

# Friends of the Hudad Inc. Annual Report 30th June 2017

## FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES – Melbourne & Seattle

Highlights of the year's fundraising, were;

- Comedy night raising approx. \$2000
- Northcote High School Yr 9 sponsorship event \$7,500
- Seed raising dinner –Hope \$1,200
- Mesob winter dinner August 2016 \$5,800
- Seattle Friends raised approx. \$16,000 for the project with cake stalls, slide nights, and contributions to the Chuffed campaign, which has been an amazing effort.
- 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

### Trip conducted by Foth Committee to Dubai in Dec 2016

1. Planned trip to Ethiopia in November was cancelled due to State of Emergency being declared in October.
2. In lieu of Ethiopian trip Committee decided to meet Sisay in Dubai to discuss project and do future planning. A solar pump was also purchased in Melbourne and transported to Dubai where it was handed over to Sisay to carry to Addis Ababa. Purchasing and transporting the pump this way was more cost effective than buying it in Addis.

### Trip conducted by the Foth Committee and volunteers in March 2017

1. SCHOOL BUILDING
  - A group of committee members and 8 volunteers from Australia, America & England met at the Hudad to start constructing the first classroom. Footings were dug, stone foundations were laid, and the stone walls were laid up to approx. 1.5 metres. The foundations for the second classroom were also laid up to ground level.
2. WATER SYSTEM
  - Construction of the water system continued in 2016/2017 with the construction of the second reservoir near the school, and up to the commencement of the wet season in June had achieved the following:
    - Engagement of local contractor to construct 2<sup>nd</sup> 25,000Lt masonry water reservoir and assoc terracing to stabilise the site. Installation of pipe from 2<sup>nd</sup> reservoir to school site.
    - Design and fabrication of steel framework for solar panels ready for installion at spring reservoir
    - Connection of pipework from springs to reservoir and supply of water to cattle trough.

## REPORTING – ETHIOPIA & AUSTRALIA

1. Continued liaison with Ethiopian Education Department regarding final design of the permanent school buildings.
2. All local financial and activity reporting is up to date and submitted to relevant authorities in Ethiopia and Australia.

## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

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

Support for temporary school staffed by Zone Education Department in BahirDar