



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Sunrise Children's Association Incorporated

Bringing a brighter future to the children of Nepal

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A message from our CEO

Dear Supporters and Friends,

Despite the challenges of working with highly vulnerable children and their families, the 2022-23 fiscal year was another very rewarding year for SCAI in Australia and Nepal. We saw significant progress made by many of the children and families we support, with more youth graduating from school and college, more children being returned to their families and more families moving onto a life of independence.

We continued to focus on **Prevention, Rescue and Reintegration**, through our Education Scholarship and Livelihood Development programs, providing nurturing, family-based care for rescued children, and supporting children reintegrated back into their families and communities.

With the extremely generous support of our donors, we were able to provide **Education Scholarships for over 320 children**, with livelihood development support for their families, care for **43 children at Sunrise Home**, and ongoing **reintegration support for 53 children**. To help keep our children protected, in school and help strengthen their families, our team conducted **1,182 home monitoring visits** and **490 school/college visits**. 2022-23 saw the final year of support for **127 children and their families as they moved onto a life of independence** which was definitely an exciting milestone!

But there is still a lot of work to be done. Largely due to poverty and a lack of education, many children are still at high risk of unnecessary separation from family, due to early marriage, trafficking, domestic and other forms of child labour. Nepal remains in Tier 2 in the annual Trafficking in Persons report*, which means 'the Government of Nepal does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so'. Over the next 12 months, we will continue to work to support the governments priorities, and focus on protecting, educating, and empowering children and their families through formal and informal education and training programs, and various other support to reduce their vulnerability and help prevent unnecessary separation.

Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our dedicated sponsors who have supported us for many years, as well as our new sponsors who have very generously come on board this year. It is with your support that these children and families can transform their lives and look forward to considerably brighter futures.

Sincerely,



Emma Taylor
Co-founder and CEO
SCAI Australia



**2023 Trafficking in Persons report: Nepal, U.S. Embassy in Nepal*

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Nepal's Children

Nepal continues to be the 3rd poorest country in Asia with several significant issues facing Nepal's children and youth. Our Vision, Mission, Values and Program Strategies were developed to address the root cause of these issues.

Child Marriage

Over 33% reported marriage before 18 years.²

Education

Only 27% of children have completed upper secondary school.¹

Child labour

1.1m children 5-17 years are engaged in child labour, with 222,000+ being hazardous.³



Orphanages

Over 11,000 children are still in orphanages/ similar institutions. It is estimated around 85% are not orphans.⁴

Poverty

22% of children in Nepal live in Multidimensional poverty.⁶

Trafficking

1.5m Nepalis are vulnerable to human trafficking. Young, uneducated, rural girls 11-25 years are at the highest risk.⁵

1.UNICEF Nepal Education Factsheet 2022, 2.UNICEF, 3.ILO, 4.National Child Rights Council Nepal's "Child Status Report 2078", 5.2023 Trafficking in Persons report: Nepal, U.S. Embassy in Nepal, 6.Nepal Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021



About Us

Sunrise Children’s Association Incorporated (SCAI) is an independently funded, not-for-profit organization founded in Australia in 2005 to support vulnerable children in Nepal. SCAI became an International Non-Government Organisation (INGO) in Nepal in 2007, and through our branch office in Nepal, we work with local Nepalese NGO partners, local authorities, and communities to protect, educate, and empower some of Nepal’s most vulnerable children and their families.

Our Journey

SCAI was founded after Emma Taylor, and two other Australian women spent time as volunteers in a poorly run orphanage in Kathmandu in 2004 and saw the terrible conditions in which the children lived, and the risks they faced. They quickly discovered that most of the children were not orphans, and most had been trafficked, enticed, or willingly sent from their rural homes, under the false promise of a better life and a good education. Many had lost contact with their families.

Emma partnered with a team of local Nepalese with a similar vision, and after initially setting up Sunrise Home, a safe haven for these and other children at risk of abuse and exploitation, the team then began to focus on preventing children being unnecessarily separated in the first place and working on tracing, reconnecting, and reintegrating children back into their families and communities and supporting them there.

18 years on, Emma is still deeply involved and as passionate as ever. With the Nepalese team on the ground in Nepal, SCAI continues to work to protect and educate children, strengthen their families, and give children the opportunity to thrive.



Our Vision

To see all children grow up in a safe, nurturing family environment, where they are loved, valued and respected and have an opportunity to reach their full potential, free from poverty, abuse and neglect.



Our Mission

To prevent trafficking and unnecessary separation of vulnerable children from their families, through empowering them with education, training and livelihood development support.



