

**Benevolent Organisation for Development, Health & Insight (BODHI) Australia, Inc.  
Annual General Meeting, Canberra, Australia, 19 June 2011  
President's Report incorporating Director of Electronic Communications Report**

BODHI has continued to grow in 2010 and the early part of 2011. As last year, expansion has been greatest in the social media (the website, Facebook and Twitter), although personal contacts and outreach are increasing, as we are located on the more populous mainland for the next four years. Projects in development have come to fruition (YBS); some are resuming (Over 40 Women's Health). BODHI representatives attended various events and continued personal networking. Once again we are strong in single large donations. Bio-Distributors in Sheffield, Tasmania paid generously for advertising on the website and in the newsletter (\$5000). From my perspective, the SNEHA and Tribal Child Nutrition projects remain the most trouble-free. In an effort to increase my knowledge and hopefully reduce dependence on Graphic Ark (and thereby saving money), I have completed one 2-day Dreamweaver (website software) course at my own expense.

## General

- Jane Hudspeth continues to help with our annual corporation filing, which has to be done in Tasmania.
- Direct-debit donations have increased; monthly direct-debit donors remain stable (about \$1000/month).
- Social media, correspondence, newsletter preparation, website and mailing list maintenance, project development and general office work occupy your president for about 35 hours per week.
- We have established relationships with other NGOs, such as Buddhist Global Relief (BGR) in the US. We have introduced SNEHA, Moanoghar and Krishan Chakma to BGR. Moanoghar has submitted a successful grant application. We are waiting to hear about Krishan's and SNEHA's.
- We are developing relationships with other local organisations, such as Australia 21 in Canberra, and through them Save the Children Fund.
- Welcome help from Dr Bryan West: Anna Ufer, who works with him, did all labels for the latest newsletter and has offered to do subsequent ones.
- We're trying to reduce postal mailings and send more newsletters out electronically. This will make a big difference in postage costs, particularly international ones.

## Current Projects

### TIBET

- **Tashi Lhapug.** We officially withdrew support as this project is not going ahead (see New Projects, Mongolia). No funds were expended.
- **Revolving Sheep Bank: [note to self: contact before AGM]** Have not spoken to Professor Goldstein this year. Last year he said that the Revolving Sheep Bank is wildly popular and that nomads came to the fair in August 2009 from far western Nepal to request their help in setting up sheep banks. It has achieved its original self-perpetuating goal.

### BURMA

We're nearing the end of this 3-year project. Dr Ko Tar contacts us about once a year; we have not heard from him recently.

## NEPAL

### Green Tara Trust (GTT)

- Traditional Healer (TH) training. Funds donated in Jim Meyers' name went to two TH training and refresher courses in December, 2009 and April, 2011. Reports and photos arrived and are on the website.
- Health promotion event. Funds donated in Jim Meyers' name also funded a health promotion event focusing on ante-natal health promotion.
- Mitini Nepal. We are awaiting Dr Stephens's review and have not sent funds for two years.
- No administrative funds sent to Dr Stephens (Karunamati) this year (she did not go to Nepal last year so can use those funds).
- Provision of several hundred Australian dollars for Dr Manda Mune (Over 40 Women's Health in Pune, India) to learn health promotion and evaluation with Karunamati in Nepal. She raised funds for travel and asked BODHI for help with expenses. Dr Mune has completed the training and wrote to thank us.

## BANGLADESH

- **Moanoghar Mountain Home, Chittagong Hills Tract (CHT). Mobile health clinics.** We are still waiting for Moanoghar to receive permission from the Bangladeshi Government to accept foreign donations. Our donation will be about A\$7,000 (BDT500,000) for a nurse/educator and mobile health clinics.
- USD300 is available for a table tennis set-up and fire extinguisher, courtesy Jim Meyers' donors.

## INDIA

- **Chakma Mahila Samity (CMS).** Contact was finally re-established after two years and a change of leadership. They submitted a proposal for mobile medical camps which was completely impractical and – written in a way that did not inspire confidence, asking for \$21,000 when previous medical camps cost \$200-300 each. Even if we were prepared to fund something much larger than before, the question of absorptive capacity arises. I wrote back to CMS about this but have not heard.
- **SNEHA.** Susanta Chakma has found complete funding for Bijoypur, so doesn't need BODHI for teacher's' salaries (previously provided) or a library/community hall. We continued support for both health education and teachers' salaries in Diyun, Arunachal Pradesh. We also sent Susanta for a course on public-speaking and paid a bit extra for SNEHA Delhi office expenses. USD300 sent for table tennis set-up and fire extinguisher at Diyun, courtesy Jim Meyers' donors.
- **Over 40 women's health.** Dr Manda Mune contacted us in May 2011. She has received FCRA approval from the Indian Government to receive foreign funds. Photos sent, evaluation sent. We are waiting for a new project proposal. We have not sent funding for two years; she has maintained project from her personal funds.

