



Annual Report
2020-2021



SAHAKARINI INTER-WORLD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

AGENDA

- 7:00 WELCOME: LITSA TRYPOHONOPOULOS - PRESIDENT
- 7:05 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
- 7:10 GUEST SPEAKER:
- 730 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
1. Welcome
 2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting September 28, 2020
 3. Business arising out of the Minutes
 4. Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Projects Committee
 - c. Treasurer
 5. New Business
 - a. Nominations and elections
 - b. Appointment of auditor
 - c. Other
 6. Closing

There will be a short meeting of the 2022 – 2022 Sahakarini Board following the AGM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE SAHAKARINI AGM 2020 - 2021

It has been another year of progress for Sahakarini. COVID-19 continues to be a challenge, but our optimism remains high, and our creativity is taking over as you can observe in our new way of doing things. Zoom is used as our regular meeting platform and thus brings us together from our home offices and kitchen tables to connect with one another.

In 2020, the Loaves and Fishes fundraiser took a new approach and went virtual. We were pleased with the response from our supporters who purchased virtual tickets to dinners and gatherings that took place in their very own homes. This spirited support enabled us to reach the goal of over \$16,000. We are so grateful for this generosity.

Our Christmas appeal for FSB Clinic Nepal was a first-time venture. The decision to make such an appeal was to assist in fulfilling a desperate need for medical supplies to keep the Clinic operating during unexpected stressful times. In the spirit of Christmas and giving, the supporters of Sahakarini rallied behind this cause. Once again, thanks to their generosity, more than \$10,000 was raised.

We are all excited and looking forward to our new 2021 Loaves and Fishes Fundraiser this upcoming October. Our committee is working hard and most creatively to make this as appealing and entertaining as possible, but also an informative month-long event. Please mark October off on your calendar to share in this celebration. We will unveil details of this fundraiser in late summer, both on our website and on our Facebook page. Mark 'like' our page and share it with your family and friends so no one will miss out on opportunity to participate in it.

We have a new project in the works at Sahakarini! We are currently working on developing criteria for an annual Volunteer Recognition Award. This award will be announced and presented during our fall Loaves and Fishes month-long fundraising event. More details will be shared on our website in late summer/early fall.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support to Sahakarini. Without you, we would not be able to help those most in need who benefit greatly from the projects we fund. To my fellow Board members, none of this would be possible without your dedication and commitment in serving our organization. It is a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. Remember 'our door' is always open to anyone who is interested in joining us by becoming a Board member. We welcome you.

Once again, I thank everyone. Keep safe in these trying and uncertain times.

Respectfully submitted by
Litsa Tryphonopoulos
Sahakarini President/Chair



PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT 2020 - 2021

Nyuat Project SHINE

Nyuat Project SHINE (Tanzania) is a health and sanitation-based project with Maasai pastoralists in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area of Tanzania. The project features two related activities: 1) provision of clean drinking water through installation of 180 bio-sand filters in homes in 2 communities, and 2) provision of soap for local community use and to commercially supply local lodges under a for-profit enterprise. The 5 years of project funding will conclude in 2021.

Free soap has been distributed in local communities and negotiations have been made to sell soap to local tourist lodges. Considerable local success has also been made in teaching the importance of handwashing, with soap, to improve personal hygiene. Bio-sand filter use, effectiveness and maintenance needs have also been monitored. Their successful and widespread use, as evidenced by the sharing of purified water with other households, has been well documented. Awareness of the importance of water filtration and improved sanitation practices has also been noted.

Friends of Shanta Bhawan (FSB), Nepal

Sahakarini has satisfactorily ended its 2-year contract with the FSB clinic. The Clinic did make a special funding appeal to meet medicinal drug and supply need shortages during the COVID-19 crisis. Sahakarini organized a successful Christmas appeal to fund these needs and 2 additional short-term contracts were agreed to. The monies for each contract have now been sent out in support of the Clinic's operational needs.

Utooni Development Organization (UDO) Sand Dam, Kenya

The fully funded project, involving a group of donors, is the Utooni Development Organization (UDO) Sand Dam in Kola, Kenya. This diverse project involves construction of a sand dam on a local river; establishment of tree nurseries; capacity building and training community members on project governance and management; and supporting community groups in engaging in best agricultural practices for food production and income generation. The sustainability and economic benefits to the community make this an outstanding project to support.