Our Values

- Non-discrimination
- Child focused
- Active participation
- Empowerment
- Partnership
- Sustainability

Our Program Strategy & Goals



Prevention

Addressing the Root cause through Education & Empowerment.

Key Activities:

Education Scholarships

- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Personal support – Food, clothing, medical, rent.
- ✓ Regular Home and school/ college protection & monitoring visits.
- ✓ Career guidance, Life skills, and Peer Education training.

Community School

Development

- ✓ Psychosocial counselling training for teachers.

Family Livelihood

Development

- ✓ Parent/ guardian's savings and loans groups.
- ✓ Small Business Training and Career Counselling.
- ✓ Skill Development Training.
- ✓ Cooperative formation & training.
- ✓ Livelihood development monitoring and guidance.
- ✓ Family counselling.



Family based care

Providing a temporary, safe, nurturing home for rescued children.

Key Activities:

Sunrise Home

- ✓ Full care including food, clothing, medical, shelter.
- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Live-in caregivers.
- ✓ Psychosocial counselling.
- ✓ Daily life skills.
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities.
- ✓ Awareness building programs.
- ✓ Career counselling.
- ✓ Life skills training.
- ✓ School monitoring visits.
- ✓ Family tracing.
- ✓ Reconnection with family/community.

Host Community School

Development

- ✓ School building and grounds.
- ✓ Secondary level teacher.
- ✓ Psychosocial counselling training for teachers.



Reconnection & Reintegration

Getting children back where they belong.

Key Activities:

Reintegration Program

- ✓ Permanent reintegration with family.
- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Basic needs support – Food, clothing, medical, rent assistance.
- ✓ Regular Home and school/ college protection & monitoring visits.
- ✓ Career guidance.
- ✓ Life skills training.

Summary of Impact in 2022-23

323 Education
scholarships

43 Children cared
for at Sunrise Home

1182 Home
Monitoring Visits

17 Children
reintegrated back
into families

490 School/ College
Monitoring Visits

53 Children in the
Reintegration Program

302 members
(parents/guardians)
in savings groups



52 more youth
completed
secondary school

342 guardians
undertaken Skill
Development Training

30 more youth
finished year 12 or
3yr-Diploma

138 guardians
undertaken Small
Business Training

296 Winter
Sweaters Distributed

29 studying /
completed self-funded
bachelor's degrees

Our Programs in Action



Prevention

Education Scholarship and Livelihood Programs

Preventing trafficking and unnecessary separation through educating and empowering children and their families by providing access to education while simultaneously helping build their families' capacity to improve their livelihoods and transform their lives.

Education Scholarships

In reality, access to education in government or community schools in Nepal is still out of reach for many children, due to fees, extra books, stationery, uniforms, and other materials required. SCAI provides these basics but takes a holistic approach to the children's well-being that includes other physical, psychological, and social support that helps improve the children's overall health and well-being.

323 Children had access to education and other vital support in 2022-23.



323 with School support

School uniforms, stationery, extra books not provided by the government, notebooks, exam and other fees, and extra tuition which is often compulsory for key subjects for the secondary level classes.



270 with Personal support

Clothing, hygiene kits, medical and rent assistance in the majority of cases.



1036 Home protection and monitoring visits

During these regular visits, the team met with various children, family members and in some cases neighbours, to monitor their family situation and living environment, and provide counselling, support and guidance as needed, as well as monitor their livelihood development activities.



379 School monitoring visits

During these monthly visits to the children's schools and colleges, the team met the sponsored children, class teachers and principals, to observe their learning environment, find how the children are behaving, performing, their attendance, and any challenges they may be facing, and explore practical solutions if needed.



37 Youth in Career Counselling

This helped the school and college graduates identify their desired career path, various courses and faculties, requirements and scope, and available scholarship opportunities.



59 Youth in Life Skills Training

These sessions oriented youth on various important life/psychosocial skills, such as communication, problem-solving, decision-making and interpersonal skills, to help them deal with the demands and challenges of life.



72 Youth in Peer Education Training

These oriented youth on possible teenage issues and coping skills, how to facilitate their peers to resolve issues during difficult times with proper communication, and share any issues they currently face, for improved health and well-being.



Awareness building of key issues

Key issues facing youth, giving them a chance to raise their voice e.g. for Children's Day, youth held a rally with different slogans regarding child rights issues and initiated a signature campaign where parents and stakeholders signed to express their commitment to fulfilling their responsibility towards ensuring child rights.



Community School Development

151 Teachers with Psychosocial counselling training

in line with our holistic approach to the children's healthy development, this initiative aims to help create child friendly school environments, by identifying psychosocial issues among children and extending emotional and psychosocial support or referring the case to the appropriate service center as required.

