

Newsletter

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in the
Asia Pacific Region
by Margaret Gadd

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***inter*PART'S Vision 7**



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Chairpersons Report

Hello Friends: I hope everyone is managing to stay warm.

Friends of *inter*PART held a strategic planning meeting on 20th July, so we can “get our bearings”. Our last strategic planning meeting was in 2005, so it was useful to revisit what we do and why we do it.

As most people will be aware, since 1997 FoIP has been providing funding of \$8800.00 per year for three salaries for the Rabbit School. This includes the salary for Mr Touch, the school principle who we have supported in becoming a key figure in promoting inclusive education in Cambodia.

The Rabbit School has recently relocated to alternative government grounds. Also, fifteen children with disabilities from the Rabbit School have recently commenced at a government school. It was acknowledged that this is an extremely positive development for inclusive education within the Cambodian education system and the Ministry of Education.

It was identified that it is now appropriate to actively promote that the staff currently being funded by FoIP be offered the recognition and security of their wages being paid by the Cambodian Education system. The timing appeared to be right for FoIP to communicate the intention to withdraw funding commitment for salaries for the Rabbit School by 30th.June '09. It was recognized that there would need to be adequate notice given to all stakeholders of this intent and we are in this process at present. The crucial role that the Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF) would play in this process was recognized. It was acknowledged that KPF would be able to monitor any negotiations closely and would be able to provide FoIP with feedback on the process.

It was agreed that the overall goal for FoIP would then be to redirect funding that is currently allocated to salaries, to other programs to provide “seed funding” to promote capacity building for a range of projects. Friends of *inter*PART wishes to continue to fundraise, but it is hoped that the money raised can be used for a diverse range of projects associated with inclusive education and other worthy programs. We have developed a robust funding application process that reflects our values and goals. We have used this process for providing several grants in recent years, but would like to have more opportunities to try it out!

To develop our long term fundraising structure further, we have also decided to complete an application for Friends of *inter*PART to receive charitable status. The administrative and financial burden of doing this has been our main impediment previously, but recent changes to the process appear to make this a significantly less daunting process. If successful, this will allow obvious benefits for people wishing to make a tax deductible donation. A big thank you to Andrew and Jenny Biven for driving this.

Fundraising with wine, cards and Trinatire continue and thank you to all supporters for these and other fundraising activities. We thank everyone who can contribute. Look no further than the children of the Rabbit School and the groups we are in contact with in Ethiopia, if you are seeking ways to remain inspired by what can be achieved with a little support.

Wayne Allen

Membership News + Membership News + Membership News

Read all about it!!!!
\$40 to be a lifetime member

The current system of membership renewal is very cumbersome to administer for a small organization like ours! During the recent Friends of *interPART* Committee Planning meeting the concept of a one off lifetime membership was raised as a simpler process for both the committee and for members.

The decision was made to set a one-off lifetime membership fee of \$40. In addition it was agreed that any donation over \$100 would automatically qualify for lifetime membership.

This will be introduced from 01/01/09 when the next membership fees are normally due however anyone renewing their membership from now onwards can take advantage of the one off rate!! There will be more information in the next newsletter at the end of 2008.

And why is membership important? Well for a start it is a way for you to indicate your interest in the projects and fund distribution that Friends of *interPART* supports and it allows the committee to communicate news of these projects back to you. It means you can easily be informed about one off events and information sessions through the post or via email – whatever you prefer. Importantly you can be a part of a unique organization that endorses the strategy of providing 'seed funding' to promote building the capacity of organizations to enable them to seek funds from other larger donors or establish their own income generating projects. Occasionally this support can include one off purchases such as equipment or a vehicle which further enables a project to progress towards its ultimate objectives.

Your interest and membership is valued and we hope you will either continue to be a part of Friends of *interPART* or if not yet a member, decide to be a part of the gang!!

Jenny Biven



A summary of an article by Margaret Gadd outlining some important new initiatives.

(from "Disparity", a National Disability Services Journal, 2008).

In February 2007 Parliament House, Canberra was the venue for the launch of the Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC) - a national network of peak development and disability organisations whose purpose is to raise awareness of the impact of disability on poverty in the developing world, and advocate for the Mainstreaming of disability issues in all overseas aid and development activities.

Over a hundred representatives of national and international organisations, disability services, people with disabilities and politicians attended the launch and demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm about addressing the challenges associated with disability in developing countries. National Disability Services (formerly ACROD) is a lead partner in the Consortium, along with the Australian Council for International Development, the peak body for Australian overseas development agencies. The Consortium's objectives are;

- To be a collective voice in our region for raising awareness and lobbying on disability-inclusive programs in developing countries.
- To ensure disability is integrated into mainstream Australian development activities.
- To promote partnerships between Australian and international programs working on disability issues.
- To gather, develop and share expertise, resources and information on best practice in disability inclusion in developing countries.