Child Care Centre, Columbia

The partially (50%) funded project by a single donor, requiring Sahakarini to contribute a matching \$7,000 in internal funding, is for a Child Care Centre (Casa del Nino Rosita Sierra) in Salamina, Columbia. The Centre's current building is 72 years old and requires extensive repairs, renovations, and upgrades to be operated safely by government standards. The facility is staffed and operated by a local non-profit organization – The Little Sisters of the Annunciation. The Centre serves as a day care for children (ages 6 months to 5 years) from low income and marginalized families and employs a staff of 5 teachers and care givers. The project funding is being used to only cover the cost of required project materials while the associated labor needs and costs are covered by local fund raising and volunteerism. This project provides a great opportunity for additional donors, in our community, to make donations to offset Sahakarini's financial obligations to provide the remaining \$7,000 in project funding costs.



PIPAL TREE Indigenous Student Support, India

Sahakarini has agreed to provide a single year of funding to support a program for children from tribal forest communities. Boys and girls in elementary school will be provided additional educational support in their studies as well as being taught empowering life skills. This support will not only potentially enhance and extend their educational success but will also provide them with greater employment opportunities. Without such support, girls end up being married off, and getting pregnant, at an early age and boys are limited to low paying employment opportunities as unskilled manual laborers.

Two exciting funding developments for 2021-22 are projects totally or partly funded by a few major community donors who wish to remain anonymous. In both cases, Sahakarini is providing project administrative oversight and accountability and the donors have designated the specific project for which their financial donations are to be used. This 'Win-Win' situation results in the donors being provided tax receipts for their donations and Sahakarini administering the project contracts without internal costs. This project funding and administrative approach may well serve as a model for other major donors to consider in selecting and supporting future projects.

Respectfully yours,
Michael Mucz, Chairperson

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

Website

We continue to update our website in order that it contains current information of the Projects Sahakarini supports as well as to provide a history of the work Sahakarini has supported.

Newsletter

A Spring and Fall Newsletter was sent mailed/emailed out to friends of Sahakarini We mail out approximately 200 Newsletters and 240 email Newsletters. Our goal is that most supporters would receive the Newsletters via email. We realize there are those who like to have the Newsletter in hand, but our goal is to reduce costs by using email.

Facebook

We have made a goal of keeping the Sahakarini Facebook page current and using it to communicate with the public. We now have Naomi Pattison-Williams, a Board Member, who has volunteered to take on this task. Our thanks to Laurie Moffitt Barr and Naomi for managing this form of communication to tell others about the work of Sahakarini.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As a result of the restrictions due to COVID-19, we have not had an environment that would enable us to safely continue with the partnerships we had in the past. We look forward to a future when we can once again establish a healthy, interactive relationship with the Augustana campus and the Camrose community.

FUNDRAISING

LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

COVID did not prevent our annual fundraiser from going ahead. The first (2020) virtual fundraiser for Sahakarini proved to be a successful and rewarding surprise. Our supporters and friends purchased virtual tickets, made generous donations, and attended associated dinners and gatherings in their own homes and at local restaurants. Potlucks, take outs, and themed dinners were held from Camrose to British Columbia all in the spirit of giving to the Sahakarini supported projects.

In the end, over \$16,000 was raised with donations coming in through the mail, ATB Cares, and hand delivered to our office. In addition to adult participation, we had three Loaves and Fishes posters submitted to help promote our fundraiser. Thank you to the Falk brothers, Beckham, Grayson, and Kingston for their work in supporting Sahakarini. It is never too early to start volunteering.

Thank you to Naomi and John Pattinson, Marilyn Murray, Sharon Gilbertson, and Litsa Tryphonopoulos for your door prize donations. We know that our lucky winners, Clark Banack, Nancy Howard, Penny Sawchin, and Merdell Stolee, were happy to receive their delicious prizes.

Finally, thank you to all the Board Members for their help in various ways throughout the course of our fundraising for Loaves and Fishes 2020.

Respectfully submitted co-chairs,
Litsa Tryphonopoulos
Michael Mucz

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

CSLS (Community Service Learning Students) This program, at the Augustana campus, and partnership with Sahakarini has not been active this past year due to availability of students and the changes brought about with COVID-19.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE SAHAKARINI AGM 2020 - 2021 **FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022**

Mandate: The committee was tasked to present a slate of nominees for the Board of Directors to the annual meeting and in the process had the opportunity to also recruit some new committee members.

