



AusCongo Network

ANNUAL REPORT
2017 - 2018



President's Report



By Constanin Mukendi

Success attracts success, and our successes in this period have been beyond our expectation.

I am pleased to present my President's report to the 2018 AGM covering our achievements in the year 2017-2018. Auscongo Network has completed another year of good work and achievements.

We have launched new projects including chicken vaccination to reduce mortality rates, computer literacy projects here in Australia and DRC, held some successful fundraising events to support our work and are looking forward to new projects in 2019 focusing on agriculture and keeping girls in school.

It has been a wonderful year and we are so thankful to all of our supporters, partners and volunteers for helping us work towards our goal of alleviating poverty in the DRC.

Project Highlights 2017 - 2018

1. Chicken Vaccination Project (DRC)

We launched this in 2018 with partners Kyeema Foundation and PiCCA. The project aims to establish a program of improved health production and vaccination of village poultry. We have vaccinated 3,000 chickens in 10 villages so far. So far, we have successfully trained four village vaccinators and three supervisors for our first campaign which started in August 2018 and will finish September 2019.

The next campaign is scheduled for December 2019 with more villages interested in joining with an estimated 6,000 chickens to be vaccinated. We are so encouraged and proud of this project because of its sustainability in reducing poverty. It aligns with our Asset-Based Community Development Model as it will be run by the people for the people, which meets our organisational goals. What an achievement!

2. Digital Literacy Project (Aus)

We secured two grants of \$1,500 and \$2,000 from Good Things Foundation to run the Be Connected project at the MDA Centre in Redbank Plains. This is aimed at senior Congolese Australians and teaches them digital literacy skills.

We ran a successful launch night which gained substantial interest from the community, and are now rolling out regular monthly digital literacy workshops to continue engaging with the community and teaching them new skills. This program will help us engage not only with the Congolese community but the entire Australian community. I am proud that even Australian people are registering for this program.

3. Computer Literacy Project (DRC)

We have sent 12 computers to DRC and have already started a computer literacy program where Congolese members can start to gain computer skills to increase their ability to study and gain employment.

We are currently seeking ways to build upon this project by getting access to the internet. One way we are looking at doing this is partnering with Teacher in a Box, which provides comprehensive access to a range of resources in an offline library without the need to connect to the internet. We are currently waiting for the program to be translated into French so we can use this in DRC however when this is achieved it will be a great starting point to teach internet searching in an offline format. We are also in the process of working on an internet project proposal which we aim to submit in 2019.

Project Highlights 2017 - 2018

4. Agriculture & Keep Girls in School Project (DRC)

World Relief Australia (WRA) helped receive all the donations (see financial report) and has received a donor who is funding our Agriculture and Keeping Girls in School projects in Mbuji-Mayi with US\$8,000.00. We are in the process of designing this project to receive the funding with the goal to implement in 2019.

The project has two goals, firstly train locals in farming practices and give them resources to start farming so they can earn an income and secondly to support the girls who are not able to attend school due to various reasons linked to war, poverty and political conflicts. We will run this project in the same villages where we are running the Chicken Vaccination project. I am delighted and proud that the chiefs of the villages and all the villagers, moved by the chicken project, are already organised, enthusiastic and happy to support this

project. Again, if successful, this project is going to help us meet our goals and objectives. What an achievement!

5. Buddy2buddy Solar Project (Rotary Club - Aus)

Three schools including Ipswich Grammar School, Staines Memorial College and Brigidine Colleges have already started working on this project, whereby school students in Australia create solar lights which are then to be sent to DRC to be used by families overseas. This will be helpful for school children to do homework after school with a reliable and safe light source, and helpful for the families. Currently, kerosene lamps are still a key source of light which can be dangerous. This is a better and more long term solution for lighting homes.

This project is supported by the Rotary Club of Greater Springfield, and next year we hope to deliver this project in DRC. This project, together with Teacher in a Box, will give us the opportunity to work in partnership with Rotary Club International as three rotary clubs will be involved.

6. Challenge Employment Services & Training

We received two paid workers this year, Ms Neha and Ms Julyati for 16 weeks in our office. Thanks to them, we achieved a lot for our organisation including grant applications, fundraising and administration. We hope that Challenge Employment will place more trainees in our organisation in 2019.

Fundraising Highlights 2017 - 2018

1. Charity Status

In 2018, we obtained our charity status after a long process which began in 2010 with one of our first members, Ms Sarah Wheatly from Minster Ellison Chamber. We have since worked with our partner World Relief Australia as our agent for fundraising and delivering projects in DRC. We are proud to announce that we are now authorised to raise our own funds in Australia. This will help us to increase our fundraising activities here in Australia to continue to support the work we do overseas.

