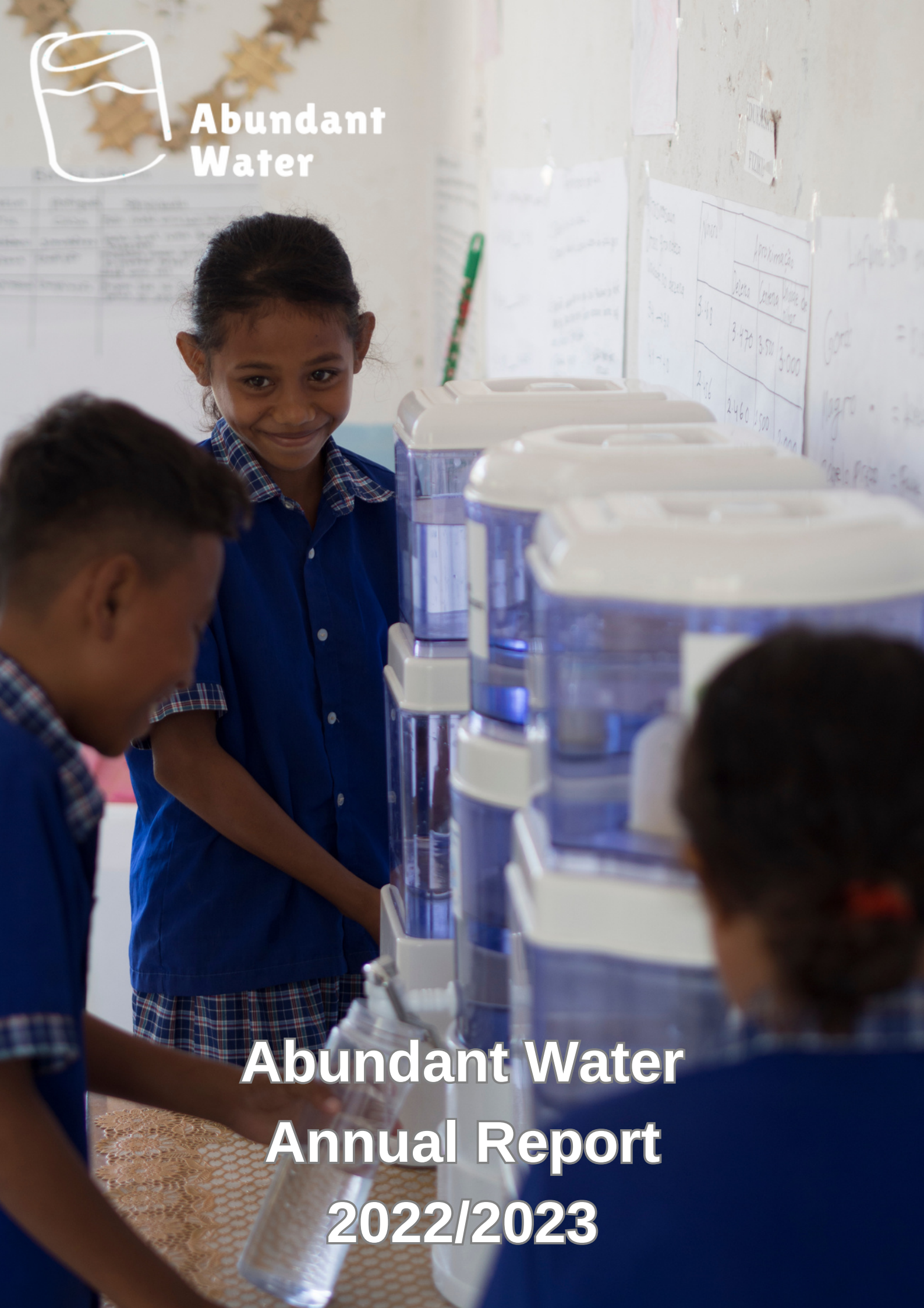




**Abundant
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**Abundant Water
Annual Report
2022/2023**

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Introduction

Who we are

Abundant Water is an Australian Canberra-based NGO founded in 2009 which aims to deliver health and hygiene benefits to poor communities by using the power of social business to design and develop sustainable and scalable clean drinking water and greenhouse gas reduction projects.

Our purpose

Abundant Water is driven by our purpose to find practical solutions for the common good. We seek solutions that are effective, accessible, available, suitable, scalable and sustainable and collaborate with local partners to implement these solutions together.