The fundamental links between disability and poverty have been highlighted over many years by the world's major development agencies and aid donors, including the United Nations, World Bank and Asia Development Bank. All agree that disability affects at least one in ten people and has an impact on one in four members of the community as carers. United Nations data indicate that approximately 10 per cent of the world population lives with a disability; 400 million of these people are in the Asia-Pacific region. Globally, the number of people with disabilities in developing countries is increasing, due to a combination of factors such as conflict, malnutrition, inadequate or non-existent antenatal and post-natal health care, HIV/AIDS, landmines, hazardous roads, traffic conditions and the effects of ageing.

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Disability & Development in the Asia Pacific Region (CONTINUED)

What is Australia doing to address poverty in the Asia Pacific Region?

In 2006-07, the Australian Government budgeted \$2.95 billion dollars as Australia's contribution to efforts to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development in countries in our region. AusAID, the government's overseas aid agency, states that this figure is set to double by 2010, with a priority focus in the Asia Pacific region.

Australian Government initiatives such as Integrated Mines Action Programs, the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development Program and Australian overseas volunteer programs go part of the way to addressing disability issues, but, overall, disability is not yet coherently linked to the many other areas prioritised by AusAID — including HIV/AIDS, health, education and economic development. However, the good news is that AusAID is currently developing a Disability Strategy to provide a policy framework for all future Australian overseas development activities. Following a wide consultation process in Australia and the Asia Pacific region, the Strategy is due for release later this year.

What is National Disability Services doing?

NDS appointed a Project Officer in 2004 and established the ACROD Asia Pacific Partnerships Program established. Since this time, the program has helped member organisations develop projects with partner agencies in the region, responded to requests from overseas organisations, developed links with regional disability NGOs and public sector authorities, networked with other Australian development agencies, and taken a lead role in the establishment of the Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC).

Why has ADDC been established?

Until now, there has until now been little opportunity for aid agencies and service providers to share experience, expertise or other relevant information because there has not been a coherent and coordinated approach to addressing disability in development activities,. Nor has there been a collective voice to advocate for disability-inclusive development practice. Disability has therefore been largely sidelined within Australian government development activities, despite the fact that the poorest of the poor are people who live with disability.

Central to ADDC's effectiveness in coming years will be building partnerships between disability and development agencies, individuals and disabled people's organisations.

Without a uniform approach to disability, the most vulnerable will continue to fall through the gaps. If we are serious about helping the poorest of the poor, and not just the accessible poor, then additional efforts must be made to mainstream and integrate disability in all overseas social and economic development programs. Many Australian disability service providers and Disabled Peoples Organisations have developed a wide range of innovative programs and partnerships across the Asia Pacific region, but many challenges remain. The ADDC provides a broader national and international framework for education, awareness-raising and political action in relation to the needs of people with disabilities in developing countries. The establishment of ADDC provides Australia with the opportunity and responsibility to take a lead on addressing the challenges of disability in the Asia Pacific region.

Margaret Gadd is Project Officer for the NDS Asia Pacific Partnership Program.

Information about the Australian Disability and Development Consortium can be found at www.addc.org.au

"National Disability Services (formerly ACROD) is the peak body for non-government disability services in Australia. Its membership includes more than 600 not-for-profit organisations, which collectively operate several thousand services for Australians with disabilities."



Ethiopia Update

Hello and greetings to dearest Helen and all Friends of interPart. Management members of Women With Disability Association Tigray (WWDAT) extend their gratitude to you all.

These past few months we were busy arranging the three monthly meeting with all members of the association. We had to report about all the activities and future plans and it was a very successful meeting. Members really appreciate what the management is trying to do, especially the trainings and workshops implemented these past few months, establishment of cooperatives and so on. The idea of establishing cooperatives was supported and the past month we were busy doing needs assessments on the profile of members, like their marital status, education, health, disability, business needs, current abilities and skills, and what they wanted to do for survival.

Now we have a clear picture of what our members needs and interests are.

Dear Sirs, I would like to say a little about ABLIS . The idea of establishing small cooperatives of WWD was discussed in the meeting. What was agreed, was that they will create cooperative of not more than 15 women with disability (WWD) in different line of business. Selling vegetables, garment designing, urban agriculture or the wheel chair maintenance shop, dry fruits or silk and cotton garment production, are a few among the list of businesses that could be done by disabled women. We are looking for easy WWD friendly income generating activities which are appropriate for the individual and their communities.

What ABLIS promised is that no matter how many cooperatives we may establish if they have a good business plan and a legal certificate, it is possible to help them not with salaries and house rents but with equipment that could help them do the business such as sewing machines, cheese maker, or containers to be used for shops, grinding machines and equipment for drying fruits and vegetables.