Principles/Process:

Ascertain who wished to continue on the working Board and who would be retiring
Consider the skills needed on the board in recruiting new members
Approach potential members with the opportunity to serve on the Board
Keep the size of the board similar to present with some latitude as needed
Bring in new people and generations to the Board, possible to serve on one of its Committees if not the Board
Continue to have strong student/Augustana campus involvement on its Board and Committees

Results:

We are thankful for those Board members that have chosen to continue

Retiring members:

Board of Director Nominees for 2021 - 2022

President: Litsa Tryphanopoulos

Vice President: Michael Mucz

Secretary: Carolyn Andersen

Treasurer: Don Rebus

Members at large: Varghese Manaloor, Naomi Pattison-Williams,

Brian Nelson, Laurie Moffitt Barr, Sara Skinner (*Denotes new member)



**Sahakarini Inter-World Education and Development Association
Minutes of the 2019-2020 Annual General Meeting of September 28, 2020
Zoom Meeting**

1. President Litsa Tryphonopoulos welcomed everyone to the AGM at 7:00 pm via Zoom
2. (MSC) Varghese/Don that we hold the AGM via Zoom.
3. (MSC) Don/Laurie that the agenda be approved.
4. (MSC) Linda/Naomi that the minutes of June 3, 2019 be approved as written.
5. Michael Mucz presented a summary of the Sahakarini Visioning Event held September 26, 2020 (attached)
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Michael spoke to the current projects and invited questions.
 - b. Litsa spoke to the written president's report and thanked those members who have resigned from the board.
 - c. Don Rebus reviewed the Notice to Reader Report for 2019-2020. (MSC) Brain/Michael the Notice of Reader Report for 2019-2020 be accepted as presented. These statements were internally audited by a committee of board members.
 - d. Litsa reported that the Film and Speaker Series was cancelled this year due to resources and COVID-19.
(MSC) Varghese/Michael moved the bulletin of reports be accepted as presented.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Litsa, on behalf of the Sahakarini Board expressed our sorrow at the passing of Ruth Jensen who provided leadership to the Board as President for part of the 2019-2020 year. Ruth would deeply be missed by all for her leadership and specifically her visioning skill.
 - b. Don Rebus presented the slate of nominees for the 2020-2021 Sahakarini Board:

President: Litsa Tryphonopoulos	Members at Large:	
Vice President: Michael Mucz	Varghese Manaloor,	Brian Nelson
Secretary: Carolyn Andersen	Michael Mucz	Naomi Pattison-Williams
Treasurer: Don Rebus	Laurie Moffitt-Barr	Linda Gervais

(MSC) Don/Brian the slate of board members be accepted as presented

 - c. Retiring Board Members Fadnis Vibhav, John Helps, Signi Bruner, Mary Ostrosky_were recognized and thanked by Litsa for their commitment and service to the Sahakarini Board.
 - d. (MSC) Don/Linda that Sahakarini rescind 2019 AGM motion to secure Grant Thornton to perform a Notice to Reader Report for the 2019 – 2020 Financial Statement.
(MSC) Don/Laurie that Sahakarini secure Lawrence Dufresne CPA, CA to perform a Notice to Reader Report for the 2019-2020 Financial Statement.



(MSC) Don/Varghese that Sahakarini secure Lawrence Dufresne CPA, CA to perform a Notice to Reader Report for the 2020-2021 Financial Statement.

(MSC) Don/Laurie that the Board appoint members to perform an internal audit of financials for 2020-2021 Year.

(MSC) Don/Naomi that there be an audit of 2020/21 minutes by two board members.

(MSC) Don/Michael that the following designated gifts be reclassified as general donations to be applied against current projects; Sierra Leone \$100.00, Scholarship of Hope \$100.00, Haiti Training \$311.00, and Zimbabwe House \$1,706.23.

e. Don acknowledged the good service Grant Thornton has provided to Sahakarini.

f. Don will be responsible to ask two Board Members to do an internal audit for 2020-2021 and two members to audit the Board Minutes for 2020-2021.

Meeting adjourned on Zoom @ 8:30 p.m.

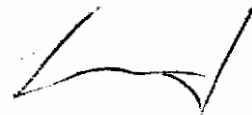
Submitted by Carolyn Andersen, Secretary

Notice to Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the Statement of Financial Position of Sahakarini Inter-World Education and Development Association as at March 31, 2021 and the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets for the year then ended.

