

Summary Annual Report 2009/10

motivation australia

Motivation Australia is a not for profit disability and development organisation that works in partnership with local organisations to enhance the quality of life of people with mobility disabilities in the Asia Pacific region, including rural and remote Australia.

Introduction

Welcome to Motivation Australia's third annual report which we hope will both inform you about our work and inspire you to continue supporting us. We are proud of our achievements, and would like to thank those who have helped us throughout the year including our members for their support and voluntary input; each member of Motivation Australia's board for strategic advice and input; and of course our donors for both their financial and advisory support.

Most importantly, Motivation Australia recognises that our work depends upon our close partnerships with local organisations and the commitment of key individuals within these organisations. We are continually impressed by the efforts of our partners who achieve so much in often very challenging contexts and highly value their knowledge, perspective and expertise.

This year we have continued to work with partners ASSERT in East Timor; the First People's Disability Network in Australia; the Community Based Rehabilitation Unit in the Solomon Islands; the National Orthotics and Prosthetics Service in Papua New Guinea, the Sirindhorn National Medical Rehabilitation Service in Thailand; the Tungaru Rehabilitation Service and Te Toa Matoa in Kiribati. We are developing new partnerships within the region and hope to be able to work with, amongst others, the Assembly of People with a Disability Papua New Guinea and the Vanuatu Society for People with a Disability in the future.



I hope that you enjoy reading the highlights of our year. For more information on any of our programmes, please visit www.motivation.org.au

James Davidson
Chairperson
Motivation Australia Development
Organisation

Vision and mission

Our vision is of a world in which disabled people are included and fully participate in all aspects of life.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of people with mobility disabilities in the Asia Pacific region, including rural and remote Australia.

Our work

Our work is about ensuring that local people have the skills to build and provide appropriate mobility equipment and services for people with disabilities in their communities. We seek to remove the obstacles that prevent women, men, girls and boys with a disability from living full and equal lives. Human rights frame our work, which is divided into four overlapping areas: **Survival, Mobility, Empowerment and Inclusion.**

Survival

In low-income countries, 75% of people who experience a spinal cord injury die within 18 months of their injury. The primary causes of death are two easily preventable complications: pressure sores and urinary tract infections. However, drastic improvements in survival are possible through simple, low-cost interventions. Motivation Australia is working to reduce the incidence of pressure sores amongst wheelchair users at risk. We train local staff how to fit and prescribe a low cost pressure relief cushion and provide education for wheelchair users about how they can prevent the development of a pressure sore. These simple interventions can literally save lives.

Martin, who has a spinal cord injury, received a Motivation Worldmade Wheelchair in February 2009. At that time he had a pressure sore under his seat bone, which had troubled him for years. Within months of receiving his new wheelchair with a properly fitted pressure relief cushion Martin's sore healed. In addition, his new wheelchair has not broken down once. Previously Martin lost at least one day each month in sick leave from his job as administrator at the Port in Honiara, either treating his pressure sores or dealing with wheelchair repairs.



Martin said "My work colleagues ask me 'where did you get that wheelchair? It looks great' which makes me very proud."

Mobility

Motivation Australia believes that mobility is an essential human right that enables people to achieve inclusion in all aspects of life. **The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 20 million people requiring a wheelchair do not have one.**

Our programmes aim to improve access to appropriate wheelchairs for women, men, girls and boys. With our partners we address the three essential elements of effective

- wheelchair provision:
- appropriate products,
- local and sustainable wheelchair services,
- training to ensure that local people have the skills to provide wheelchairs.

Our work is closely aligned with the approach and standards outlined in the WHO Guidelines on the Provision of Wheelchairs in Less Resourced Settings.

Before receiving a wheelchair through our partners in the Solomon Islands, Melody, who has severe arthritis, was reliant upon crutches. She said that it had become increasingly difficult and painful for her to move around her house and continue to look after her brother who has had a stroke.



Melody said: "With my new wheelchair I have more energy and can now take better care of my brother. I plan to go back to Church and work in my garden."

Empowerment

All people have the right to take control over the decisions that affect their lives. **Yet many disabled people are viewed as objects of charity, which means other people often make decisions for them.** Motivation Australia works to empower people with a disability, building their belief in themselves and capacity to take control over their own lives.

Motivation Australia encourages the active participation of people with a disability in key roles. For example in East Timor, two wheelchair users who participated in a 'Peer Group Training Camp' in 2008 have gone on to become peer group trainers working at ASSERT to provide mobility skills training to new wheelchair users. We plan to continue to develop peer group training in the region and have secured funding to introduce peer group training in the Solomon Islands, working with the Community Based Rehabilitation Unit and the National Disabled Person's Organisation - People with a Disability Solomon Islands.