Our Future Plan

1. We have a plan of five days training in topics of HIV AIDS awareness upgrading and the benefits of testing for 30 WWD with their disabled husbands 'who did not go in to the open to talk about it but "might be infected with HIV AIDS" the plan includes the management and some other willing members giving blood for testing for HIV. This will be done at the end of the training program there and then, in front of the camera of the national TV.

This project will be supported by USAID. When I prepared this project, my objective was that this might be one way of minimizing the gravity and severity of being disabled. Most importantly I wanted to promote the idea of opening up to the issues and concerns of the epidemic. If you are informed you are healthy, that is what I believe.

2. I have scheduled a training and experience sharing program for WWDAT management members with the Ethiopian WWD association in Addis Ababa. This will be a good opportunity to upgrade commitments, and effectiveness.

3. I am in search of a sponsor for three members including myself to learn sign language so that we will be able to avoid the one reason for not integrated in to every capacity building activities.

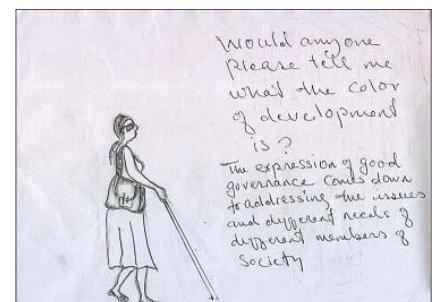
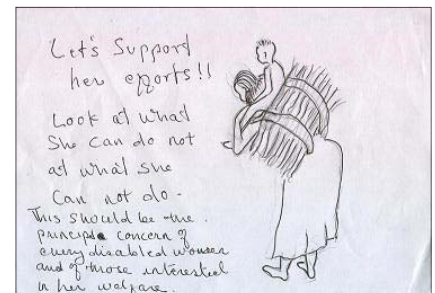
The other request is that I have sent you my personal drawings that try to express the issues of women with disabilities, based on my culture and tradition. I would very much like to make it a small hand book for promotion of disability and women. I am intending to sell it in every workshop or what ever meeting takes place. The income will be given to WWDAT. I kindly request sponsorship for publishing it in color.

Best regards

Guenet Kidane

Tigray

Lets support her efforts !
Look at what she can do and not what she cannot do.
This should be the principle concern of every disabled woman and of those interested in her welfare.



Would anyone please tell me what the color of development is?
The expression of good governance comes down to addressing the issues and different needs of different members of society.

Photo Gallery

KPF Special Needs Workshop April 2008

This was the first ever workshop conducted by the Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF) bringing different people from different organizations to discuss and share about the children and youth with moderate to severe disabilities (Learning and Intellectual Disabilities).

Most of the participants expressed deep appreciation for being able to attend the workshop and they learned more things from each other, especially about learning and intellectual disabilities. They had an opportunity to meet and share with each other, thus they will be able to transfer their new skills to their colleagues for better understanding. Participants were excited to attend and learn more about KPF and its direction. Also they suggested having training on special education and further workshops.

Without financial support from Friends of InterPART, the workshop would not have been possible, thus KPF extends grateful thanks for this kind support. KPF also sincerely thanked the Disability Action Council (DAC) for providing their staff to facilitate the workshop as well as all participants and especially their organizations who allowed them to take part and to share their invaluable time and knowledge with the other participants.



Fundraising

Friends of *interPART* Gift Cards

Your support through purchase of the Friends of *interPART* Gift Cards will help to improve the quality of life and education for these very special children. Give a gift for Christmas or a special occasion that will continue to give pleasure and opportunities to the children of the Rabbit School in Cambodia.



An original Gift idea for Christmas



\$20 Gift Card



\$50 & \$200+ Gift Card



\$10 & \$200 Gift Card



\$100 Gift Card

Inside photograph & wording will depict the gift (not the value) you are donating. Card designs by the children of the Rabbit School.

Please contact us for further information or to place your order info@interpart.org.au

Friends of *inter*PART Inc.

VISION

*inter*PART has a vision of an equitable, just and sustainable world, where people who are most vulnerable are treated with respect and understanding, as a basis for enabling self-determination in ways that enhance individual lives and contribute to the wellbeing of communities, now and in the future.

THE SPIRIT OF *inter* PART

- ❖ *inter*PART believes that if we want a better world, it must start with ourselves.
- ❖ *inter*PART believes that any learning or training must be a two-way process.
- ❖ *inter*PART does this by joining in partnership with the local organisations that these people control.
- ❖ *inter*PART wishes to embrace change positively and flexibly.
- ❖ *inter*PART is committed to exploring innovative options for positive action.
- ❖ *inter*PART seeks to work directly with the so called 'little people' who struggle day by day to secure the basics of life to survive.
- ❖ *inter*PART values the wealth of knowledge, understanding and experience of its members, its partners and supporters and seeks a continual sharing in all its activities and decision making.
- ❖ *inter*PART recognises the interdependence of the whole of the created world and will always consider the impact of any initiative upon the environment and social realm.
- ❖ *inter*PART respects the dignity of all humanity, the relationship which exists between us all as human beings and the environment.
- ❖ *inter*PART practices a process of action/reflection to evaluate the effectiveness and implications of any activity to learn lessons for the future.

