# Annual Report 2018-2019



### Women for Women in Africa Foundation Ltd

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#### **Our Mission:**

The principal purpose and primary object of the Company is to pursue the following charitable purpose:

To work for the relief of impoverished persons in Kenya, with a particular focus on children and women from the Kibera slum in Nairobi Kenya, who are in poverty, or are suffering distress, destitution, sickness or misfortune, regardless of age, sex, ethnic background, religion, political beliefs or marital status.

Solely for the purpose of furthering the principal purpose, the following additional objects of the Company are to:

- a) Provide access to education for underprivileged and impoverished children and adults living in slums in Kenya;
- b) Provide opportunity through training programs to impoverished women to develop independent sources of income and sustenance to support their families;
- c) Assist in-country partners in building schools and related infrastructure as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty through the training and equipping of local people in school construction techniques as part of local community development projects involving maintenance plans, training of teachers and construction of classrooms and vocational training centres. Such activity must be part of a larger development project;
- d) Develop holistic, self-sustaining development programs covering education, skills transference, agriculture, small business enterprise, health and nutrition;

### **Our History:**

WFWIA was founded in 2004 by Marguerite Ryan to help the people from Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. Kibera is the largest slum in East Africa and one of Africa's largest. Most residents of Kibera are unemployed, uneducated and most of all, suffer from severe poverty.

WFWIA grew larger and became a Company limited by guarantee, a Registered Charity Tax, a Public Ancillary Fund and obtained DGR item 2 status. DGR item 1 status was achieved in May 2016 after becoming a Public Benevolent Institute under the ACNC.

In our early days, WFWIA helped the women of Kibera with skills training and set up a microfinance scheme for them before beginning to find education places for students who were not attending school. Education quickly became a more important need to aid the people of Kibera from poverty relief. Suitable buildings for their use ranged from a rented house, shipping containers, a rented apartment block and more recently a purpose built Centre for our in-country partner, 'Wanawake kwa Wanawake'.(WkW). The Centre was formally opened by the Australian High Commissioner for Kenya on 4th Dec 2013. WkW administer our work in Kibera at this centre.

Along with helping women, WFWIA began to help the local children to attend schools with a development-based education project which aims to also improve the opportunities of the people of Kibera to lead themselves out of poverty.

The need for a more purposeful approach to schooling led to WFWIA purchasing land in Kitengela, just outside of Nairobi, for the object of building a school primarily for the children of Kibera but also catering for those of the local area of Kitengela who are in need of a quality school.

#### **ABOUT US**

WFWIA is an Australian non-profit organisation that was started in 2004. WFWIA is entirely a Volunteer organisation that is intensely proud of its Australian heritage.

"WFWIA aims to relieve poverty through education".

WFWIA is a registered charity but charity immediately brings to mind the notion of giving to those less fortunate than yourself. Indeed, the children and families of Kibera are probably some of the least fortunate people on the planet. However, we provide more than simply giving food or clothing. What we provide is a lifeline that allows people to forge a better life for themselves and their families.

"The chance to take back control. The chance of a future".

#### WFWIA provides:

- Education through sponsorships to children who would otherwise have no chance of undertaking any schooling whatsoever.
- The chance to learn skills that can then be used to create an income.
- A genuine support group for women, children and their families to help with the tough medical, personal and physical issues that blight their lives on a daily basis.
- A very real opportunity for people to create their own ability to make a living, feed their families and perhaps eventually move away from the slum of Kibera.

In other words, our aim is to help provide many of the things that most of us take for granted: education, the ability to work, a support group of friends and family – simple rights that no human should ever have to be without.

#### **OUR PEOPLE**

#### Patron

**Noel O'Brien:** Philanthropist. Co-founder of O'Brien Catering, later Exec Director of Spotless Catering. A particular focus of Noel's philanthropic endeavours has been in respect of education and development in the most marginalised of communities around the world. Noel was a director of WFWIA in the past and hence his strong commitment to Women for Women in Africa.

#### **Board members**

Name	Position	Dates Acted
Marguerite Ryan AM	Chair	Whole year
Richard Ruskin	Vice-Chair	Whole year
Peter Toms	Director	Whole year
Tino Marget	Director	Whole year
Glenn Smith	Secretary/Director	Whole year
Emma Whiting	Director	Appointed 21 August 2018
Sandra Kirkhope	Director	Appointed 21 August 2018

#### **Sub-committees and volunteers**

Our thanks go to the many wonderful people involved on our Functions subcommittees and other volunteers throughout the year.

#### WFWIA is registered with:

- The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC);
- The Australian Securities & Investments Commission ASIC); and
- Consumer Affairs Victoria.