- **Tribal Child Health.** This project continues to go from strength to strength. Thanks again to Dr Carolyn Ralston (Nagasuri) for her help in making this possible. This year, we provided more funding, for food for the older siblings of the creche attendees. Our support included meetings with parents on exploring income-generating measures; three Awareness Programmes on Family Planning, early child marriage and the importance of education, etc; and 2 training/workshops on simple nutritional diet. Funding was increased for teacher and cook salaries and for food.

## New projects

### BANGLADESH

Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships. This project started with four scholarships, with organisations suggested by Denis's long-time friend, Dr Tahsinah Ahmed. They are: one for an urban female street child through the United Children's Education Programme (USD982) and three at Moanoghar for female students exhibiting academic excellence, improvement and inspiration. Total: about AD2000.

### INDIA

**Youth Buddhist Society (YBS) teacher training.** After 18 months of research, we sent 33 school teachers and principals for ten days of training at Loreto College in Kolkata early in 2011. BODHI paid all expenses (travel to YBS, training to Loreto). Suresh Bauddha at YBS organized the train travel and many other details. We hope to send the teachers for at least two more rounds of training, perhaps again later this year. Thanks to Sister Cyril at Loreto.

### MONGOLIA

- BODHI has agreed to the US\$5,000 seed donation for Tashi Lhapug Health Care Centre in Tibet being transferred to a new health care clinic at Manlha Tus in Ulan Bator. We will pay for the doctor's salary and the purchase of medical supplies, and hopefully for the training of a monastic health care worker. Funds for this are from the Tibetan project
- Gobi bears. BODHI provided US\$1,000 for tagging Gobi bears in a research project. These funds did not come from the tax deductible donation account, but from other funds accrued in a separate account.

### THAILAND

We have funded Year 1 of the 3-year project, Empowering Chiang Rai Girls Through Education, which is run by local partner Global Health Group International and was recommended by Professor Bruce Wilcox. Bryan West and Chris Gribble from Queensland have funded Year 1 (\$10,000 per annum) and have agreed to fund Year 2, which will begin in August. We're awaiting the Year 1 report and photos, upon which continued funding depends.

## Possible projects

Grant proposals to the Morawetz Social Fund were unsuccessful for a library and reading room at the SNEHA school in Bijoypur in AP, India and for a nurse/educator for the mobile medical clinics through Moanoghar, Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh. It was agreed at last year's AGM that BODHI would fund these even if the

grant applications are unsuccessful. Meanwhile, alternative funding had been found for the library and community hall; we are funding the nurse/educator.

**Youth Buddhist Society (Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh).** Nutrition (an egg a week) for 750 of the poorest 3700 children who attend the YBS-associated schools. This has been unable to proceed due to poor communication with YBS.

**Dharma Chakra Mission (DCM).** Long-time advisor Dr Christopher Queen approached BODHI to request matching funds for a project he supports: health care and education for the very poor in Bodh Gaya, India. DCM was founded and is run by a social worker who administers DCM when he is not working at his full-time job. We are investigating sending students to a computer lab for training.

## Evaluations

Krishan Chakma, who we have got to know without a physical meeting (initially via Facebook), will be evaluating the SNEHA school project in Arunachal Pradesh and visiting Youth Buddhist Society, where we hope he can help improve communication. He has already visited Susanta Chakma in Delhi. We are providing Krishan with modest travel expenses (INR10,000).

## Unsolicited requests & contacts

These are reduced, fortunately, although BODHI still regularly receives unsolicited requests via email from people and organisations all over the world. For several years our policy has been politely to decline them.

## Facilitating Funds

This year we facilitated funds for Bodh Gaya Development Fund, Brisbane and Gaden Relief Projects in Canada. We have not heard from Udana Special Children's Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka and have provided no funding.

## Other NGOs

BODHI continues its communication and cooperation with the Gaden Relief Projects (GRP) in Canada, Buddhist Global Relief in the US, Mizoram Chakma Development Forum in Mizoram, India and others, including Karuna Germany, International Network of Engaged Buddhists (relationship started in 1994) & Australian Religious Response to Climate Change. These will be discussed briefly in the Medical Director's Report.

## Community advisers

Kabita Chakma has given thoughtful advice all year. Kulottam Chakma has been very supportive and continues to represent the Jumma community at our AGMS despite competing personal priorities. Both have represented BODHI at official functions. Thank you very much, Kabita and Kulottam.

