

# BartMeph | Foundation



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2020

*Creating a world of inclusion and opportunities for people with disabilities through innovative equipment solutions, education & training.* 

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# AN OVERVIEW

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#### OUR MISSION

Make life easier for people with disabilities through innovative equipment solutions, education and training.

#### **OUR VISION**

Creating a world of inclusion and opportunities for people with disabilities through innovative equipment solutions, education and training.

#### OUR VALUE

We value, passion, respect and care.

#### **OUR HISTORY**

The vison of BartMeph Foundation was birthed almost two decades ago by a little girl who believed that every person with a disability has a gift within for survival.

The girl grew up in a world where people with disabilities were outcasts and often ridden by poverty or abuse.

The girl had an uncle named Simon Mtetwa who was deaf and dump.

"I believe every person with a disability has a gift within for survival"

Simon did not have any hearing aids and lived in an environment with people who knew little or no deaf language. One moment of miscommunication, lead Simon to die a tragic death which most probably might have been avoided, if he had access to hearing aids and the community was educated in disability awareness.

The girl made a promise that she will be part of the solution that fosters a world of inclusion and opportunities for people with disabilities.

In 2015 the vision was registered as BartMeph Foundation with an aim to create a world of inclusion and opportunities for people with disabilities through innovative equipment solutions, education & training.



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#### **ABOUT US**

BartMeph Foundation is a not for profit organisation that is that is dedicated to helping people with disability and making dreams possible for people with disabilities through innovative equipment solutions, education and training. We are committed to not reinventing the wheel, so we focus on providing equipment solutions and everyday needs for people with disabilities.

Hence, we aim to match people with disabilities with the perfect piece of equipment and enhance their talents. We provide equipment solutions, skills development, transition to work training, supported and open employment for our clients.

BartMeph Foundation is dedicated to working with people with all types of disabilities, all ages and all levels of ability across Australia and Developing Countries, and additional accessibility for Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities

#### **OUR SUPPORTERS**

You come from all walks of life and support us as individuals, families, volunteers, corporations, workplaces and community organisations. BM Foundation to helping people with disability and making dreams possible for people with disabilities through innovative equipment solutions, education and training.

We simply could not do this important work without you. Thank you.

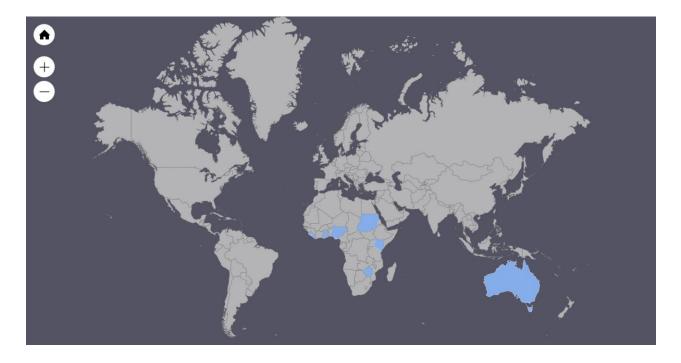


To the families and friends of those who gave an important gift in their will to BM Foundation and those who intend to leave a legacy, we want to say thank you.

# OUR WORK



### **OUR WORK**



- **AUSTRALIA:** Large community of people living with a disability people.
- **ZIMBABWE**: approx. 7196 people need disability assistive equipment such as wheelchairs, walking frames, Orthopaedic Footwear etc.
- **SIERRA LEONNE:** approx. 1488 people need disability assistive equipment such as wheelchairs, walking frames, crutches, prosthetic limps, head supports units etc.
- **KENYA:** approx. 66 people were recipients to disability assistive equipment such as, crutches.
- **LIBERIA:** approx. 57 people need disability assistive equipment such as wheelchairs, tricycles, walking frames, Orthopaedic Footwear etc.
- **NIGERIA:** approx. 192 people need disability assistive equipment such as wheelchairs, walking frames, crutches, prosthetic limps, head supports units etc.
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#### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

• BM Foundation is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and governed by a voluntary Board. The Board also appoints the Chair and Deputy Chair from amongst the existing Directors.

#### THE ROLE OF THE BOARD

The Board is the trustee of the founding spirit and vision of The Foundation, and responsible for its good governance. It operates in accordance with principles and practices set out in the Constitution which is available on the website. The Board meets regularly and:

- Liabilities
- Statement of Financial Position
- Ownership Equity
- Sets strategic direction and policies.
- Approves and monitors budgets, and ensures appropriate financial and risk management strategies.
- Oversees and protects the broader resource base of the organisation.
- Ensures compliance with relevant standards, regulations and reporting requirements.