Inclusion

All people with a disability should enjoy the right to be included in all aspects of life. **Yet in many countries people with a disability are excluded from social and economic activities on a daily basis.** Many are not able to even leave their homes because of inaccessible streets, buildings and transportation.

Motivation Australia provides women, men, girls and boys with a mobility disability with the tools they need to be mobile – an essential first step in enabling inclusion. For many, removing the barrier of a lack of mobility has enabled greater inclusion including accessing school, community activities and work.

Our achievements in 2010

Australia

Motivation Australia frequently receives requests from rehabilitation service providers in Australia for more appropriate wheelchairs to meet the needs of wheelchair users living in rural and remote communities.

We have supplied four Worldmade Wheelchairs to the Alice Springs Seat Clinic, which will be prescribed to Seat Clinic clients for trial in the near future. We are looking forward to receiving feedback from the Seat Clinic and their clients about the suitability of these wheelchairs in their context. We plan to explore in partnership with the First People's Disability Network (Australia), Australian rehabilitation services, and other organisations how we can help to enhance wheelchair provision in less resourced settings in Australia.



Motivation Australia has also introduced a low cost Sports Wheelchair in Australia. The Sports Wheelchair was designed by Motivation in collaboration with the International Tennis Federation and the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation.

Originally intended to support the development of wheelchair sports in low income countries, we have been delighted by the interest amongst Australian wheelchair sports associations keen for affordable opportunities to increase the number of wheelchair users able to participate in wheelchair sports in Australia. Sports Wheelchair sales in Australia help fund our programmes in less resourced settings.

East Timor

Our partners ASSERT in East Timor have continued meeting the mobility needs of wheelchair users in East Timor through their wheelchair service initiated in 2007. To enhance the wheelchair service capacity of ASSERT, two of their newly graduated physiotherapists completed a two week course in basic wheelchair service delivery at the Mobility India Training and Research Institute in Bangalore. Our joint focus in 2010 – 2011 will be building ASSERT's capacity to provide effective mobility and supportive seating for children with cerebral palsy.

Kiribati

This year has seen the initiation of a wheelchair service in Kiribati, thanks to Motivation Australian donors who supported the purchase of appropriate wheelchairs; the hard work of our partners in Kiribati; and in-country support by two Australian Volunteer International volunteers.

Two island outreach visits have been implemented, with further trips planned for the remainder of 2010. The logistics in arranging island outreach are complex and the costs relatively high. However in every one of the 33 islands in Kiribati there are wheelchair users

who are without a wheelchair and are unable to reach the main island. Our programme in Kiribati has a strong community focus; and aims to build the capacity of our local partners to support wheelchair users within their own communities. We plan to continue to work with the Tungaru Rehabilitation Service and Te Toa Matoa to explore sustainable ways to continue to meet the needs of wheelchair users in Kiribati.

Australian Volunteers International volunteer working with Tungaru Rehabilitation Service physiotherapist to fit a Worldmade Wheelchair for a member of Te Toa Matoa.



Papua New Guinea

Our partners the National Orthotics and Prosthetics Service (NOPS) in PNG have continued their wheelchair service, initiated in 2005 and operating in five locations throughout the country. Of all our partners, NOPS have been providing wheelchairs the longest and also have considerable experience in the provision of lower limb prosthetics. Motivation Australia, NOPS and the Assembly of People with a Disability PNG plan to carry out an in-depth analysis of the way in which people with a disability access mobility equipment services. We aim to identify the differences in the experience of accessing these services for men and women, boys and girls – including identifying what barriers women and girls in particular may face and how these barriers can be reduced.

Solomon Islands

With our technical support and training, our partners the Community Based Rehabilitation Unit, a department of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, have successfully incorporated wheelchair service delivery into their existing programme within the Honiara City Council. The Solomon Islands Government has demonstrated their positive support of this programme through funding the local costs for

training, staff salaries and an order of Worldmade Wheelchairs. A firm commitment has been made by the Government to continue to purchase wheelchairs for Solomon Island citizens.

Building on the success of this programme, the Community Based Rehabilitation Unit and Motivation Australia are expanding the service in 2010 – 2011. We have secured a grant through the Australian Agency for International Development which will enable us to train ten staff from five Provinces and support these staff as they work to establish wheelchair provision in each Province.



Elsie Taloafiri, Community Based Rehabilitation Coordinator said: "Before our partnership with Motivation Australia, we distributed the few wheelchairs we had without assessment. Now we have wheelchairs which can be adjusted to fit the user and our staff are trained to carry out assessment, prescription, fitting and user training."