Bishaya Guragain, Year 12 Distinction Student

Student Case Studies



Bishaya was just five years old when her mother eloped, and her father became an alcoholic. Bishaya's grandmother took on the responsibility of raising Bishaya, but alone it was difficult for her to provide educational materials to Bishaya. Hence, she decided to pull Bishaya out of school.

Bishaya was selected for an education scholarship, which was a turning point in her life. Despite many challenges, Bishaya continued to study, and as she grew older, she started to wake very early and help her grandmother with household chores and farm work to help make ends meet.

Despite her hardships, she consistently tops her class and passed the Secondary Education Exams with 85% (Distinction) and is now in year 12.

Bishaya says, "I am blessed to have educational scholarship support of SCAI without which I would not have reached year 12. I will never give up and I aim to become a Chartered Accountant, and I am sure I will materialize this somehow".

Suman Tamang, Police Constable, and Bachelor student



Suman's challenging journey began with the sudden **loss of his father when he was just nine years old**. With no productive land, his mother struggled to provide even the basic necessities for his family. The situation was so dire that Suman's older brother had to drop out of school in the third grade. To prevent Suman from also dropping out, he was provided with an education scholarship, and he embraced the opportunity with all his heart and dedication.

He excelled in his studies and went on to **finish year 12 in 1st position** in his class. Along the way, he also attended the career counselling as part of the program, which inspired him to pursue a career in the Nepal Police Force.

Suman worked tirelessly to prepare for the tough competition and was **selected as a constable in Nepal Police in 2020**. He now earns a very good salary and is preparing for his next goal: to become an **Assistant Sub Inspector of the Nepal Police**. He is now **self-funding his way through a Bachelor of Management**.

Ashmi Tamang, a Primary School



Ashmi's mother was a victim of trafficking and her father got remarried and left Ashmi alone. Her grandparents tried to take care of her however were unable to provide basic necessities such as food, clothing, and education. So, Ashmi **decided to leave school and support them when she was in year 8**.

Then SCAI stepped in and supported her with an education scholarship. She **wakes up by 4.30am** to help her grandparents with household chores before leaving for school, and studies hard. Ashmi has actively participated in the peer education training, life skill training, career counselling, and was motivated to pursue her dreams, despite her hardships. She is **now studying year 12 and is also working as a primary school teacher**, with a good, regular salary.

She was able to turn her passion for education into a rewarding career and now inspires more young minds to achieve their own dreams. Ashmi says, "**I am very thankful to SCAI for supporting me at my most difficult time and enabling me to become what I am today**".

Livelihood Development

To address the root causes of the issues faced by the children and their families, we focused not only on education of the children, but developing the capacity of their families to create more secure livelihoods. This in turn enables them to take greater control of their lives, including providing themselves and their children with better care and reducing the chance of family separation.

302 Guardians actively participated in the livelihood development activities in 2022-23.



302 Parent/ guardian's in savings groups

Each group met on a monthly basis to deposit savings, monitor and collect repayments and discuss their livelihood development. Only a few loans were issued in 2022-23 as most families had taken in the previous two years and were focusing on developing, earning and repaying their loans before the merger into a single cooperative at the end of 2022-23.



138 in Small Business Training (SIYB) and Career Counselling

Refresher training was provided to continually enhance the parents' local knowledge and skills, and monitor the implementation of their business plans that were prepared following the initial training sessions.



342 in Skill Development Training

We continued to scale up the capacity of parents/guardians through various skill trainings so they could further improve their livelihood initiatives. Trainings included:

Tunnel (greenhouse) and various vegetable farming, for seasonal and off-seasonal vegetable farming, making bio compost manure, pest control and marketing of their produce.

Various animal rearing trainings mainly for goat, poultry, cow/buffalos on improving habitat, protecting their animals from disease, proper food, health/hygiene, insurance, vet care.





1036 Livelihood development monitoring visits

at their homes from SCAI's Livelihood Development Officer and support team, to provide first hand feedback on their specific situations.



1036 Family counselling visits

to monitor the living situation and environment in the home, with specialist counselling for cases with particularly challenging issues.



1 Cooperative Formation, Registration

For long term sustainability, all savings groups were merged into a single cooperative, and it was officially registered in the Dupcheswor Rural Municipality.



First general assembly meeting of new cooperative

A new executive committee was elected to replace the committee formed for the interim period. Accounting, Loan and Education sub-committees were also elected through this assembly.