#### MANAGEMENT & STAFF

- BM Foundation has no paid staff members and is governed by a voluntary Board.
- During the year, BM Foundation had around 5 people as regular volunteers in Australia and many more gave valuable assistance on an as-need basis.

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## LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

I am pleased to present BartMeph Foundation Limited ("**BM Foundation**") Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 (FY20). It has been an incredible year and I thank you for making 2020 not only a record-setting year but also the best of my years of service. This is a testament to the commitment and compassion of our partner agencies, our financial supporters, our volunteers, and our staff. It hasn't always been easy, and we've had to adjust our processes and make hard decisions. We've asked more from our supporters than ever, but the result of all that effort is undeniable. Simply because of what you, our donors, have given, many of BM Foundation children have received support and disability assistive equipment's that improved their self -esteem and lifestyle. At BM Foundation we provide equipment solutions, skills development, transition to work training, supported and inclusive employment for our recipients. Through disability assistive equipment solutions and learning we equip our children with the support and skills they need to thrive in life and realise their full potential.

In 2020, we strengthened our strategic focus in order to enable the BM Foundation to have an even stronger voice and impact the lives of numerous children living with a disability in Australia and overseas. As this Annual Report for 2020 shows, the past 12 months have shown significant growth and transformation with international activities setting BM Foundation's footprint into the global sphere. We collaborate with local non-for-profit charitable organisations, leading suppliers of aids and disability equipment's and others who already work with people living with disability. We created real change in concrete projects on the ground and advocate on a global scale to transform attitudes and behaviors to people living with a disability and encourage social inclusion. Through our Strategic Plan we continue to express and implement the core values of BM Foundation's values of passion, respect and care.

I am especially proud of the work this board has done to implement the "Bartmeph Foundation share day" program and the "I am able day" program which are part of our global programs. Through these programs, we already have reached hundreds of children in Australia and overseas countries such as Zimbabwe, Sierra Leonne.

As we move forward in 2021 the BM Foundation plans for a bigger future. We do this through strategic focus on our global programs which include the "*I Am Able Day*", "*Bartmeph Foundation Share Day*", "*I'm The Solution*" program and the "*My Christmas Wish*" program. The aim is to change the way people understand the impact and importance of people living with disability through social education and inclusion.

On behalf of my fellow Directors in BM Foundation, I would like to thank all our partners and contributors for engaging with us to make this a reality.

Chairman of the board **Ms. M Mashindi** BartMeph Foundation

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- In Kenya, we have children around the country in need of wheelchairs, scooters, walking frames, orthopaedic boots, diapers, etc.
- In Zimbabwe, we have children at King George VI Children's School/Rehabilitation, Jairo's Jiri Association & Lowewo Rehabilitation Centre/Workshop, in need of wheelchair, walking frame, orthopaedic boots.
- In Liberia, we have poor children at SALT Rehabilitation Clinic/Centre with children in need of wheelchairs, scooters, walking frames, orthopaedic boots, diapers, etc.
- In Sierra Leone, we have poor children in Segbwema rural community who are unable to go to school due to lack of mobility equipment and need Ankle-foot, hemi-cane or hemi-walker, wheelchairs, scooters etc.
- In Nigeria, we have children around the country in need of wheelchairs, scooters, walking frames, orthopaedic boots, diapers, etc.

#### **BM SHARE DAY SIERRA LEONE 2019**

"On 1 March 2020 Bartmeph Foundation Share Day celebration was a success in the capital city of Sierra Leone, Freetown, District, West Africa. Special thanks to our local partner organisation the Foundation For Less Privileged Sierra Leone(FFLPSL) and Madiba Project Incorporated for working with us make this day a success. More than 100 people with

disabilities received crutches on this day."

Amputees from the brutal decadelong civil war, landmine victims, polio sufferers now have more 'mobility to move around their communities and increased their access to education, employment.



BARTMEPH FOUNDATION SHARE DAY (DISTRIBUTION OF PAIRS OF

CRUTCHES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

IN BOMBALI DISTRICT)









# GartMeph Foundation

# **BM DISABILITY COVID19-RESPONSE DAY**

"On 30 April 2020 Bartmeph Foundation disability Covid19 response day in remote rural Murombedzi, Zimbabwe Africa was a success in engaging people with disabilities on Covid19, and assist alleviate lockdown hardship by distribution of necessities







More than **70** people with disabilities received a Covid 19 package e.g. with washing soap and food such as mealie meal. This improved wellbeing and healthy for our recipients during this hard time."