We need to expand our service to reach the wheelchair users in outlying Provinces. When we work with the wheelchair user we can also give them support and training in how to use their wheelchair. This way we are really meeting the needs of the wheelchair user to be properly supported, mobile and more independent."

Thailand

Working with our partners Sirindhorn National Medical Rehabilitation Centre (SNMRC), Motivation Australia ran two short courses in wheelchair provision clinical and technical staff. The first course provided staff with skills in wheelchair assessment, prescription, assembly, fitting and providing wheelchair users with instruction in wheelchair mobility and general health care. The second course further developed the staff skills, enabling them to address the needs of children and adults who require supportive seating.



Later in 2010 we plan to work with SNMRC to co-train ten staff from Provincial Hospitals in basic level wheelchair service delivery, beginning a process of disseminating the training throughout Thailand. Our work in Thailand has been financially supported by the Australian - Thailand Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; the Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand and Motivation UK.

Collaboration

In 2009 we collaborated with Australian Volunteers International to place two volunteers in Kiribati who supported the initiation of wheelchair service delivery and community support programmes there. We have continued working with the Disability and Rehabilitation team at the World Health Organisation (WHO) to enhance standards and guidelines for effective wheelchair provision. This year Motivation Australia has contributed to the development of a WHO Training Package in Wheelchair Service Delivery which is being piloted through our partnership programme in the Solomon Islands.

Motivation is a member of the Australian Disability and Development Consortium; an associate member of the Pacific Disability Forum and Australian Pacific Islands Disability Support. Our application to be a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a Signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct is pending.

Thank you

Please continue your support of our work enhancing the quality of life of people with mobility disabilities in the Asia Pacific region and remote Australia. To find out more, to become a member or to make a tax deductible donation to Motivation Australia, go to www.motivation.org.au; call us on + 61 (0)8 8556 6703; or send us an email at info@motivation.org.au

Summary Financial Report

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------|
| Opening Balance | \$41,419.52 | | |
| Revenue (AU\$) | Expenses (AU\$) | | |
| Donations - general | 1,257.55 | Overseas projects | 71,143.22 |
| Wheelchair fund | 10,957.62 | Community education | 1,890.99 |
| Membership | 4,314.52 | Fundraising costs | 2,068.38 |
| Grants | 184,815.56 | Sports wheelchairs – products and freight | 42,393.92 |
| Sports wheelchairs | 48,199.50 | Annual audit fee | 550.00 |
| General sales (cookbooks, posters) | 1,285.50 | Directors liability fee | 1,343.10 |
| Other income | 2,232.25 | Administration and bank fees | 12,892.85 |
| | | Programme director consultants fees | 7,640.95 |
| Total Revenue | \$253,062.50 | Total Expenses | \$139,923.41 |
| | | Balance (excess over revenue) | \$154,558.61 |

Table of cash movements (AU\$)

| | Cash available at beginning of financial year | Cash raised during financial year | Cash disbursed during financial year | Cash available at end of financial year |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| East Timor Programme | (986.79) | 7,513.51 | 5,958.57 | 568.15 |
| Solomon Islands and Kiribati programmes | 22,328.78 | 2,686.03 | 15,624.27 | 9,390.54 |
| Solomon Islands Access to Mobility | - | 123,771.82 | 23,480.27 | 100,291.55 |
| Wheelchair Fund | 1,294.69 | 10,957.62 | 12,942.00 | (689.69) |
| Thailand Training Programme | 195.46 | 26,216.23 | 25,349.80 | 1,064.89 |
| Wheelchairs for Kids Collaboration | - | 8,057.96 | 3,356.15 | 4,701.81 |
| Total | 22,832.14 | 179,206.17 | 86,711.06 | 115,327.25 |

Statement of the Board of Governors

In the opinion of the committee this statement of receipts and payments presents fairly the statement of receipts and payments of Motivation Australia Development Organisation Incorporated as at 30 June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date. Signed on behalf of the Board of Governors,



James Davidson, Chairperson,
13th August 2010



Ruth Marshall
13th August 2010

Summary of Independent Auditor's statement

We have audited the Motivation Australia financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Motivation Australia Development Organisation which comprises a statement of bank balances as at 30 June 2010, receipts and payments statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion. In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements. In our opinion, subject to the effects of adjustments, if any, resulting from the above qualifications, the financial report of Motivation Australia Development Organisation presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Motivation Australia Development Organisation as of 30 June 2010 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



Michael Van Dyk,
Van Dyk Newbold and Co.,
15th August 2010

A full copy of the financial report and auditor's statement is available on request.