2. Christmas Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

We raised almost \$2,400 in our annual Christmas Gift Wrapping fundraiser, including \$800 donated by Ipswich Councillors. What an incredible effort! I thank our volunteers Ms Memory and her friends as well as my granddaughters and their friends for volunteering throughout the week. Also a special thank you to the Ipswich Councillors who donated us \$800 to purchase equipment.

3. Garage Sales

We held three garage sales during the year, raising almost \$1,000 in total.

4. Grill'd Local Matters

We won the Local Matters fundraiser held at Grill'd Browns Plains and were awarded \$300. Thank you so much for your generosity!

5. Online fundraising

We have opened a new online fundraising portal through Give Now where we can collect our own funds now that we have charity status. We have also created a Paypal account to facilitate online donations and created an account with "raisely fundraising platform" to raise funds online for our Public Insurance in order to continue working with volunteers this year 2018-19.

Future Directions

We are very grateful to Mr Jean Calvin Tshibwabwa, the National Director in Congo, who continues working with limited resources. He is very committed to helping support our communities in DRC and we are so grateful beyond words for his incredible and life-changing work.

From 2019, our focus will be on these key areas:

- + economic development / job creation
- + education
- + health
- + financial sustainability for ACN

With a clear focus and increasing support from key partners, we are excited for what the future holds.

One of the areas we are most excited about is our upcoming Agriculture and Keep Girls In School projects funded through World Relief Australia. In addition, we will be launching the next phase of our Chicken Vaccination Project and continuing to run digital/computer literacy programs both here in Australia and the DRC.

We are optimistic and excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing 2019 continue the upward trend of success in ACN.

Thank you all.

B.C. Mukendi

President

Acknowledgements

Working with friends and supporters have kept us moving forward and achieving our goals. We are grateful for the following people who have assisted us:

To all those who assisted with gaining the Charity Status after eight years of work including Mr Peter Forday our mentor, Mr Duncan Mackwarld our lawyer - Senior Associate Lawyer at Chambers Corrs Chambers Westgarth lawyers, Ms Jane Gary Funding Manager, Ms Cassandra Sheppard Project Director, Dr Roxanne, Business Development and Secretary, Alex Ng Treasurer, James Harvey Treasurer, Trish Fallon Coordinator of Self-Help Queensland, Mr Charles Adler CEO of Charity Hub, Ms Gigi Lacey Consultant, Mr Robert Helyar our former Secretary, Mr Fabrice our Treasurer and Kalala, Mr Louis Kalala our Secretary.

On a special note, I have no words enough to thank Ms Janice, our Project Director - her dedication has no measure. Dear Janice, I really appreciate your support, your time, your compassion and your heart that you provide to ACN and to me as well. How grateful I feel to work with such a committed team!!

I thank, from the bottom of my heart Ms Claudia, Development Officer at Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ), for helping us develop the Be Connected digital literacy program. Thanks to Ms Claudia our two grants from Good Things Foundation and the launch of the "Get Online Week" which were successful. She helped us write the grant application and also plan the Get Online week event.

I really thank Ms Rose MacAuslane, the Centre Development manager, and Ms Josie Romanelli acting Centre Development Manager for their assistance and for providing the facilities at the centre. Through them, I thank Multicultural Development Association (MDA) for the partnership and collaboration.

Finally, words are not enough for me to thank our wonderful volunteers and our management committee Mr Louis and Mr Fabrice for their dedication and commitment. I thank Ms Alana and her husband Mr Travis who have worked as financial and administration officers. I thank Ms Susan Chen who contributed a lot for the Get Online event.

I cannot forget to thank from the bottom of my heart the following persons for their financial contribution for this 2018- 2019 namely Ms Pretty Mulanaga, my wife Mushiya Mbuyi and Mr Peter Dixon, my Rotarian friend. Their financial contribution has helped us help thousands of people in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of all the members who have contributed financially to the development of ACN here in Australia and in Congo. I acknowledge the dedication and

contribution of our lovely, volunteers and members that helped make 2017-18 a very successful year. It has been an honour to be the President of the ACN.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30.06.2018

	<u>Notes</u>	£	£
Current Assets			
<i>Cash and Bank</i>			
Cash at Bank - NAB		50.55	
Cash at Bank - Westpac		127.30	
Cash In hand		10.00	
Cash at Aid Agency - WRA		1,043.75	
Total Current Assets			<u>1,231.60</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>1,231.60</u>
Represented by			
<i>Accumulated Funds</i>			
Accumulated Surplus/ Deficit		2,545.82	
Retained Earnings		(1314.22)	
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS			<u>1,231.60</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 30th June 2018	
	<u>Notes</u>	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank		
Cash at Bank - NAB		50.55
Cash at Bank - Westpac		127.30
Cash In hand		10.00
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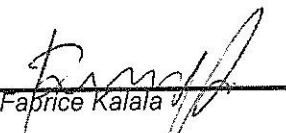
President



