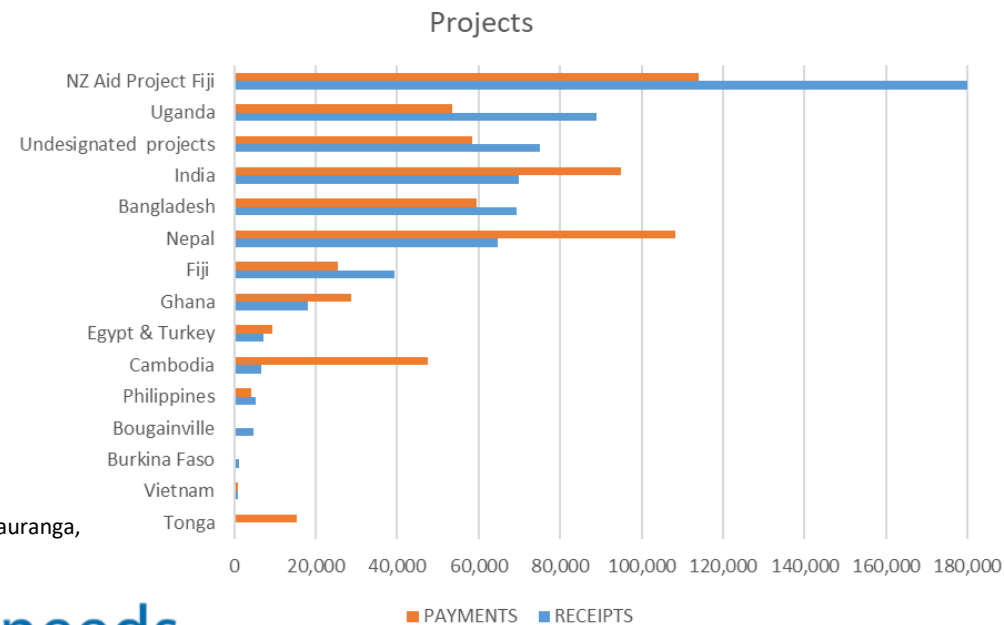
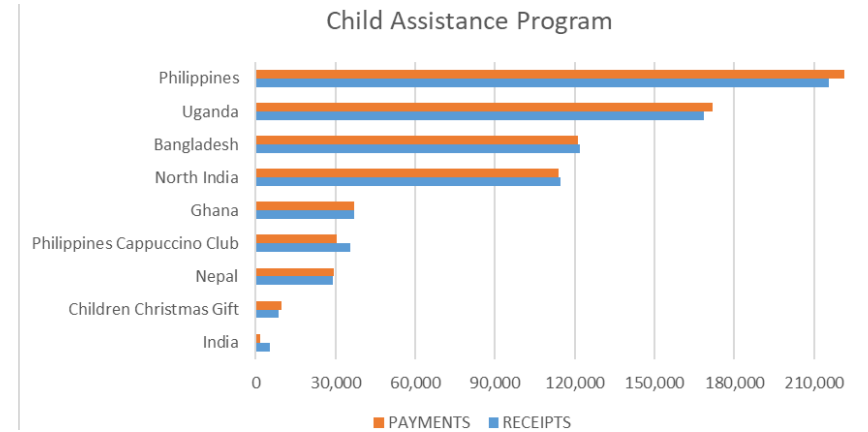
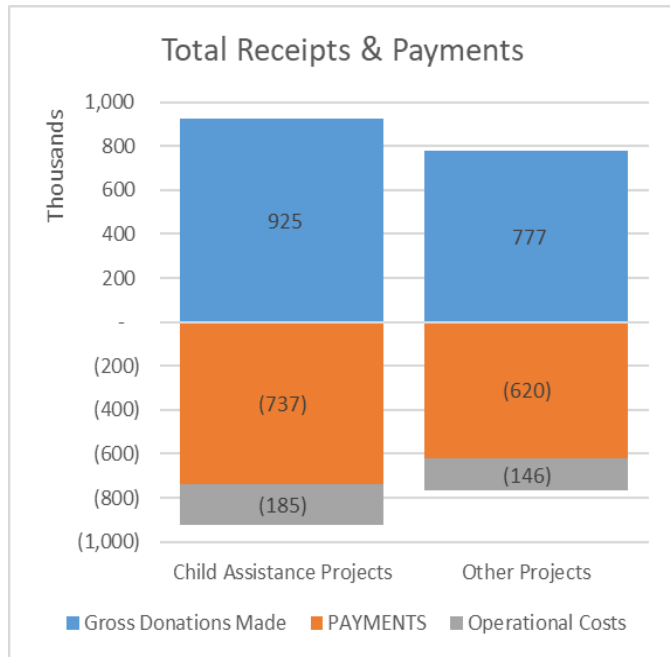


