

Friends of the Hudad Inc. Annual Report 30th June 2018

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES – Melbourne & Seattle

Highlights of the year's fundraising, were;

- Reece Grant \$15,000 Facilitated by Alan Kennedy, Kennedy Plumbing Geelong
- Second major fundraiser conducted August 2017, highly successful, Ethiopian music, dance and food, raised \$13,000
- Continuing fundraising in Seattle
- There have been a number of significant high value individual donors, along with a few regular donors that keep the funds ticking over during the year.

ETHIOPIAN ACTIVITIES – on the ground in Addis Ababa, Lalibela and the Hudad

Trips conducted by Foth Committee to Lalibela October 2017 and March/April 2018

1. Volunteer Trips where FoTH Committee members continued to liaise with, and support Lalibela office and staff as well as local Woreda government departments March .

Trips conducted by the Foth Committee and volunteers in October 2017 and March/April 2018

1. SCHOOL BUILDING
 - A group of committee members and volunteers from Australia and America met at the Hudad over 2 trips and completed the walls, roof trusses, roofing, installation of windows, furnishing of the classroom, to the stage where the first classroom was officially opened and operational in April 2018
 - Employment of 6 male guards to keep the school site secure with extended duties to tend the vegetable garden and maintain the grounds and classroom.
2. ABLUTION BUILDING
 - Commencement of construction of the School ablution block during the April 2018 volunteer trip, including excavation of pits and commencement of walls
3. COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN
 - Fencing of 2000m², ploughing and sowing of first crops including beetroot, carrots, lettuce, cabbage.
4. WATER SYSTEM
 - Construction of the water system continued in 2017/2018 with the following:
 - Installation of solar panels, pump and commissioning of the pumping system
 - Leak detection and repair of delivery pipeline from spring reservoir to school reservoir
 - Commissioning of pipeline and delivery of first water to the School reservoir and school site
 - Installation of piping, taps and meters at school site and community vegetable garden and delivery of first water
 - Employment of 2 female water monitors to check the pipeline each day and read and record water usage from the meters.

REPORTING – ETHIOPIA & AUSTRALIA

1. Continued liaison with Ethiopian Education Department and Water office regarding all facets of School and water system construction and operation
2. All local financial and activity reporting is up to date and submitted to relevant authorities in Ethiopia and Australia.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Fencing of community vegetable garden at Hudad Plateau
Delivery of training to local farmers on sustainable agriculture techniques
Ongoing provision of vegetable seeds and tree seedlings to local community to increase and diversify food production by community.

TEMPORARY SCHOOL

Relocated with staff to first classroom April 2018