Abundant Water filter.

Our mission

According to the World Health Organisation, 844 million people globally lack a basic drinking water service and 1.8 billion people use a contaminated water service. Abundant Water works to empower individuals and communities to secure their own sustainable access to safe water.

Working in remote and rural areas, we train local potters and vendors to launch scalable water filter micro-businesses as part of our social business model, ensuring their communities have a supply of clean water into the future. We envision a global network of sustainable social businesses, not only providing clean water to remote communities, but also improving their adaptation and resilience to climate change.

Our values

- **Responsibility** - We are accountable and take complete ownership for our actions.
- **Empowerment** - We believe in providing communities with the tools and knowledge they need to create their own livelihoods.
- **Learning and Reflective Action** - Monitoring and evaluation is central to Abundant Water's values. By continually evaluating our work and considering our mistakes, we are constantly improving our methods and our business model.
- **Collaboration** - We find, contact and work with local partners to build communities.
- **Integrity** - Our work is reflected in our life and our life is reflected in our work.



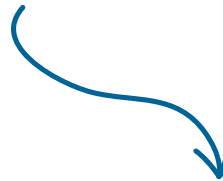
Our social business model

Abundant Water's innovative social business model ensures that we enable locals to create their own long-term change by selling and maintaining water filters.

1

Identify areas

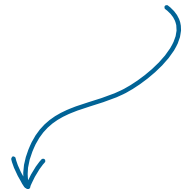
Abundant Water works with local partners to identify villages where there is a need for water filters and an appetite for change, and finds individuals with a natural entrepreneurial spirit.



With our partners, we train these individuals to become water filter 'vendors' or sales people. We develop their business acumen and management skills so they can run their own water filter micro-businesses, selling filters to their local communities who are in need of safe water.

2

Train vendors



3

Vendors sell in their community areas

Vendors buy Abundant Water filters at cost price and go out to sell them in their villages using their local connections and knowledge. For every sale they make, the vendor takes home a commission, earning themselves an income to support their family, and of course invest in buying more filters to keep their business growing. These vendors become a point of contact in their community for filter maintenance, repair and replacements, ensuring that our water filter solution is sustainable long-term, providing lasting benefits to families and communities.

Where we work

Abundant Water's current focus is in Timor Leste and the Philippines, where we employ teams who deliver, test and develop clean water programs. In Timor-Leste Abundant Water has distribution networks in all 13 municipalities, whilst in the Philippines, Abundant Water is now actively serving communities in Bohol and Maribojoc.



In all of these countries, we work with local people and organisations to understand their context and needs, and also to nurture a sense of collective wisdom. This cultural awareness enables us to deliver effective and long-term training programs, and to partner with local organisations and build their own capacity. We design solutions that are user-centric and action-oriented, welcoming all ideas and prototyping to ensure that our answers to complex problems address human needs.

Grants and awards in 2022/23



Michael Goodyer
Director of Business Partnerships

The last financial year was a big one for recognition! Notable achievements in securing grants and partnership funding during the reporting period have included:

- The successful application for the Laos Program for the World Water Challenge 2022. Congratulations to our former Program Supervisor in Laos, Juliette Richard in being awarded Outstanding Prize of US\$2,200 in Daegu, Korea.
- Bohol Project, Philippines – Contribution by our long-standing supporters Hall Rotary providing funding of \$20,000 per year for three years.
- Canada Fund Local Initiatives (CFLI) Timor Leste – providing CAD\$33,500 for filter installations into schools and health clinics. Congratulations to new Program Supervisor for Timor Leste, Chris Draper in developing this successful application.
- Canada Fund Local Initiatives (CFLI) Laos – providing CAD\$30,000 for a program to be rolled out in conjunction with our Laos partner Green Community Alliance (GCA).
- Timor Leste - €2,000 funding from the Young Global Changers Recoupling Awards 2023 contest Global Solutions Initiative. Congratulations to former Program Supervisor Emily Glazebrook who personally accepted the award on behalf of Abundant Water in June 2023 at a ceremony in Berlin.
- Duke-UNICEF Innovation Accelerator. Program Supervisor Emily Glazebrook accepted into the Accelerator starting in August 2022 and ending in October 2023.

Abundant Water's programs align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, namely: SDG 3 Good Health and Well Being; SDG 5 Gender Equality; SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation; and SDG 13 Climate Action.