Friends of *inter*PART Committee

Chairperson	Wayne Allen
Treasurer	Andrew Biven
Secretary	Ray Walker
<i>inter</i> PART & Associates Representative	Kerry Thomas
Committee members	Nicole McDowell Helen Pitt Jenny Biven Jenny Horne Anne Sunners Robert Horne Ursula Dahl

Friends of *inter*PART wine offer Spring 08



The wines are McLaren Vale:



Verdelho 2007

Riesling 2008

Sav Blanc Semillon 06



Petit Verdot 2005

Shiraz Cabernet 2006

Grenache/Shiraz/Viognier 2004

All wines **\$120.00 a dozen.**

Order form

Order however you wish to make up a dozen:

Suggested mixed dozens:

Mixed white

Mixed red

Mixed red & White

Single blend dozen(s) -----

TOTAL

TOTAL

\$



Delivery details:

Name:

Address:

Best contacts (home/work/mobile/email):

Notes / delivery instructions:

Please order through your Friends of *inter*PART contact, or mail cheque or money order to:
3 Olearia Walk, ALDINGA SA 5173. (sorry, no credit card facilities available)

Please contact Wayne on 0422 150 627 riprap@internode.on.net for further details, questions, or to make up special orders. Please consider us for your next function: tastings may be arranged!

Thank you for your support in assisting us in our work.

Friends of *inter*PART is a charitable organisation raising funds & awareness in support of specific projects, including our ongoing commitment to funding the continued success of the Rabbit School, a school for children with disabilities in a government orphanage in Phnom Penh.

Order now for Christmas and add a humanitarian element to



your festive season



BE CLEAN, BE GREEN, BE HUMANE

Responsible consumer products assisting those most disadvantaged in our world.

Friends of *interPART* sell **Tri Nature** to assist in fundraising activities. All profits are used for our ongoing funding of the Rabbit School & other projects.

Australian-owned **Tri Nature** (www.trinature.com) offers high quality products:

- Made from natural materials: no petrochemicals phosphates and nitrates
- Use no animal by-products & Cruelty Free: no testing on animals.
- Use recyclable plastics

Order form *Note: Orders are taken for delivery in January, April, July, and October*

			Quantity	Total
Kitchen				
Chamomile Herbal dishwashing liquid	1lt	\$16.60		
Machine Dishwashing liquid	5lt	\$37.92		
Citrus Dishwasher powder (Bucket)	2kg	\$35.00		
Citrus Dishwasher powder (Soft pack)	2kg	\$30.50		
Laundry				
Laundry Powder Bucket Bucket	2kg	\$31.95		
Laundry Powder Bucket Soft pack	2kg	\$28.00		
Laundry Liquid Concentrate	2Lt	\$27.35		
Pre Soak/Destainer Bucket	2kg	\$33.00		
Pre Soak/Destainer Soft Pack	2kg	\$27.95		
Cleaning Products				
Angelica fabric softener/Conditioner	1lt	\$18.95		
Sphagnum Moss Herbal Disinfectant Concentrate	1lt	\$18.95		
Supre Multi Purpose Cleaner	1lt	\$15.90		
Ultra Cream Cleanser	500ml	\$7.70		
Maxim Cleaner / Descaler	1lt	\$14.58		
Sanozone Odourless hard surface cleaner	1lt	\$18.95		
Tropique Hebal Disinfectant concentrate	1lt	\$18.95		
Hyaline Glass & Window Cleaner	500ml	\$9.20		
Heritage Furniture polish / conditioner	500ml	\$15.00		
Procure Carpet Care Concentrate	1lt	\$11.05		
Blitz hot plate cleaner	1lt	\$11.66		
Polyspray (500ml capacity)		\$4.00		
Personal Care				
Silk Ambrosia Body Moisturiser	175ml	\$19.90		
Golden Silk Shower Balm	500ml	\$19.40		
Royal Silk Face & Hand gel	500ml	\$15.23		
Regard industrial hand cleanser	1lt	\$9.36		
Sensu Deodorant	150ml	\$9.36		
Hair Care				
A'Deux Family 2 in 1 Shampoo / Conditioner	375ml	\$15.90		
A'Deux Shampoo	500ml	\$12.95		
A'Deux Conditioner	500ml	\$12.95		
TOTAL				

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Cheque or money order only: sorry, no credit card facilities. Cash payment may be able to be arranged to your Friends of *interPART* contact, if this is more convenient.