26 Cooperative Management and Account Management Training attendees

Two days training for the executive committee members was held and highlighted the various aspects of cooperative management procedures and the skills required, with further training specifically on how to keep proper accounts and record-keeping techniques as per cooperative standards.

Karna Gurung, a single father

Family Case Studies



Karna Gurung's wife eloped when his son was only 5 years old and his daughter only 3 years old. He remarried to get help taking care of his children, but things got worse when the earthquake in 2072 (2015 AD) destroyed most of his property, and he lost his second wife. After this, he moved to Nuwakot District (SCAI's project area) and struggled to send them to school.

Dipesh and Dipisha were selected for the education scholarship program, and Karna joined his local savings group formed by the SCAI project and started saving 100 NPR every month (around \$1.10) with the money he earned through daily wages farming labour.

Through the project, Karna participated in various training programs such as Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB), vegetable production and livestock rearing. This provided him with the necessary knowledge to start and grow his own businesses.

He took a loan of 5000 NPR (around \$55) and started vegetable farming on a small scale, then with hard work and guidance from the project, gradually expanded his businesses. Today, he cultivates vegetables in **2 tunnels/greenhouses and owns 3 goats and 2 buffalos. His son Dipesh and Dipisha have now both graduated from year 12.** Karna has been able to generate an annual income of 72,000 NPR for his family now (around \$800) and is very thankful to SCAI for our support.



Bishnumaya Tamang, sole income earner

Bishnumaya Tamang's husband suffered from a heart-related disease, and due to their financial difficulties, she was struggling to afford her children's education. In 2018, her two older children were selected for an education scholarship provided by SCAI Australia. Through the program, Bishnumaya **participated in training such as Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB), vegetable farming, goat farming, buffalo farming, and poultry farming.**

She borrowed NPR 20,000 and from her project-formed savings group and started goat farming with three she-goats. She expanded to buffalo farming with one buffalo, and seasonal vegetable farming.

Now, she has five goats and three buffaloes and sells 2-4 goats annually, 2 litres of ghee every month, 100 kg of cabbage, and 50 kg of beans every year. Her **annual income has increased significantly from NPR 18,000 in the first year of the program to NPR 200,000 now.**

Several families are now running successful small businesses including goat, buffalo, cow and ox rearing, poultry, turkey farming, vegetable/tunnel farming, pig farming, fish farming, tailoring, mill, blacksmith operating small grocery stores and hotels.



Family based care

Sunrise Home

Temporary family-based care for children rescued from orphanages /institutions or other situations of abuse or neglect until they can be safely reintegrated back into family.

A safe, nurturing, home environment is vital for the physical, mental, and emotional well-being and development of a child. When this is not possible in a child's own immediate family due to death, abandonment, abuse or high risk of trafficking or separation, we provide full time care at Sunrise Home as a last resort, until we can trace, re-connect, and fully reintegrate the children back into family or community.

43 children were provided full care at Sunrise Home in 2022-23.

Full care, basic physiological and safety needs, such as food, shelter, clothing, and medical care.

Education including uniforms, school materials, fees at our local community school (built by SCAI).

Live-in caregivers 24/7 to help provide family like care, love, guidance, and support.

Psychosocial counselling in a group and on an individual basis from our live-in counsellor as per the needs of the children.

Daily life skills involving various activities to help the children develop self-esteem, confidence, and equip them for life back in their communities. This includes basic cooking, cleaning, washing, gardening, tending to animals and crops.

Extra-curricular activities for recreation and development of personal hobbies and interests, including weekly Laughter Yoga, excursions, sport, games, dance, singing and informal competitions such as writing, spelling, drawing, quizzes, and home library. **Festivals and celebrations** are a key part of the local culture, and the children are encouraged to celebrate and participate in as many as interests them.

Awareness building on key issues facing youth, giving them a chance to learn, discuss and raise their voice. Some topics covered were: Sexual and gender-based violence, Children's Day, Human Right's Day, World Day Against Child Labour, Environment Day, International Women's Day, Cancer Day.



Career counselling to help graduate youth identify their desired career path, various courses and faculties, requirements and scope and available scholarship opportunities.

Life Skills Training oriented youth on various important life/psychosocial skills, such as communication, problem-solving, decision-making and interpersonal skills, to help them deal with the demands and challenges of life.

School monitoring visits – During these regular visits to the children’s schools, the team met the sponsored children, class teachers and principals, to observe their learning environment, find how the children are behaving, performing, their attendance, and any challenges they may be facing, and explore practical solutions if needed.

Family Tracing – The search for families who have lost contact begins as soon as children join Sunrise Home, with the intention to reconnect them as soon as possible.