Our Partners and Supporters

Abundant Water works with an array of local partners in Timor-Leste, Bohol and Laos to implement our social business model and bring safe drinking water to rural communities.



Canada fund for local initiatives - Bangkok and Jakarta

The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) provides modest funding for small-scale, high-impact projects in more than 120 countries eligible for official development assistance (ODA). The CFLI has an annual programming budget of \$26.8 million, with projects averaging \$31,000 each. Projects are planned and implemented mainly by local organizations, and are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian Embassy or High Commission.



Australian National University

The Australian National University is a public research university located in Canberra and is repeatedly ranked within the top three universities in Australia.



Engineers Without Borders (EWB)

Through partnership and collaboration Engineers Without Borders focuses on developing skills, knowledge and appropriate engineering solutions in diverse contexts around the world.



Pacres

Pacres objective is to increase the resilience of Pacific countries to climate change and achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially number 13- "Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts " to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development.



Rotary International

The Rotary Clubs of Hall, Canberra East and Jerrabomberra have been pivotal to Abundant Water's pilot projects and continued growth since 2008. Rotary has enabled the organisation to bring clean water to new destinations in Timor-Leste and the Philippines in recent years, demonstrating their commitment to enact lasting change to better our world.



Rotary Club of Hall

Rotary Club of Hall has been a main contributor to developing our pilot project in Timor-Leste and most recently in Bohol, Philippines. Its ongoing support has been crucial in ensuring the success of our program so far.



Community Development and Environment Agency (CDEA)

Founded in 2004 CDEA assists underprivileged communities in Lao PDR by working directly with people at the grassroots level to effectively utilize the environmental resources, to improve living standards and increase income generation.



Swiss Red Cross

Founded in 1866, the Swiss Red Cross is a humanitarian organisation working to support the most vulnerable populations around the world through health services, disaster relief and migrant support services.



Association for Community Development and Training (ACTD)

Established in 2012 ACTD promotes water, hygiene and sanitation, and livelihood skill improvement.



Caritas Luxembourg in Laos

Caritas Luxembourg has been operating in Lao PDR since 2010 and seeks to provide assistance to improve people's living conditions, the environment and the future of our children.



Association for the Preservation of the Environment and Development of the Community (APEDC)

APEDC was established in 2015 and works to coordinate natural resource management and promote community participation in improving living conditions in Xieng Khouang province.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Education has been the primary focus of CRS' commitment to development in Laos, where it has worked since 1994. CRS provides assistance in four main programming areas: school meals, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene promotion, literacy, and inclusive education.



Green Community Alliance

Green Community Alliance is an organisation aimed at cultivating awareness of environmental conservation to maintain food security, quality of life and sustainable living for ethnic minorities in remote areas of Laos, depends on its natural resources.



Climate Change and Sustainability Division - Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Since Abundant Water's inception, DFAT has been a major supporter in both Laos and Timor-Leste over 3 major projects, bringing clean water to tens of thousands of people. The department's purpose is to help make Australia stronger, safer and more prosperous by promoting and protecting our interests internationally and contributing to global stability and economic growth.



The Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solution- Australian National University

The ANU has been a major supporter of Abundant Water since our humble beginnings in 2008 through both financial and in-kind support. The university also provides students the opportunity to gain invaluable and practical in-field experience to contribute to their theses research.



One Of A Kind Apartments

One of a Kind Apartments offer unique, Eco-Chic, sustainable accommodation in Canberra, Australia unlike any other. They are a proud partner of Abundant Water.



Water Tight

Water Tight is Canberra's reliable plumbing, drainage and gas fitting service. Founded in 2010, Water Tight works on both residential and small commercial fitouts, with customer service, honesty and integrity being a focus in every aspect of their plumbing business. They continue to be a great supporter of Abundant Water.



Yew Tree Investments

Yew Tree Investment Trust is a progressive and established investment vehicle. It is a founding shareholder in a number of private, publicly unlisted and publicly ASX listed entities.

With a moral philosophy of environmental, social governance at its core, it works with teams of start-ups across a range of industries including, but not limited to, the resource sector, environmental services, clean energy and information technology.