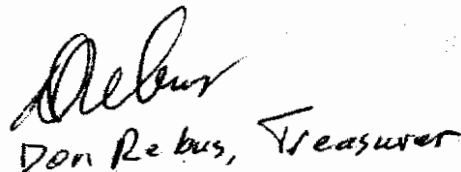
I have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these financial statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

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Lawrence Dufresne,
Chartered Professional Accountant

Camrose, Alberta
May 14, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Rebus', written in a cursive style.
Don Rebus, Treasurer

Sahakarini Inter-World Education

and Development Association

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2021

Unaudited: See Notice to Reader

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current		
Bank	\$ 75,031	\$ 65,431
Receivable	<u>205</u>	<u>354</u>
	<u>\$ 75,236</u>	<u>\$ 65,785</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current		
Payables and accruals	<u>\$ 5,637</u>	<u>\$ 9,409</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>		
General fund	\$ 65,316	\$ 49,771
Externally restricted funds (Note 1)	<u>4,283</u>	<u>6,605</u>
	<u>\$ 69,599</u>	<u>\$ 56,376</u>
	<u>\$ 75,236</u>	<u>\$ 65,785</u>

Sahakarini Inter-World Education

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Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2021

Unaudited: See Notice to Reader

General Fund

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 26,138	\$ 25,557
Auction	---	7,920
Dinner	---	7,450
Market	---	464
Interest	<u>57</u>	<u>448</u>
	<u>\$ 26,195</u>	<u>\$ 41,839</u>
Expenditures		
Bank charges	\$ 88	\$ 73
Fundraising	167	8,434
Newsletter	693	859
Office and sundry	3,066	3,536
Professional fees	1,896	2,064
Public engagement	832	1,893
Rent	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>
	<u>\$ 9,202</u>	<u>\$ 19,319</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 16,993</u>	<u>\$ 22,520</u>

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Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2021

Unaudited: See Notice to Reader

Externally Restricted Funds

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenue		
Donations	<u>\$ 35,407</u>	<u>\$ 919</u>
Expenditures		
Projects	<u>\$ 33,178</u>	<u>\$ 16,008</u>
Administration	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	<u>\$ 39,178</u>	<u>\$ 22,008</u>
(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$(3,771)</u>	<u>\$(21,089)</u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2021

Unaudited: See Notice to Reader

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Externally Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>	<u>Total 2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 49,771	\$ 6,605	\$ 56,376	\$ 55,182
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	16,993	(3,771)	13,222	1,431
Prior year adjustment	---	---	---	(237)
Return of externally restricted funds to the General Fund (Note 2)	5,779	(5,779)	---	---
Over subscribed project transferred to the General Fund (Note 3)	5,626	(5,626)	---	---
Interfund transfers	<u>(12,853)</u>	<u>12,853</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
	<u>\$ 65,316</u>	<u>\$ 4,283</u>	<u>\$ 69,598</u>	<u>\$ 56,376</u>

Sahakarini Inter-World Education
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Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 2021

Unaudited: See Notice to Reader

1. Externally Restricted Funds

	Balance				Balance
	<u>2020</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>2021</u>
Sierra Leone Project	\$ 100	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$(100)	\$ ---
Scholarship of Hope	100	---	---	(100)	---
Haiti Sewing Project	311	---	---	(311)	---
Zimbabwe Houses for Nurses	1,706	---	---	(1,706)	---
Internship	3,512	---	---	(3,512)	---
Pipal Tree Books	49	---	---	(49)	---
Kenya Sand Dam project (Note 3)	---	24,210	18,584	(5,626)	---
Tanzania SHINE Filters	827	252	7,922	6,843	---
Nepal Primary Health Care Administration	---	10,945	6,672	10	4,283
	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>---</u>
	<u>\$ 6,605</u>	<u>\$ 35,407</u>	<u>\$ 39,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,449</u>	<u>\$ 4,283</u>

2. Return of Externally Restricted Funds

The charity, by a resolution passed at the 2020 Annual General Meeting, transferred restricted funds of expired projects to the General Fund.

3. Over Subscribed Project

The Kenya Sand Dam project received donations in excess of the final cost of the project. The donors to the project agreed to allow the excess funds of \$5,626 to be used at the discretion of the charity therefore the funds were transferred to the General Fund.