# 2019 Financial Summary

During 2019 International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust received the following in donations:

- More than \$1,571,040 was generously donated by New Zealanders. This contribution helped see communities changed and was used for the work INHAT does in aid and development, as well as child support programmes, across fourteen countries around the world.
- Throughout the year over \$1,357,082 was distributed to areas of work that INHAT supports.
- INNZ deducts an operational fee from donations made to INHAT supported initiatives.

This fee equated to about 19.5% of the total funds received. This is used to cover administration and office expenses and to ensure INHAT maintains its high level of professionalism and accuracy.



A full set of audited financial statements may be obtained by contacting the International Needs office in Tauranga, or from Charities Services' website, or through our website [www.innz.org.nz](http://www.innz.org.nz)

# 2019 AT A GLANCE

For many people living in poverty-stricken areas of the world, even hoping for a better future is a strange concept. Being part of a global family who believe in hope and do not accept the status quo, International Needs aims to empower locals to help their own who they identify are in the greatest need.

Working directly with families in some of the poorest, most rural areas of our world, our partners believe that to make real change, it is necessary to do more than just meet immediate needs. We therefore offer solutions that will generate income, increase employment opportunities, provide clean water & sanitation as well as enable access to affordable healthcare and education for generations to come.

[International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust, focusses its support in five key thematic service areas:](#)

Economic Empowerment & Livelihoods programme

Aid & relief

Education / Child Assistance

Health & Sanitisation

Human Rights support



# Economic Empowerment



Economic empowerment provides opportunities for people to break free from the endless cycle of poverty

International Needs economic empowerment programs provide pathways for moving above the poverty line. We are specifically passionate about providing centered around gender based empowerment.

Learning marketable skills, having the opportunity to start a small business, and living free from human trafficking are all vital parts of building a safe and sustainable future. International Needs prioritizes programs to provide vulnerable women and refugees an opportunity to gain a brighter future.

*Communities want to be in a stronger position, without the need to depend on others to survive. To support them in this goal, we must invest in income-generation for the most vulnerable populations and focus on improving food security and agricultural productivity. Studies have shown that agricultural productivity growth has a substantial impact on poverty reduction, especially across Africa and Asia. - INAU*

INHAT aims for women and girls to be economically independent. Participating in decision making, holding positions of leadership and living free from violence. Women are disproportionately represented amongst the world's extreme poor, and research indicates that when more income is put into the hands of women, child nutrition, health and education improves.

Women could increase their income globally by up to 76% if the employment participation and wage gaps between women and men were closed

Centre for Empowerment and Enterprise Development (CEED): The vocational centre empowers girls and women with skills in Fashion Design & Garment Construction, Cosmetology, Beauty Therapy and Hospitality Management. It aims to see women empowered by skilled training to be economically and socially independent and secure enabling them to contribute to the development of society.