Individual Donors

Paul Pentony

Brian and Sandra Goldstraw

Ron Clapham, Public Notary

Rick Williams, Chartered Accountant



Our Board



Stuart Forsyth - *Chair*

Stuart was instrumental in founding Abundant Water in 2008 and is dedicated to developing a culture of innovation and enterprise. He trained in Zen Buddhism and Eastern medicine, works in Health Care and Conceptual Art, and has extensive experience in community organisations.

Sunny Forsyth - *CEO*

Sunny founded Abundant Water in 2008. In the years since he has been on the ground in project countries such as Laos and Nepal, refining filter systems and growing the social businesses. He is continually inspired by the human spirit's capacity for practical creativity and to link across the world in order to overcome global obstacles.



Rohan Rajaram - *Treasurer*

Rohan has a wealth of experience within Financial Services ranging from boutique practices to multinational corporates and government agencies. He graduated from the Australian National University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies. He believes in Abundant Water's social business model as a sustainable way to empower communities in providing clean drinking water.

Ariah Holmes- *Director of Volunteering*

With direct experience recruiting, inducting and managing volunteering, Ariah brings extensive knowledge of volunteer management best practice, National Standards for Volunteer Involvement, and strategic vision. Ariah is passionate about inclusion, connection and sustainability and strives to apply this passion to the mission & vision of Abundant Water.





Justyn McDonald - Director of Communications

Justyn is a professional in the Disability services sector for over 30 years, specialising in leadership, quality management and communications.

Justyn is passionate about human connection, the environment, and sustainable development. Justyn is new to Abundant Water and is inspired by the strong mission and values it holds.

Michael Goodyer - Director of Business Partnerships

Michael served as an army officer for over 30 years in a variety of diverse locations overseas. He is currently an advisor on environmental compliance in the military and government sector. Michael has seen how difficult it can be for communities to have access to safe, clean drinking water and is committed to the Abundant Water approach of capacity building and empowering local people.



Mitchell Dunn - Director of Governance

Mitchell is an experienced public sector manager, with expertise in compliance, policy and strategy. He hopes this background can help maintain strong governance standards at Abundant Water, which allows it to perform great public good. Mitchell is an admitted lawyer in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Yuchen (Blair) Du - Secretary

Yuchen serves as a business manager specializing in finance and holds membership in the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) community. With a professional background in both accounting and trading, she possesses a comprehensive skill set that encompasses administrative and practical aspects. Yuchen's proficiency extends to marketing, particularly in leveraging social media for influential purposes.



From the Chair

I am pleased to deliver this Chair's Report for the past year up to June 30 2023. Abundant Water began as a grass roots collaboration between ordinary people with a philanthropic and entrepreneurial spirit, governments and organisations with resources to invest and disadvantaged communities with a need for a cheap and sustainable clean water supply.



The relationships with our donors and beneficiary communities remain the cornerstone of our work and programs and we value each of these relationships and acknowledge their role in the continued development and delivery of our programs.

AW began with a clear vision of developing relationships with donors and beneficiary communities that become productive partnerships that can lead to a devolution to a local ownership of the program. After 14 years in Lao PDR our program there has achieved this milestone with production and distribution taken over by local partners and AW assuming the role of program development and facilitation. The programs in both Timor Leste and Bohol are in varying stages of maturity as they progress along this similar pathway.



AW continues to strive towards sustainability and scalability with the continued development of our Social Business Model. The past year has provided valuable insights into improving our program design and implementation that will enable an even greater return on investment for our donors and project partners. Despite an increasing awareness of the importance of capacity development and sustainable impact, few other organisations are taking up this challenge in the jurisdictions where we operate and we remain open to partnership with like-minded organisations. As an organisation we continue to be blessed with a legion of highly motivated and talented volunteers providing the full gamut of professional services to enable our field staff to do their valuable work. The work of each and every person contributing to AW's operations is important, appreciated and acknowledged. I look forward to working with you over the year ahead.

Stuart



From the CEO

Hello again!

Thanks for tuning in. Whether you have donated to one of our programs, partnered on one of our projects, volunteered your time, or are one of our paid staff toiling away in the field, thanks for all that you do. Thanks for your time, energy, and your resources. Our mission is only possible because of the valuable contributions from many many people. Whatever part you have played in our work; thank you.



It is that time of year again; time for review, reflection, and reporting. Times are still interesting aren't they!? And perhaps nowhere is this more true than in the developing economies where Abundant Water works. At Abundant Water we have been busy developing new approaches and perspectives to adapt to the changes we are seeing in the local contexts in which we work.