Reconnection visits – Following assessment of the safety of the children’s homes and family situation, and on agreement of both the child and family, the children are sent on re-connection visits in their holidays and festival times to help build/re-build family bonds and acclimatize the children to their local community before permanent reintegration.



Host Community School Development

Improving the quality of education in our local community to help equip the Sunrise and community children for a better future.

In 2012-13 SCAI bought land and constructed 14 rooms to accommodate the local community school, to help prevent local youth leaving home in search of secondary education and English medium. Nepali medium was extended to the end of secondary school, and all new English medium was added from Nursery- Secondary School. Since then, SCAI has funded teachers and in line with our phase out plan, 2022-23 saw the final year of teacher support.

10th group of students were able to complete Secondary School (SEE) in 2022-23.

- ✓ 1 qualified, English speaking, secondary level teachers (phased out gradually from 17 staff).
- ✓ School building and grounds.
- ✓ Psychosocial counselling training to teachers.



Reconnection & Reintegration

Reintegration Program

Getting children back where they belong, with their biological families and communities.

We strongly believe that no matter how good a home like Sunrise Home may be, the best place for a child to grow up is with their biological family and in their own communities.

After a series of reconnections visits by the children and assessment visits by our team, we proceed to permanently reintegrate the children back into their family. In the absence of their own parents, older siblings, aunts, and uncles have taken over their guardianship in most cases.

To ensure the children are not at risk of unnecessary separation again and receive a good education and have their basic needs and rights met, our ongoing support is usually needed. We support reintegrated children for a minimum of 3 years, but often until they finish college (year 12) or equivalent.

17 more children were permanently reintegrated back into biological family and **53** children and youth received ongoing support in 2022-23.

- ✓ Permanent reintegration with family.
- ✓ Education - Uniforms, school materials, fees.
- ✓ Basic needs support – Food, clothing, medical, rent assistance for most severe cases.
- ✓ Regular protection & monitoring visits to the children’s homes.
- ✓ Regular monitoring visits to the children’s schools and colleges.
- ✓ Career Counselling.
- ✓ Life Skills Training.



Roshma, Rojina, Rakesh and Ramita

Their father passed away and their mother eloped with another man. Their grandmother was old and sick. Their uncle who temporarily cared for them lives in Kathmandu with his wife and two daughters but didn’t have a regular source of income. Due to having no other relatives to care for them, the authorities requested their care at Sunrise Home.

Uncle is now working as a Pathao (like Uber) driver and aunt as a teacher. Grandmother’s health has improved, so they are now very happily living with their grandmother, under the support and guardianship of their uncle and SCAI’s Reintegration Program.

Roshan and Keshar with their Mother

Their father died at a young age, then their mother left the boys in a neighbour's home due to her struggles and was out of contact. Their neighbour sent them to work in a local restaurant, and after being found, were rescued, and sent to Sunrise Home.

After tracing their uncle and mother, we were able to support the family to care for them. The boys are now happily back living with their mother and maternal grandparents. Their mother is doing buffalo rearing at village, and all are happy being back together in their village.



Bibek, Binita, Rinita with their Mother

Their father was an alcoholic who died after taking poison. Their mother, who had health issues at the time, was left with his debts to repay but couldn't manage. She left home and took the 3 children to their maternal parent's home and went to work as a live-in domestic house helper. Their maternal grandparents didn't have enough land for farming nor have any stable source of income, so the children didn't receive proper care and were sent to Sunrise Home.

Their mother has now repaid her husband's debts and has sorted out her health issues, and with the help of SCAI's Reintegration Program, was able to take her children back and care for them well, and are very happy together.



Yukesh with his Grandfather

Yukesh's mother left him in childhood. After that, his grandmother and stepmother looked after him, but after his grandmother's death he was left alone in the village with his uncle and grandfather. His uncle was an alcoholic and used to hit and scold him for small things. One day, he went to Kathmandu in search of his father and stepmother and was found roaming the streets looking for them and a job. He was rescued by the police and sent a transit home., but they were unable to trace his family, so he was sent to Sunrise Home.

Our team traced his father and grandfather, and he is now delighted to be back living with his grandfather in their village and studying in year 10 at school.



Where Are They Now?

Year after year we are delighted to see so many youth continue on their positive journeys after our financial support ends. With a solid foundation of college (year 12) or a 3-year Technical Diploma and a positive attitude, several more of the youth have taken further steps towards bright, independent futures. See our Annual 'Where Are They Now' Newsletter for many more!