The Centre enrolment for 2019 was 107 girls and women



Trainees using the new industrial Machines





# Aid & Relief



International Needs partners with local churches connected to our programs and projects operating within our partner countries to provide support refugees who are seeking a place of security and a chance to begin again. When disaster strikes, we quickly mobilize and provide resources to our partner country staff so they are able to respond directly to the needs experienced by the affected communities.

## Problem Statistic

Today, over 68 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide.

In behalf of Lipa village, we would like to extend to INPH through your kind and generous heart. Our deepest and heartfelt thanks for your sent aid/assistance to our less fortunate victims of Taal volcano eruption here in Batangas particularly the people of Talisay and Laurel.

Once again, the recipients of your blessings were much appreciated and marked gladness amongst their hearts and faces. - Rev. Delfin J. Angad



## Relief funds

THROUGHOUT 2019, INHAT DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$80,000 TO HELP PROVIDE AID AND RELIEF TO OUR PARTNERS IN THE PHILIPPINES, BANGLADESH, EGYPT, TURKEY AND BOUGAINVILLE.

Pictured – food distribution to 5,000 people in Dhaka after fires devastated more than 50,000 homes in Aug 2019



Because of your generosity, together with the local Church, we were able to extend and purchase school supplies, blankets, and grocery cash card for 25 refugees' families from Syria, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. – Antuan - Turkey

# Education



## Every child deserves an education

Empowering children through education is the key to a bright and productive future. Education helps individuals break out of the trap of poverty and injustice and creates opportunities to maximize their God-given potential.

International Needs makes connections between people who are passionate about education, and children, students, and adults who need an education. Through education, we all make an investment to change communities for Jesus Christ. Education programs include child sponsorships, school facilities, technology tools, teacher support, and scholarships for post-secondary school students.

## Problem Statistic

More than 250 million children around the world are not in school.



“Life was tough and we often went hungry, but things started changing when I received sponsorship through International Needs. My tuition, uniform, and books were kindly provided by my sponsor. As a result, my school performance improved, and I was determined to use this opportunity to change my destiny and that of my family.

Thank God, I have achieved my goal! I now have a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. I owe this achievement to my sponsors, to my aunt Sarah who gave me a shoulder to cry on, and to my mother who stood by me through thick and thin.”

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*With your help, more than 1,700 students are being educated through the International Needs Child Assistance Program. Many more are seeking to be supported, so that they too can get a quality education and better future.*

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*Our aim, is that every child is able to realise and claim their rights around education and protection from all forms of abuse. These underpin our belief that every child has the right to a quality education, as it’s a key tool in breaking the cycle of poverty.*

*Just one extra year of schooling increases an individual’s earnings by up to 10%, and up to 20% for girls. A child whose mother can read is 50% more likely to live past the age of five – Justus Miwanda INUG.*

# Health & Sanitation



With the gospel in one hand and compassion in the other, International Needs works around the world to reach local people for Christ through local people.

When a person has access to basic healthcare, safe drinking water, and sanitation, everything about their life is improved.

International Needs works to provide access to basic healthcare, clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education to communities where vulnerable people live. The need is great, and resources are scarce. Support from people like you makes all this possible!

## Problem Statistic

Water related illness kills one in five children under five years of age every year.



Better health care, both preventative and curative, contributes significantly to poverty reduction. For example, child malnutrition accounts for 45% of the mortality in children under 5 years. We know that investments in health reduce disease, and reducing disease has proven positive economic effects such as increased school attendance and greater labour productivity.

INHAT is passionate about children growing into their potential, so we invest in projects like WASH (water, sanitation & Hygiene) so that children and families can live healthier lives.

More than \$80,000 was sent by New Zealanders throughout 2019 to support WASH programs in Ghana, Uganda and Nepal.