As we adapt to these changes we have been optimizing our programs. We have transitioned our Lao program into a new form. It is now a locally-run social enterprise. This represents a bold new opportunity for our former staff who now run the program as their own social enterprise. In order to pursue greater management efficiency we have also brought the oversight of the Laos and Philippines programs under one Program Supervisor.



You may or may not be aware that I recently returned from a program review in Timor-Leste. It was a very positive trip as, in spite of the ongoing usual challenges, our work there has matured. In particular our work through schools has developed to the point where the program is ready to scale. Watch this space! Conversations with the Ministry of Education have begun.

I am proud of the unique skillset we have developed and how it has enabled us to evolve, adapt, and grow in these uncertain times. This has opened up an opportunity for us to share our approach, frameworks, and technologies to partners interested in this way of working. Whether that be partners interested in distributing programs at scale in a developing context or organisations interested in managing and leading innovation in a new way. Although these times have been uncertain we are seeing great opportunities in these challenges.

Thanks for joining us on the journey so far. This next year promises to be an interesting and meaningful one. I personally am looking forward to it and hope that you will choose to join us.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart,

Sunny



From the Field

Laos

Václav Rabas
Lao PDR & Philippines
Program Supervisor



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Our transition in leadership saw the appointment of Mr. Vaclav Rabas, a graduate in Asian Studies and International Relations with extensive experience in the ASEAN region. This transition marks our dedication to evolving and expanding our impact.

We are thrilled to announce our receipt of a CFLI grant for 2023-24 from the Embassy of Canada. This grant will facilitate the installation of water filters in 50 schools, directly benefiting over 3,500 students in the provinces of Oudomxay and Savannakhet. This achievement represents a significant step forward in our mission to provide clean water solutions to underserved communities.

Lastly, Abundant Water's dedication to sustainability is exemplified by our decision to transfer the production of water filters to our esteemed colleague, Ms. Noukham Phonkham. We are committed to providing her with essential support in business skills and marketing. Empowering local talent strengthens our impact and fosters self-sufficiency within the communities we serve.

Bohol, Philippines

Abundant Water has made significant strides in recent months toward becoming a registered NGO in the Philippines, marking a pivotal moment in our mission to provide clean drinking water to communities in need. With successful registration completed, we promptly launched our pilot project, which is now actively serving communities in Bohol and Maribojoc. In Maribojoc, Abundant Water has executed a transformative initiative, installing water filters in two rural health centers. This intervention grants access to clean and safe drinking water for approximately 3,000 patients each month. Simultaneously, in Loon, we have expanded our impact by installing filters in four schools, benefiting 1,600 students. These milestones underscore our unwavering commitment to improving the well-being and health of the communities we serve.

Moreover, Abundant Water is excited to announce its establishment of connections with an additional 50 schools in the region. These schools are now potential implementation sites for our clean water solutions, demonstrating our dedication to broadening our impact and ensuring that more communities gain access to clean drinking water.

In a recent development, Abundant Water's founding Program Supervisor, Ms. Jade Chua, has decided to establish her roots in another province within the Philippines. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for her dedication and contributions to our cause. We are pleased to introduce our new Program Supervisor, Mr. Vaclav Rabas, a distinguished graduate in Asian Studies and International Relations with extensive experience in executing projects across the ASEAN region, including our successful Lao program.

As we continue to expand our presence and impact, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide clean and sustainable water solutions to communities across the Philippines. These recent developments signify our ongoing commitment to this cause and the brighter future we envision for those we serve.

Timor-Leste

Chris Draper
Timor-Leste Program Supervisor



The past year has been a busy one in Timor-Leste, where Abundant Water (AW) has had several exciting and notable projects and collaborations. Firstly, AW were selected as part of Duke University and UNICEF's Innovation Accelerator programme, alongside 5 other truly remarkable social enterprises that are operating within the WASH sector in South-East Asia. This accelerator programme provided AW with incredible access to support and mentoring from Duke University, UNICEF and their partners.

The scheme also provided AW with the funding and support to further scale our social business programme and focus upon developing the social media presence of AW in Timor-Leste, by hiring a young female network officer to join the local Timor-Leste team. Social media has become an effective means of selling for the team, resulting in over 180 sales so far, and we expect this to grow as Timor's telecommunications infrastructure improves, enabling us to reach more remote areas of the country.