Constantin Mukendi

Date: 20/08/2018

Treasurer



Fabrice Kalala

Date: 20/08/2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year ended 30th June 2018

INCOME RECEIVED	Notes	\$	\$
Auscongo Network (ACN)			
Donations	(a)	2,787.90	
Grants		-	
Fundraising	(b)		
- Garage Sale		957.75	
- Christmas Gift Wrapping		2,329.75	
Membership	(c)	240.00	
			6,315.40
Add World Relief Australia(WRA)			
Donations	(d)	3,430.00	
Grants		-	
Sponsorship		-	
Less Project management Fees	(e)	(343.00)	
			3,087.00
Add Candy sales	(f)		-
TOTAL INCOME			9,402.40
EXPENDITURE			
Event Expenses	(g)	1,112.29	
Insurance	(h)	1,582.96	
Bank Charges and Fees	(i)	2.50	
Printing & Stationery	(j)	285.69	
Money Transfer charges	(k)	363.01	
Lodgement fees	(l)	292.33	
Subscriptions	(m)	4.50	
Fuel	(n)	50.00	
Audit fees	(l)	-	
Expenses in Congo			
Office rent and Staff Salary		7,023.34	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			10,716.62
NET DEFICIT			(1314.22)

President



Constantin Mukendi

Date: 29/08/2018

Treasurer



Fabrice Kalala

Date: 20/08/2018

Notes to the statements

- (a) Includes donation from Costa , Ipswich City Council (Christmas Wrapping Supplies)
Congo KYEEMA Project, Coles gift card, individuals and members.
- (b) Income from Garage Sale and Christmas wrapping.
- (c) Income from the \$30 pp fees Auscongo members pay annually.
- (d) Donation via World Relief Australia (WRA) for project.
- (e) Management Fee of 10% of the donation charged by WRA for donation via them.
- (f) No sale of candies.
- (g) Purchase of preparation for garage sale and christmas gift wrapping.
- (h) Expense for Personal Accident Volunteer Insurance and Public Liability
- (i) ATM Charges
- (j) Internet cable and small clips, expense for printing documents and posters as well as purchase of stationary use in the office and during garage sale.
- (k) Charge on money sent to Congo for running the office via Money gram and Western Union
- (l) APN Newspaper-advertising fee requirement for charity status
Constitution Amandment and Annual Report Lodgement
- (m) Fundraising Centre Subscription
- (n) Fuel
- (l) No audit Fees

President



Constantin Mukendi

Date:

20/08/2018

Treasurer



Fabrice Kalala

Date:

20/08/2018

Verification Statement

AusCongoNetwork Incorporated

For The Year Ended 30 June 2018

The association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

The association does not have any liabilities as at 30 June 2018.

Statement Authorised by:

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Constantin Mukendi', is written over a horizontal line.

Constantin Mukendi

Date: 20/08/2018

AusCongoNetwork Incorporated

Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2018

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AusCongoNetwork Incorporated
Income Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$
Income		
Donations Received		6,218
Fund Raising Income		3,288
Membership Fees		240
		<u>9,746</u>
Expenditure		
Bank Charges		3
Event Expenses		1,112
Fuel & Oil		50
Insurance		1,583
Lodgement Fees		292
Money Transfer Expenses		363
Office Rent and Staff Salary Expenses		7,023
Printing & Stationery		286
Project Management Expenses		343
Subscriptions		5
		<u>11,060</u>
Deficit for the year		<u><u>(1,314)</u></u>
Retained Profits at the End of the Financial Year		<u><u>1,232</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

AusCongoNetwork Incorporated
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		1,232
Total Current Assets		1,232
Total Assets		1,232
Net Assets		1,232
Equity		
Retained Profits		1,232
Total Equity		1,232

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

AusCongoNetwork Incorporated
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2018

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached .*

AusCongoNetwork Incorporated
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2018

	2018
	\$
2.	
Expenses	
Bank Charges	3
Insurance	1,583
Printing & Stationery	286
Other Expenses	9,188
	<u>11,060</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached .

AusCongoNetwork Incorporated
Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the association 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.

In the opinion of the committee as set out in the accompanying financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of AusCongoNetwork Incorporated as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that AusCongoNetwork Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

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Dated 23rd January, 2019

AusCongoNetwork Incorporated
Independent Auditor's Report
to the Members of
AusCongoNetwork Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of AusCongoNetwork Incorporated (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2018, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of AusCongoNetwork Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance 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 judgment, 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 association's 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of AusCongoNetwork Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AusCongoNetwork Incorporated as at 30 June 2018 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland).

**AusCongoNetwork Incorporated
Independent Auditor's Report
to the Members of
AusCongoNetwork Incorporated**

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist AusCongoNetwork Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



David Hartmann FCA
Harwil Auditors Pty Ltd

Dated this 23rd day of January 2019