*"We are so happy to have safe water to drink! We will not fall sick and miss classes. Everyone is happy about that." - Adric*

# Human Rights Support



Human Rights

Girls and women in many countries are often viewed and treated as second class citizens. Whilst this attitude is changing in a lot of urban centres, in many rural communities, these views still persist. Many families view educating women as unnecessary and are therefore unwilling to spend money on formal education for their daughters. Often women are instead expected to begin work or marry and begin a family at a young age. As a result, many of these women have only basic levels of education. With a lack of education some are sold into slavery, some resort to prostitution and others beg, just to feed their children.

## Problem Statistic

It is estimated that 2/3 of women on the planet are not educated, with 58% being illiterate.

Today, International Needs partners in Ghana, Uganda, Nepal, Bangladesh, Fiji, Cambodia, Vietnam, India and Egypt help many of the liberated girls by providing education and vocational training. Many girls are unable to return home due to local stigma, therefore attending IN vocational training and teaching centre's helps them to support themselves.

At all IN vocational training centre, women can take free training courses to learn new skills to help them make a living. The girls are also taught about human rights issues, including violence against women and about reproductive health.



Chab Dai is a legal firm fighting to abolish slavery by prosecuting suspected traffickers.

Funds raised are to support and fund one lawyer and one lawyer assistant annually.

Chab Dai has also formed a Cambodian Coalition with 51 national and international organisations who are also working on the frontlines to abolish slavery. Together they are raising the standard of care for victims, survivors and those at risk of being exploited.

"We seek to end all forms of abuse and modern slavery globally by building a movement to empower communities, to strengthen systems, and to restore justice and wellbeing with survivors"-Chab Dai

# NZ Aid Projects

*In partnership with the Ministry of Foreign affairs and trade, International Needs Fiji started a new NZ Aid project, called the Solo Mums Programme*

Supporting this empowerment and livelihoods programme, MFAT has agreed to co-fund this project over a four-year term

The Solo mums project has captured the hearts of many New Zealanders who are encouraged that they can help make a difference to their pacific neighbours.

Each year up to 20 young mothers are enrolled in a five-month course that provides them with the life skills and ability to establish their own business or give them the confidence to seek suitable employment. Not only are they equipped with these life changing skills, the team helps to provide support to the mothers through counselling, guidance and ongoing child rearing mentoring. Whilst the mothers learn and train, their children are well looked after by the IN FIJI day care team onsite.