AW also continued to implement a multi-year project in partnership with the Australian National University and Engineers Without Borders Australia (EWB), which was funded through DFAT's Australian NGO Cooperation Program. Building upon the school installations in early 2022, EWB, with the help of AW, designed and developed large scale filter units that can be used at the school level. 3 prototypes were installed and monitored in schools around Dili, providing EWB with a solid foundation to continue their modifications to best suit the complex needs of schools in Timor-Leste. As the project comes to a close, AW is proud to say that 3,163 students now have access to safe drinking water, and our household distribution under this project has also reached an additional 3000 people. Research on the water filters by the Australian National University has also been invaluable and we hope that we can continue these collaborations in the coming years.

AW also carried out a project awarded through the Pacific Community called PACRES (Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience) to support schools and health clinics in two rural districts of Timor-Leste: Bobonaro and Liquica. As part of this project, AW also trained community members connected to these schools and health clinics, with a particular focus given towards supporting female vendors. This led to a notable partnership with Balibo Women's Group, and has since seen filters delivered to numerous households and 9 kindergartens in the Balibo sub-district. On a recent follow up visit for the project in June 2023, AW found that there were still very high levels of engagement with the filters we had installed in the schools and health clinics the previous year.

In May 2023, our previous Program Supervisor, Emily, went to represent AW in Berlin. She was one of 15 semi-finalists out of 500 candidates for the Global Solutions Summit. She had the opportunity to showcase AW's amazing work and was awarded second prize in the Young Global Changer's Recoupling Awards. This award recognises projects from around the world that benefit the environment, society, and local economies. The 15 semi-finalists even got to meet Olaf Scholz, the German Chancellor.

Looking ahead, the next financial year is expected to be a busy one as we pursue new partnerships and funding opportunities. Prior to the financial year ending, AW was awarded the CFLI (Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives) grant which will allow us to support 3 health clinics, 3 schools and train 5 vendors in two rural districts in the upcoming year. Keep an eye on our social media sites for updates and thank you for your support!