WFWIA has DGR item 1 status with the Australian Tax Office.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Once again Women for Women in Africa had a year of growth – a year with supporting more children to go to school and supporting women in their endeavours to have better health, higher self esteem and being able to care for their families.

It was our hope that the property purchased as a 'safe house' would have been on its way to completion but with the need to satisfy all legal requirements and meet the required standards, it has not been possible to start the building and renovation process. However, the house has been home to many girls, who have relished living in safety and some degree of comfort and the fact that the house is in a two gated community means that they can walk home safely from school or college and not have the fear of arriving home late and having to walk through Kibera. It is hoped that all requirements will be satisfied by the end of 2019 and that building can commence early 2020.

The land at Kitengela has been leased, at a good return, and has been cultivated successfully into a herb and vegetable farm.

The Staff at Wanawake kwa Wanawake continue to provide excellent educational support to the boys and girls of Kibera. Unfortunately, because of new government regulations, the Frank Chappell Informal School at the Centre had to close. However, a special scholarship fund has been set up by the Board to provide education to 20 students wanting to continue to secondary school. During the year some of these students have received sponsorship and so WkW was able to take on additional students.

This year I am very proud to say that WkW is supporting 88 Primary school students and 116 Secondary school boys and girls. They also have an abundance of post secondary students – 31 are doing Diploma and Certificate Courses; 15 are doing University Degree Studies and 2 are doing CPA – accounting. 4 more joined Courses in September 2019 and some will commence their studies in January 2020 having missed the 2019 intake.

To support these students we have 158 sponsors of individual students and 30 regular education donors. As always there are some children awaiting sponsors and these are shown on the WFWIA website.

All the above students are supported by the staff at the WkW Centre – visits are made to their homes; their boarding residences; their schools. The door is always open to every child who needs help and often medical care. As one child recently wrote 'when I walk through the gate I know that its going to be ok – someone will listen, someone will care'.

The Centre is also conducting holiday programs and tutorial programs. This year, with a financial donation from Michael and Mandy Buckley, the staff conducted with appropriate leadership the first of many lectures on 'sexual and gender based violence and abuse'.

Tutorials and lectures are also given on relationships, decisions regarding students opportunities for the future and family planning.

WkW is supporting children from the age of 3 to 26 so the staff have to have updates on the best means of looking after the needs of these children and heeding government regulations. WFWIA provides funding for staff education.

Donations and sponsorships for education continued to rise in 2019 and we were also most grateful for 'special donations' to meet medical emergencies and disaster relief. There was both flooding and fires in Kibera that meant many families lost their homes and all their belongings. WkW was able to help many find, at least, temporary accommodation and they always have a good supply of clothing for all ages and sizes. They also supply food packages.

We did not have a major fundraising function in 2019. It is hoped to have one in 2020 so if anyone has any ideas or has contacts with a function facility please let us know. We did have a very happy and financially successful luncheon and parade at The Gables Malvern and once again the Torquay Golf Day organised by Mandy Buckley was an outstanding success and a very enjoyable day. We had a full house for the opening Sunday of the "Lion King" and it was a great success and a very pleasant day. People came from all over Victoria and many families and friends joined to support Kibera kids. We are grateful to Peter Toms and Tino Marget for their leadership of the Function Committee and to all who come up with ideas and then support whatever we do. Helen Dillon was in charge of the Lion King and also a later luncheon held in September and did it so very capably.

A special Marketing Committee was established under the leadership of Emma Whiting and they are working on better ways of promoting the important work being done by both WFWIA and WkW. Catherine Tory has continued, as a volunteer, in the task of coordinating the data base and maintaining contact with all donors and sponsors. We are very grateful to Catherine for her diligence and her exceptional capabilities. She has made life so much easier for the Board. Emma and Mahalia, of Emma Whiting Travel, maintain the website and Anny Murray works very hard on getting newsletters, Facebook and invitations out to the data base on a regular basis.

I was able to visit Nairobi twice during the year accompanied in August 2018 by my daughter Anny and her daughter Aliya and in May 2019 I was joined by Therese. During both these visits I was able to meet with all the Trustees of WkW, the lawyers, the architect, bank personnel and visited the Australian High Commission in Kenya. But most of all we spent time at the schools and with children of all ages and in many demographics. WkW has many Australian visitors and it not only provides the staff with interesting views but also lots of sponsors, once they see what is being done at WkW, it is very hard not to want to help

I am most grateful to the Board of WFWIA for their leadership and challenging meetings. I would like to especially thank Glenn Smith, Director and Company Secretary, for his great assistance and for working with Catherine on the preparation of the accounts and report for

this Annual Meeting. Glenn is always on the end of the phone or on email to give advice and friendship.