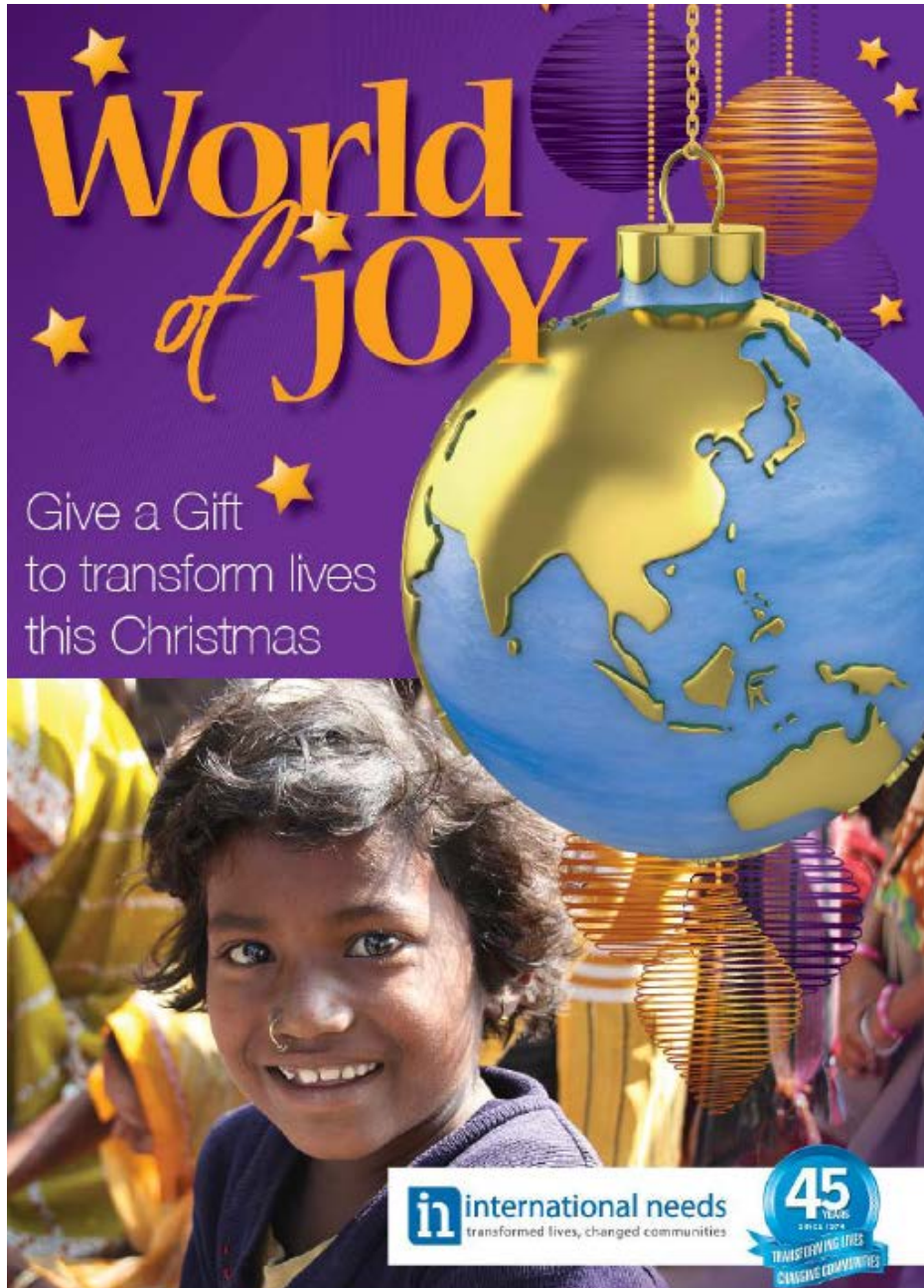
Thank you MFAT for your support and contribution to this life changing programme



***The Solo Mothers Programme - a socio and economic empowerment program for single mothers living in informal settlements within the greater Suva to Navua areas of Fiji.***



## Other Projects and Initiatives in 2019



During 2019 INHAT also supported other initiatives in providing support to our partners. This included

Flooding in Bougainville during a heavy rain season in September

Dhaka Slum Fires – Aug 2019

Taal Volcano eruption in the Philippines

Ongoing support for Syrian refugees in Turkey

Support of Tongan National Youth Centre – School is my friend programme

Support of Mosquito nets in Burkina Faso and Bangladesh to help prevent malaria

Provision of goats in Uganda villages to encourage animal husbandry and livelihoods programme.



*A lot of great initiatives were supported throughout 2019. This included our Christmas appeal catalogue, that helped to provide much needed assistance to vulnerable families and children.*

# Thank you to all those that make it happen

The staff team:

In all seasons, the Lord strengthens and prepares us for what is to come. 2019 did not go without its challenges and it was an absolute pleasure serving INNZ as the director throughout 2019 and looking forward to what 2020 has in store for us.

My warmest thanks to the staff team of Angela Heyward (Executive Assistant), Angela Smart (Accounts), Bev Lee (Accounts), Rachel Honeybone, Jen Missen & Elizabeth McManus (sponsorship).

A special thank you to Gail Halsted, who retired in February 2020. Gail had served more than 11 years at International Needs, working in our accounts department.

Thank you to our volunteers, they help us with fundraising, administrative tasks and help spread the word about the wonderful work International Needs is doing throughout the world. Over 8,000 letters per year are processed and sent out by our faithful volunteers.

A big thank you goes especially to Zhuming Lam who looks after our website; and to Rob Wayne who heads our community development programme.