2022-2023 IMPACT IN TIMOR LESTE



1,613

filters distributed

13,019

people with access
to clean drinking water



27

vendors trained

6

schools provided
with 17 free
filters



5

health care centres
provided with 15 free
filters



2023 IMPACT IN BOHOL



32

filters distributed

3,550

people with access
to clean drinking water



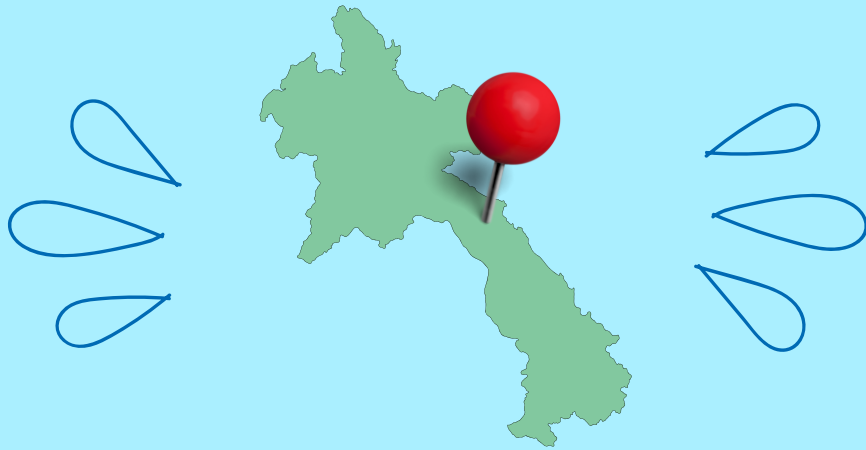
8

schools provided
with free filters



1

health care centre
provided with free filters



2022-2023 IMPACT IN LAOS



202

filters distributed



357

households fitted

2,150

total beneficiaries



120

schools fitted

8,150

people with access
to clean drinking water



934

filters produced

Our Finances

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023

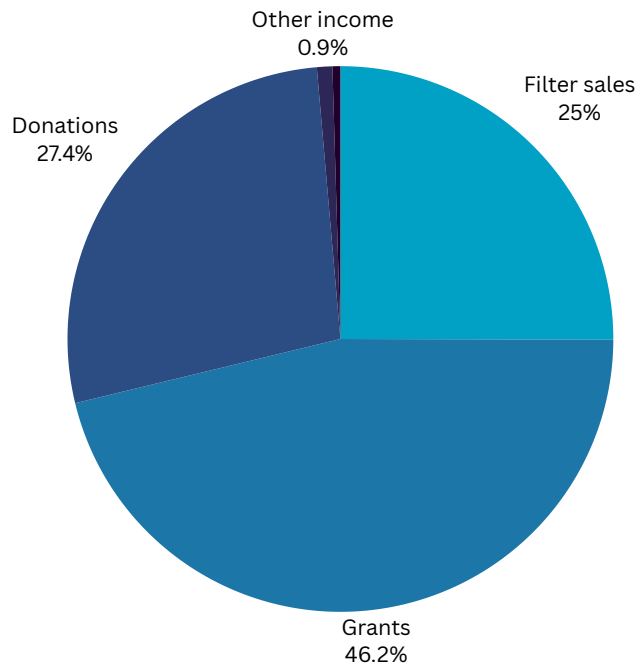
Current assets	2023	2022	2021
Cash on hand	\$705	\$1,431	\$7,935
Cash at Beyond Bank	\$57,089	\$77,693	\$50,132
Cash at Laos Bank	\$25	\$5,503	\$6,911
Cash at Timor Bank	\$15,434	\$17,155	\$38,556
Cash at Philippine Bank	\$336		
Cash at RAWCS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total assets	\$73,589	\$101,782	\$103,533
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net assets	\$73,589	\$101,782	\$103,533



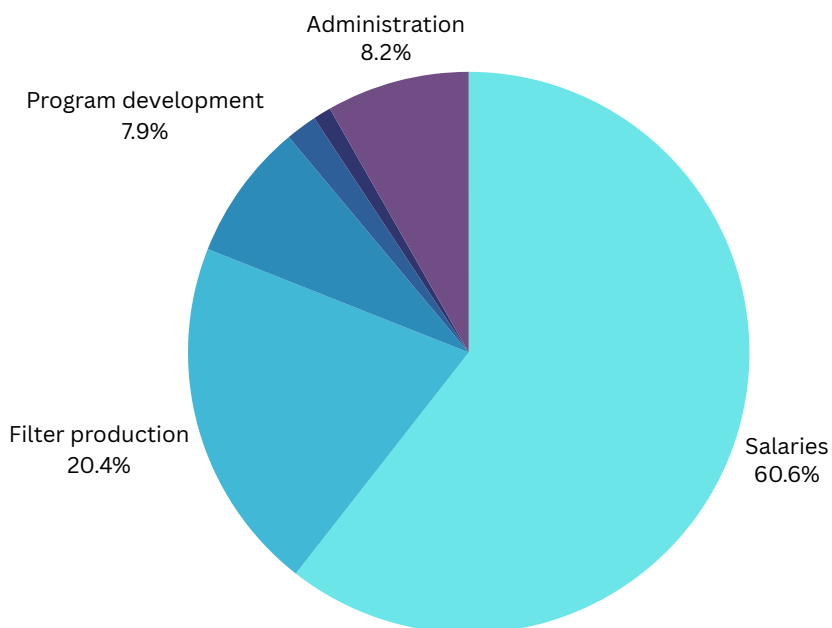
Statement of Comprehensive Income as at 30 June 2023

Income	2023	2022	2021
Grants	\$105,570	\$119,120	\$71,481
Donations	\$62,635	\$10,541	\$26,946
Filter sales	\$57,246	\$85,569	\$115,724
JobKeeper Income	\$0	\$0	\$27,900
Other Income	\$2,090	\$381	\$6,285
Interest	\$1,067	\$162	\$203
Total income	\$228,609	\$215,773	\$248,538
Expenses	2023	2022	2021
Operational expenses - Philippines	\$30,611	\$4,343	-
Operational expenses - Laos	\$72,475	\$63,796	\$101,842
Operational expenses - Timor-Leste	\$152,047	\$147,905	\$139,693
Promotional expenses	\$413	\$155	\$190
Insurance	\$248	\$248	\$248
Bank Fees	\$1,010	\$8	\$24
Other expenses	\$0	\$1,069	\$78
Total expenses	\$256,802	\$217,524	\$242,074
Net income	-\$28,193	-\$1,750	\$6,464
Opening cash balance	\$101,782	\$103,533	\$97,069
Closing cash balance	\$73,589	\$101,782	\$103,533

Abundant Water's Income Sources



Abundant Water's Operational Expenses





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