The Staff of WkW, under the leadership of Leonida. must be congratulated on all they achieve in the most difficult of living circumstances....they not only provide support they also offer a hand in friendship and together with the children they play, have fun and give them amazing meals. If you ask a child what is the best thing about going to the Centre they will say 'food'. The Trustees of WkW and the assisting Committee, meet regularly and are outstanding advisers to the staff, they also bring personnel with special talents to speak and meet with the students.

Above all, I thank you the donors and supporters of WFWIA – what you do gives hope and life to hundreds of people you will probably never meet but who will 'survive' because of you.

As I look back on the past 15 years I can only be amazed at how far we have come. From just giving a few dollars to two girls to finish their education to the thousands of men, women and children who have had their lives enhanced because we have cared. So, for this I do say 'Assante Sana' Thank you.

Marguerite A Ryan AM October 2019.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA FOUNDATION

#### **BOARD OF GOVERNANCE REPORT**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

#### STRUCTURE

Women for Women In Africa Foundation is a Trust founded by Marguerite Anne Ryan on 24th April, 2006. The Trustee of the Trust is Women for Women in Africa Ltd. ACN 119 334 066 a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 12th April, 2006.

#### INFORMATION ON BOARD MEMBERS

The names of the directors in office at the date of this report are:

Marguerite Anne Ryan, AM, appointed 20th April, 2006 - Member, Order of Australia Richard David Ruskin, appointed 7th November, 2012 Peter Dougal Toms, appointed 7th May, 2009 - School Principal (Retired) Constantine A. Marget, appointed 8th September, 2015 Glenn Smith, appointed 15th May, 2017 - CPA Emma Whiting, appointed 21st August, 2018 Sandra Kirkhope, appointed 21st August, 2018 Camille Davis, appointed 1st October, 2019

#### THE GOALS OF WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA FOUNDATION ARE:

- (a) To provide access to education for under privileged children and adults in Kenya; and (b) To provide opportunity to impoverished women in Kenya to develop independent sources of income and sustenance to support their families.

Women for Women in Africa Foundation works with its partner Kenyan charity, Wanawake kwa Wanawake, and other charitable organisations, to achieve these goals.

There were no changes in the nature of the principal acitivities of the Foundation during the financial year.

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

The Foundation generated net funds of \$533,520 (2018 - \$898,303) during the year from which funds totalling \$431,611 (2018 - \$818,483) were utilised to support its international programs.

#### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

The cash position of the entity at 30 June 2019 was \$916,895, compared to \$814,986 in 2018.

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Foundation during the year.

#### SIGNIFICANT MATTERS

During 2017/18, some funds generated by the Foundation were used to assist in the purchase of a property in Kenya The Women for Women in Africa Foundation is currently holding funds to help finance the renovations. The Foundation also provided funds in 2014/15 for WFWIK to purchase land in Kitengela, Kenya which is currently being leased.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

The entity is not subject to significant environmental regulation in relation to its operating activities in

#### MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No material contracts involving members of the Board were entered into since the end of the previous year or existed at the end of the financial year.

#### 10. MEMBERS' WARRANTIES

In accordance with the Company's Constitution each member of the company is liable to contribute A\$100 in the event that there was a deficiency on winding up. The total amount members would contribute is

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Governance.

Marguerite a Ryan AM.

Marguerite A Ryan
Chairperson
Date

21 N° Oclober, 2019

# AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA FOUNDATION

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended  $30^{\text{th}}$  June, 2019 there have been

- i no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit
- ii no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

Mark Alexander Robb WILLMOTT ROBB

Certified Practicing Accountants (CPA) Australia

Dated at Glen Iris this 16th October 2019





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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

I, Mark Alexander Robb have audited the accompanying financial report of Women for Women in Africa Foundation, which comprises the statement of financial position, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows, table of cash movements for the year then ended 30 June 2019, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the responsible entities declaration.

#### Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the responsible entities' preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the responsible entities, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

#### Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Women for Women in Africa Foundation, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30th June 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of change of equity and statement of cash flows for the year 2019 then ended and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and the board members declaration.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Emphasis of Matter section of my report*, the financial report of Women for Women in Africa Foundation has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and
  of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### Emphasis of Matter

Receipts from donations and other fundraising activities are a significant source of revenue for Women for Women in Africa Foundation non-reporting entity. Women for Women in Africa Foundation has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of donations and other fundraising activity revenue prior to entry in its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from these sources was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations and other fundraising activity revenue had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether donations and other fundraising activity revenue obtained by Women for Women in Africa Foundation are complete.