Rajaram Thapa (now 20 years) volunteered for a month as a teacher before joining college (year 11), to give something back to his local community. He completed year 12 Management (Travel and Tourism) in mid-2021 and is now **studying a Bachelor of Business Studies, making vlogs and has his own photography and video business.**



Durga Shakya (now 22 years) volunteered for 3 months at a Montessori centre and an organisation collecting story books before joining year 11 in Management (Travel and Tourism). Durga completed year 12 with A Grade in mid-2020 and is now **studying a Bachelor of Business Studies 3rd year and working in a clothes store while she studies.**



Sadumaya Budha (now 22 years) volunteered as a teacher for a month before joining year 11 in the Humanities stream. She graduated from year 12 with B+ Grade in mid-2019. She then joined university and is now in **4th year of her Bachelor of Social Work and works in an upmarket outdoor clothing store.**



Marium Tamang (now 27 years) joined year 11 in Education with major English and graduated from year 12 in 1st division in mid-2017. She then started **teaching in a private school and took over guardianship of her younger siblings.** Now she is **working in a private firm as a documentation assistant** and is very active in local politics and community affairs.



Ganesh Rokaya (now 26 years) passed school in 1st Division then completed a **3-year Diploma of Health Assistant** in 2017. Since graduating he has been very active, gaining a range of experience to build his career; 6 months volunteering with a senior medical doctor, working as a **teacher** to earn some money and experience, **started and sold his own small pharmacy** in Kathmandu, worked at his **local community health centre** in his village and is now **working in a private clinic.**

Summary of our key impacts so far

SCAI has provided **1301** children with education scholarships who are now much less likely to be trafficked, married early, forced into child labour, sent away from home, or drop out of school.

A total of **404** youth finished school and **173** have finished college (year 12) or a 3-year diploma with SCAI's sponsorship so far.

320 guardians have had the opportunity to take loans to start or strengthen their small businesses through the SCAI initiated savings groups.

SCAI has cared for a total of **203** children full time at Sunrise Home.

177 (87%) of these children have been safely reintegrated back into immediate or extended families so far.

Over **140** children and youth have been supported through the reintegration program, providing support for school, college, and other basic needs.



Our SCAI Community

The SCAI community is made up of staff, sponsors, donors, volunteers, event supporters, committee members and various stakeholders, each of whom contribute to the sustainability of SCAI and the positive outcomes from our programs in Nepal.

Our Staff

Our dedicated team of 16 from SCAI and our NGO partners, RUDEC Nepal, CSN Nepal and Sunrise Org Nepal, continued to work with unwavering commitment and dedication, to plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate our programs and impact in Nepal.

SCAI Team



Emma Taylor
Co-Founder / CEO



Raj Kumar Lama Tamang
Country Manager
(Nepal)



Namita Hamal
Finance and Admin
Officer (Nepal)



Bishnu Chaudhary,
Livelihood Development
Officer (Nepal)

Our Governance and Management Teams

Management Committee

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Geoff Sam, OAM | Chair |
| Dr Leigh-Anne Claase | Secretary |
| Ivo Kavelj | Treasurer |
| Sarah Thom | Committee Member |
| Emma Taylor, OAM | Committee Member |

Public Fund Committee

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| Dr Susan Phillips | Chair |
| Deborah Sykes | Committee member |
| Corinna Hale | Committee member |

SCAI is an incorporated association, incorporated under the South Australia Association Incorporations Act 1985, and registered as a charity under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

SCAI was endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) in 2010, enabling donations \$2 and over to be tax deductible in Australia. All gifts and deductible contributions made for our charitable purpose are held in a separate Public Fund, administered by the three Public Fund Trustees.

Risk Management

Due to the nature of our work, there will always be risks. SCAI has a comprehensive Risk Management Policy and Framework and a Risk Register, designed to identify, evaluate, and mitigate risks, which is reviewed on a regular basis by the management team and the Risk Management Officer. This is reported to the board at the quarterly meetings.

Our Sponsors and Donors

We are extremely grateful that our dedicated sponsors have maintained their generous support again in 2022-23 and have continued their sponsorships into 2023-24.

5 Major Project Sponsors

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| Kathmandu Kids, Australia | \$700,000+ over 15 years |
| Paul Hameister, Australia | \$200,000+ over 13 years |
| Paul and Rose Cody, UK | \$150,000+ over 13 years |
| Geoff Sam, Australia | \$125,000+ over 7 years |
| Große für Kleine Kinderfonds Foundation, Germany | \$100,000 over 15 years |

In 2023-23, funds from these incredibly generous sponsors continued to go towards the education scholarship and livelihood development programs and community school development.

