QSA Notes

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Highlights from the QSA Annual Report 2024

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An ethno-veterinary clinic in Tamil Nadu, India (SOURCE: Pitchandikulam BioResource Centre)

This year has been one of continued change and consolidation for QSA. During the year, we decided to align our financial year with the Australian financial year (AFY) to simplify our reporting processes and align our financial and program reporting. Previously, our financial year ran from 1 October to 30 September, while our program reporting followed the AFY.

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The change means that this Annual Report covers nine months, from 1 October 2023 to 30 June 2024, while the data and analysis for our programs cover 12 months, from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Over the past year, we have focused on improving and consolidating our organisational, program management, and financial systems to help streamline our work and improve transparency.

One of our biggest challenges over the past five years has been a steady decline in donations. The rising cost of living, economic uncertainties, and an ageing donor base contribute to this issue across the not-for-profit sector. We are working to better connect with our donor community and communicate the impact of our work.

Annual Report Highlights

Following are some highlights from the recently published QSA Annual Report, October 2023 - June 2023. A copy of the Report, including a complete set of accounts, is available for download from the QSA website http://www.qsa.org.au/about-us/annual-report

Our Reach

QSA supported eight international development activities and two refugee and asylum seeker projects in Australia, reflecting its commitment to Australian Quakers' concern for creating a more peaceful, equitable, just, and compassionate world. Together, our achievements included:

- QSA provided $694,607 to international development and refugee projects involving 6,084 participants, 65% of whom were women and girls.
- Seven new rural community groups in central and western Uganda have kick-started achieving food security and nutritious diet habits for their households.
- Interactive theatre performances increased Cambodian schoolchildren's understanding of the challenges experienced by ethnic Vietnamese students, promoting collaboration and reducing conflict.
- QSA provided support for the resettlement of 15 Manus Island refugees to Canada.
- The Tamil Nadu government recognised an innovative environmental education program in India that takes a multi-modal environmental and climate education approach. The program will be launched in selected state schools.

Project Statistics

Project expenditure by country

Cambodia was the largest region for QSA project spending, with its five projects accounting for more than 72% of QSA's total project expenditure. This year, QSA's funds were all directed towards international projects and activities, although a small proportion was channelled through Australian-based organisations' projects in overseas locations.

Project expenditure by activity (Sustainable Development Goals)

The proportion of project spending by activity type reflects QSA's focus areas and funding distribution across activities that are aligned with various SDGs. It is important to note that all QSA projects are designed holistically and contribute to multiple SDGs simultaneously. Although one project may target a primary goal, such as food security or gender equality, it will contribute to the interconnected goals of environmental sustainability, education, and community empowerment.

Project participants by gender, age, and disability
Of the 6,018 participants, 66% were women and girls, and 38% were under 18. Individuals living with a disability accounted for 1.1% of participants. QSA welcomes non-binary gender data disaggregation. However, QSA's partners did not identify such participants this year. This breakdown highlights QSA's focus on supporting women, girls, and youth in their projects while acknowledging an increasing need to include people with disabilities.

For more information about QSA's work and profiles of the individual projects, download the QSA Annual Report 2024 from the website, along with a complete set of financial accounts.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with us at administration@qsa.org.au

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