Mark Alexander Robb

Certified Practicing Accountants (CPA) Australia

16th October 2019

Level 1, 117 Beach Road Sandringham Vic 3191

#### BOARD OF GOVERNANCE DECLARATION IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

The directors of the trustee company declare that the trust is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the trustee company declare that:

- 1 The financial statements and notes, as attached, present fairly the trust's financial position as at 30th June, 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Notes 1 to the financial statements.
- 2 In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 3 The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities & Non-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.
- 4 The financial statements and notes have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Council of International Development Code.

Signed in accordance with 60.15(2) of the Charities and Non-for-Profits Regulations 2013.

Director Marquente Ryan AM

Director Genomi

Dated this 29 day of OCTOBER 2019

#### WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
Revenue from operating activities		
Education Development Receipts Endowment Receipts Donations for Safe House Other revenue from operating activities  Revenue from outside the operating activities	141,458 324,365 41,179 19,160 526,162	114,205 303,127 366,032 124,755 908,119
Foreign Currrency Gains Interest	20,577 3,399	14,633 3,483
Total Revenue	550,138	926,235
Expenses		
Bank Fees Travel Costs Advertising IT Costs Audit fees Administration expenses Function Costs Other Expenses Total expenses	500 1,595 97 6,459 2,200 1,824 3,943	943 3,443 1,012 1,410 2,200 410 18,514
Surplus/(Deficit) from continuing operations	533,520	898,303
Less - Funds contributed to International Programs	431,611	818,483
Surplus of Revenue over Expenditure for Year	\$101,909	79,820

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents Trade receivables Investments	916,895	814,986
Total Current Assets	916,895	814,986
Non-current Assets	*	
Property, plant and equipment Total Non-current Assets		
Total Assets	916,895	814,986
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		*
Trade and other payables Short-term provisions		1961
Total Current Liabilities		
Non-current Liabilities	*	
Long-term provisions	10	
Total Non-current Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	<u> </u>	-
Net Assets	916,895	814,986
FUNDS		
Contribution by Founder Designated funds Total Funds	100 916,795 916,895	100 814,886 814,986

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

8			Trust Settlement	Total
		\$	\$	\$
£.				
BALANCE 1ST JULY, 2017		735,066	100	735,166
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		ā	×	8
. Surplus for Year	DK)	79,820		79,820
BALANCE 30TH JUNE,2018		814,886	100	814,986
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
. Surplus for Year		101,909	•	101,909
BALANCE 30TH JUNE, 2019		\$916,795	\$100	\$916,895
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The above Statement of Changes in Funds should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from benefactors:		
. Donations	507,002	783,364
. Functions	19,160	124,755
Payments to Suppliers	(16,618)	(27,932)
Transfers to Beneficiaries	(431,611)	(818,483)
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	77,933	61,704
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	23,976	18,116
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
NET INCREASE IN CASH ASSETS	101,909	79,820
CASH ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	814,986	735,166
CASH ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD	\$916,895	\$814,986

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019.

	Cash Available at Beginning of Year	Cash Ralsed During Year	Cash Disbursed During Year	Cash Available at end of Year
For WKW Centre and Education costs	578,854	508,959	440,891	646,922
For Safe House Project	186,032	41,179	7,338	219,873
Administration Expenses	50,000			50,000
TOTAL	814,886	550,138	448,229	916,795

The above table of Cash Movements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

#### NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations.

It is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Unless otherwise stated the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which included Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the ACFIB Code.

#### (a) Property, Plant and Equipment

The Foundation does not have an interest in property, plant or equipment but has financially supported the acquisition of two properties in Kenya by associated entities registered in Kenya. Both properties are used or are to be used in assisting the Foundation achieve its objectives in the education of underpriveleged children

#### (b) Employee Benefits

The Foundation to date has not been required to employ staff, all regular administrative functions being on a pro-bono basis. Consequently there are no employee entitlements recognised.

#### (c) Investments

Interest income from investments is recognised as earned and where appropriate is reinvested.

#### (d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes all bank accounts including monies invested on term deposits.

#### (e) Tax Exemption

The Foundation is exempt from payment of income tax under Section 50-5 of the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### (f) Revenue

Revenue is recognised when the donations are received.

#### NOTE 2: UNRECORDED DONATIONS

During the year there were no funds made available by Australian benefactors directly to projects sponsored by the Foundation in Kenya.

#### **NOTE 3: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Foundation had committed to assist in the funding of the renovation of a Safe House in Kenya. The project is still in planning stage. Assistance will be sought from benefactors to cover the Foundation's exposure to the costs.

#### NOTE 4: EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

At the date of this report there is no other matter or circumstance which has arisen since 30th June, 2019 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- (a) the Foundation's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of these operations in future financial years, or(c) the Foundation's state of afairs in future financial years