We were also delighted to welcome on board **3 new major project sponsors from 2023-24**; Armadillo Foundation, MIT Group Foundation and Arauco Ltd, who generously came on board to ensure we could uphold our commitments to existing as well as new children in the education scholarship programs.

130+ Individual Monthly Sponsors

Funds from our monthly sponsors continued to go towards Sunrise Home, the Reintegration Program and one of our education scholarship programs. Special thanks to Angus Sobels and Santosh and Anju Verghese who have donated over \$80,000 each so far, and those who wish to remain anonymous.

34 One-off donations

In 2022-23, one-off donations were used to support some of the children taken into Sunrise Home in emergency rescues, 'Winter Warmth and Smiles' Xmas campaign and other program activities not supported by our regular sponsors.

Fundraising Events

The Annual '**Dining at Sunset, Bringing Hope at Sunrise**' fundraising dinner was held in Adelaide in March 2023 in conjunction with NRNA Australia Women Forum, to celebrate International Women's Day. We are always delighted to some have Nepalese friends of SCAI attend the event, and this year was extra special with 70 or so guests from the Nepalese community. It was another fantastic night of entertainment, **raising over \$30,000 profit**.

Thank you to everyone that supported the events through attending, volunteering, donating auction and raffle prizes, food and wine, shopping at the Nepali markets, making donations and sponsoring children.



Financials

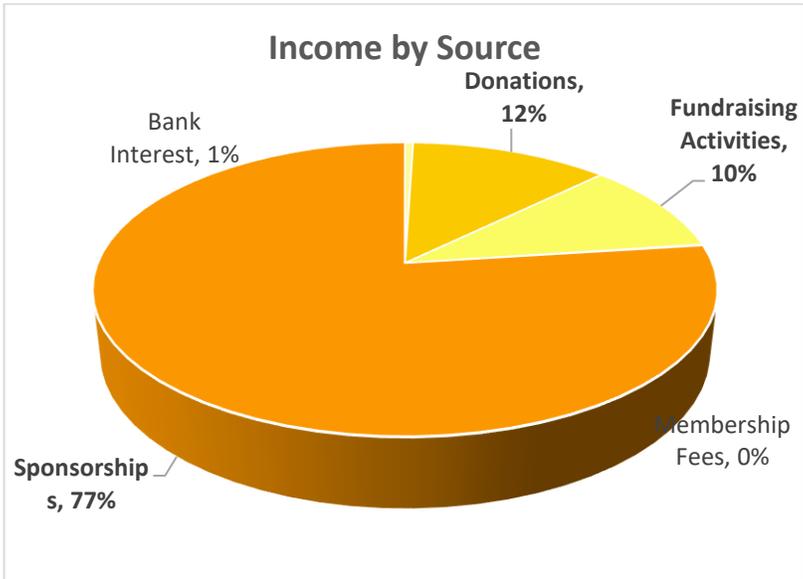
We are proud to maintain our high level of transparency and accountability in Australia and Nepal and deliver our programs in an effective and efficient manner again in 2022-23.

Income and Expenditure

| Income | 2022 | 2023 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bank Interest | \$46 | \$1,670 |
| Donations | \$20,394 | \$40,226 |
| Fundraising Activities | \$63,723 | \$33,479 |
| Government Subsidies | - | - |
| Membership Fees | \$510 | \$360 |
| Sponsorships | \$229,065 | \$253,873 |
| | \$313,738 | \$329,608 |
| | | |
| Expenditure | | |
| Audit Fees | \$1,925 | \$2,200 |
| Bank Fees and Charges | \$217 | \$100 |
| Bookkeeping | \$1,675 | \$1,804 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$16,432 | \$10,800 |
| Fundraising Support | \$1,627 | \$772 |
| Give Now Charges | \$12 | 0 |
| Insurance | \$2403 | \$1,624 |
| Marketing/Website | \$283 | \$1,461 |
| Programs Nepal | \$273,883 | \$269,000 |
| Program Support | \$40,294 | \$29,906 |
| Staff Salary & Expenses | \$38,750 | \$28,750 |
| Super | \$6250 | \$6,038 |
| Telephone/Internet | \$599 | \$698 |
| Travel | | \$3818 |
| | \$384,349 | \$356,971 |
| | | |
| Operating Surplus | -\$70,611 | -\$27,363 |
| Retained Earnings at Start of year | \$297,674 | \$227,063 |
| Retained Earnings at End of year | \$227,063 | \$199,700 |