"On 28 April 2020 Bartmeph Foundation disability Covid19 response day in Sierra Leone, Freetown, District, West Africa was a success in

engaging people with disabilities on Covid19,se ntization, preventive measures and assist alleviate lockdown hardship

*By distribution of necessities e.g. washing soap & food such as rice,salt,onions, soup etc.* 





Special thanks to our local partner FFLPSL for working with us to make this day a success. More than 300 people with disabilities received a Covid 19 package e.g. With washing soap and food such as rice, salt, onions, soup etc. This improved wellbeing and healthy for our recipients during this hard time.





# DONATIONS

"In 13 January 2020, the Bartmeph Foundation received boxed of sunscreen for our children with albinism from We Are Feel Good Inc. Throughout the FY20 we received various community donations such as wheelchairs, crutches etc.."



# **OUR FINANCES**



### **OUR FINANCES**

INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY	
DESCRIPTION	\$
Revenue/receipts	\$0
a. Government grants	\$0.00
b. Donations and bequests	\$120.05
c. Other revenue/receipts	\$0.00
d. Total revenue/receipts (a+b+c)	\$120.05
e. Other income (for example, gains)	\$0.00
f. Total income/receipts (d+e)	\$120.05

#### **GOING CONCERN**

We are continuously creating strategies to increase donations, raise funds and apply for government grants.

#### TAKEAWAYS

We conduct regular monitoring of all programs and evaluate the quality and success of our projects. These reviews identify valuable lessons about what works, what doesn't – and why. This helps us to do our work better.

In particular, support for BM Foundation from Australian donors is still at its initial stage and we have plans in place to increase our digital presence so to open new ways for donors and supporters to stay involved in the work of BM Foundation.



INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY CONTINUE	\$
Description	Australia Dollar Value (\$)
EXPENSES/PAYMENT	
g. Employee expenses/payments	\$0.00
i. Grants and donations made for use in Australia	\$50.00
j. Grants and donations made for use outside Australia	\$0.00
k. Other expenses/payments	\$20.00
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l. <b>Total expenses/payments</b> (g+i+j+k)	\$70.00
m. Net surplus/(deficit) (f-l)	\$50.05



INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY CONTINUE	\$
Description	
BALANCE SHEET EXTRACT	
t. Total assets	\$5,000.00
y. Total liabilities	\$1.00
z. Net assets/liabilities (t-y)	\$4,999.00

#### TREASURES REPORT

Not applicable

# AUDITORS REPORT

Not applicable

# OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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- For your convenience, you can find more information on our website at <u>http://www.bartmephfoundation.org</u>
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- 📩 56 Murphy Street, Oran Park, NSW 2570

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thank you to the Sierra Leone Disability Development Organization, (SLDDO), KnitForLife and Book4Zim, Madiba Project Incorporate and Astris lifecare for their assistance this year.



#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

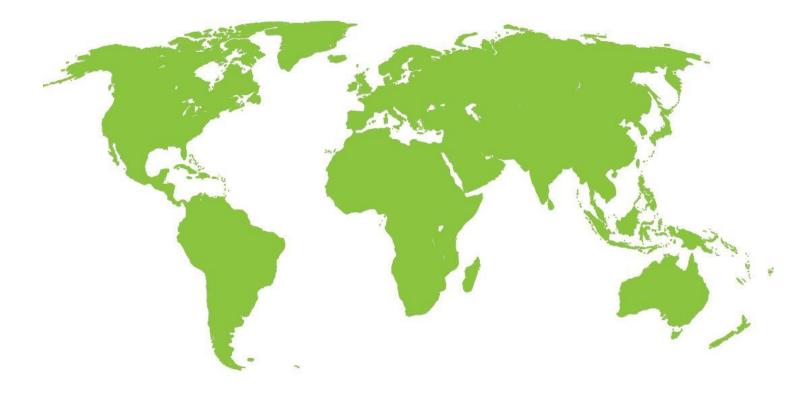
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- Name: BARTMEPH FOUNDATION LIMITED
- BSB #: 06 2340
- Account #: 10564303
- Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Bank Swift Code: CTBAAU2S

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



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BartMeph Foundation is dedicated to working with more people with all types of disabilities, all ages and all levels of ability across Australia and Developing Countries, and additional accessibility for Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> developing countries as declared by the Minister for Foreign Affairs for the purposes of the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme established by the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.