*The above is based on the Audited Financial Reports

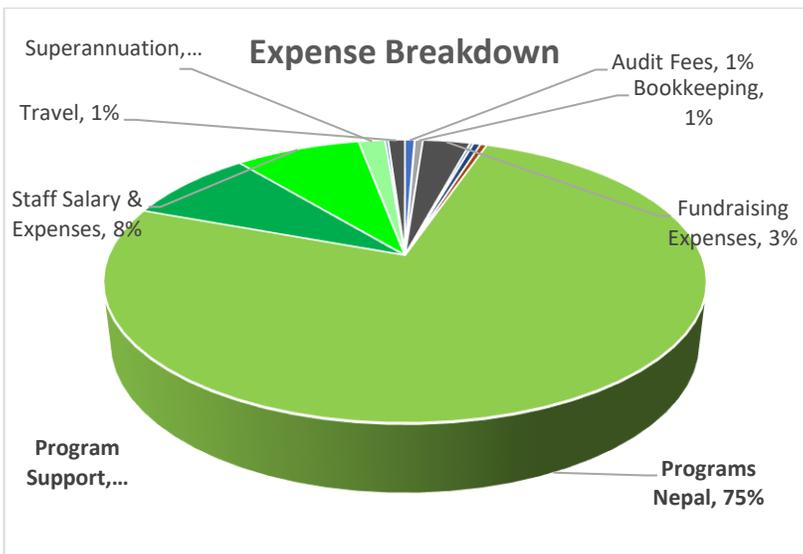
Further details can be found in our full Audited Financial Statements 2023, prepared by Lee Green, at www.scai.org.au and in our regular project Newsletters.



Income

Total Income of \$329,608 in 2023 was up from \$313,738 in 2022, an increase of \$15,870 (5%).

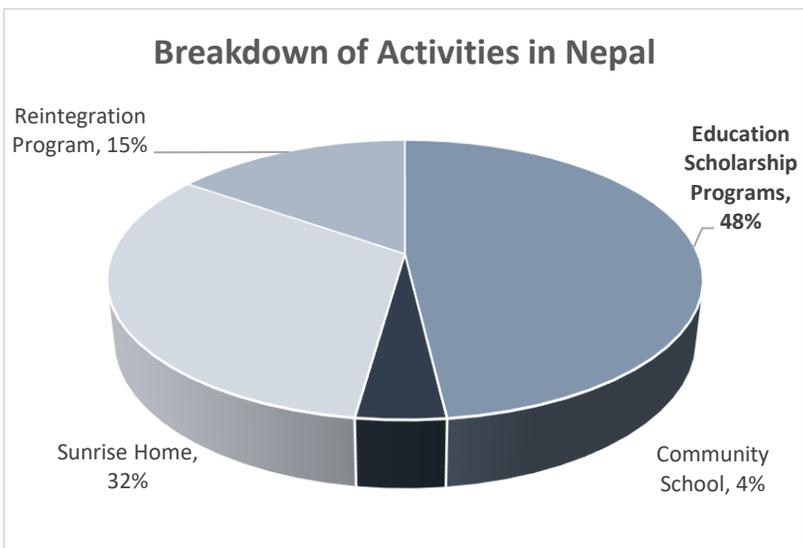
This was largely due to an increase in sponsorships and one-off donations, offset by a decrease in fundraising income due to the Melbourne event being postponed from March to August 2023.



Expenses

Total Expenses of \$356,971 in 2023 were down from \$384,349 in 2022, a decrease of \$27,378 (7%).

This was largely due to a decrease in Program Support, Salary/Expenses, Fundraising Expenses, and Programs Nepal.



Activities in Nepal

Education scholarship programs (including livelihood development) accounted for 48% of spend in Nepal, with Sunrise Home and the Reintegration Program accounting for 32% and 15% respectively and Community School support 4%.

Join the SCAI Community



If you want to have a meaningful and genuine impact and help enable some of Nepal's brightest young stars escape poverty and transform their lives, there are several ways you can join the SCAI journey!

Financial support:

- ✓ Make a general One-off Donation
- ✓ Make a general Monthly Donation
- ✓ Sponsor a Child at Sunrise Home or in the Reintegration Program
- ✓ Sponsor a group of children with Education Scholarships and Livelihood Development support

Non-Financial support:

- ✓ Get involved with SCAI's Fundraising Events
- ✓ Run your own fundraising event/challenge
 - ✓ Donate your expertise
- ✓ Help spread the word about our work and impact

All donations over \$2 in Australia are tax deductible.

As a sponsor you will receive quarterly Newsletters dedicated to the program you are supporting, and importantly, we can guarantee that we can tell you exactly where your money goes!



Thank you sincerely for your support

If you have queries about this report, our audited financial statements, or our work, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

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