## Volunteers

- Michelle Engelsman moved back to Australia and has been our Development and Mobilisation Manager for the last year. Due to other commitments she is unable to continue for now, but we wish her all the best and hope will return when she's got more time.
- Kaye Jacob has received the newsletter for a long time, and rang from NSW to inquire about volunteer opportunities. She's a trained nurse. She will meet Colin and Susan when she visits Canberra.

- In India, Krishan Chakma will be visiting the SNEHA School in Arunachal Pradesh and Youth Buddhist Society in Mainpuri on BODHI's behalf, for which we thank him.
- Dr Bina D'Costa will be visiting several sites in India on our behalf later this year.
- Dr Dhires Chowdhury, a medical doctor in Kolkata, contacted us about working together. It is difficult at this stage to see how this is possible but we are keeping an open mind.
- Nalori Dhammei (based in Delhi) offered to help BODHI from India. We suggested she contact Susanta Chakma, which she did. We have not heard further.

## **Fundraising & Publicity**

- Fundraising is mainly through the newsletter and the Internet, as well as Colin's travel
- An article about BODHI was published in the *Chakma's Voice*, newsletter of the Mizoram Chakma Development Forum
- A new brochure was created.
- We have found a new printer in Canberra.
- Upgraded software and recent attendance at a Dreamweaver training course make life much easier.
- Outreach by supporters continues, for example a letter of introduction regarding BODHI given to Australian designer Jenny Kee by one of BODHI's first donors, Luiz Ribeiro and his wife Jeanne. Thank you, Luiz and Jeannie.
- Thinking about doing a video/and or some sort of information packet for volunteers

## **Internet**

**Website.** The Dreamweaver Intermediate course I attended last year wasn't as useful as one would wish, so recently I attended a 2-day Adobe Level 1 course. The goal of finding technical support was achieved, so I don't bear the entire burden of the website by myself. Course presenter Charles Mason has offered to help with the BODHI website for free.

**Facebook** presence thanks to Colin's continual nurturing.

**Twitter** presence, which I do, is growing, but I don't spend as much time on it as may be necessary.

## **Vote of thanks**

to Dr Denis Wright for all his unstinting generosity for the last sixteen years. He taught me how to use Dreamweaver and has been unwaveringly patient and available, and is deeply missed already, every time there's a decision to be made or a website issue to handle.

## **Overall goals**

To continue deepening commitment to existing projects, such as SNEHA, Tribal Child Nutrition and Moanoghar and to engage in more community outreach within Australia.

Susan Woldenberg Butler, Canberra, 19 June 2011

**BODHI Australia Treasurer's Report 2010**  
**Annual General Meeting 19 June, 2011**

BODHI Australia's financial position continued to improve, as detailed in table 1 and figure 1. Income for the 2010 calendar year rose by 16%, to A\$57,700. Project expenditure fell, to \$28,235. The bank balance increased by \$24,400 (26%). Interest from term deposits fell to \$2,700, because of the timing of their maturation dates. We have no other investments. We received in kind support from several people, including our auditor, Greg Harper of Camerons, Launceston, and some of the Australian Chakma community. Funds for running expenses (other than projects) fell, to \$5,070. The salary for Susan remained as before, at \$3250.

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Opening Balance Jan 1</b>	<b>93,431</b>	<b>91,681</b>	<b>62,851</b>	<b>47,919</b>	<b>33,243</b>
<b>Income</b>					
dividend	174	77			
<b>Donations (tds)</b>	<b>54201</b>	<b>45571</b>	<b>45429</b>	<b>39732</b>	<b>22592</b>
Donations (nontds)	624	0	500		
Fundraising				60	135
Interest	2698	4188	2653	1998	1158
Posters					
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>57,697</b>	<b>49,836</b>	<b>48,582</b>	<b>41,790</b>	<b>24,244</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Accountant/auditor	88	88	77	77	121
Bank Charges	227	268	385	446	251
Equipment (ext hard drive)		354			
Fundraising Expenses	60				
Filing Fees	53	51	50	48	47
Medical Supplies (Hb meter)		1127			
Office		231	59		171
Petty Cash					100
Printing, Post, Stationery	907	858	1035	477	682
Software		608			
Travel		346		1280	
<b>Projects</b>	<b>28,235</b>	<b>39,609</b>	<b>14,733</b>	<b>21,680</b>	<b>6,839</b>
Wages (Susan Butler)	3250	3250	3250	2850	1200
Website fee	136	296			158
web training	349	1000	315		
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>33,304</b>	<b>48,086</b>	<b>19,903</b>	<b>26,858</b>	<b>9,568</b>
<b>Closing balance 31 December</b>					
My State Credit Union	1461	1969	1930	6264	5435
My State Credit Union (AORF)	14567	16055	19031	20697	25968
Bendigo Bank	15443	16172	14171	5576	16516
TD 1	35509	33971	31549	30313	
TD 2	25000	0	25000		

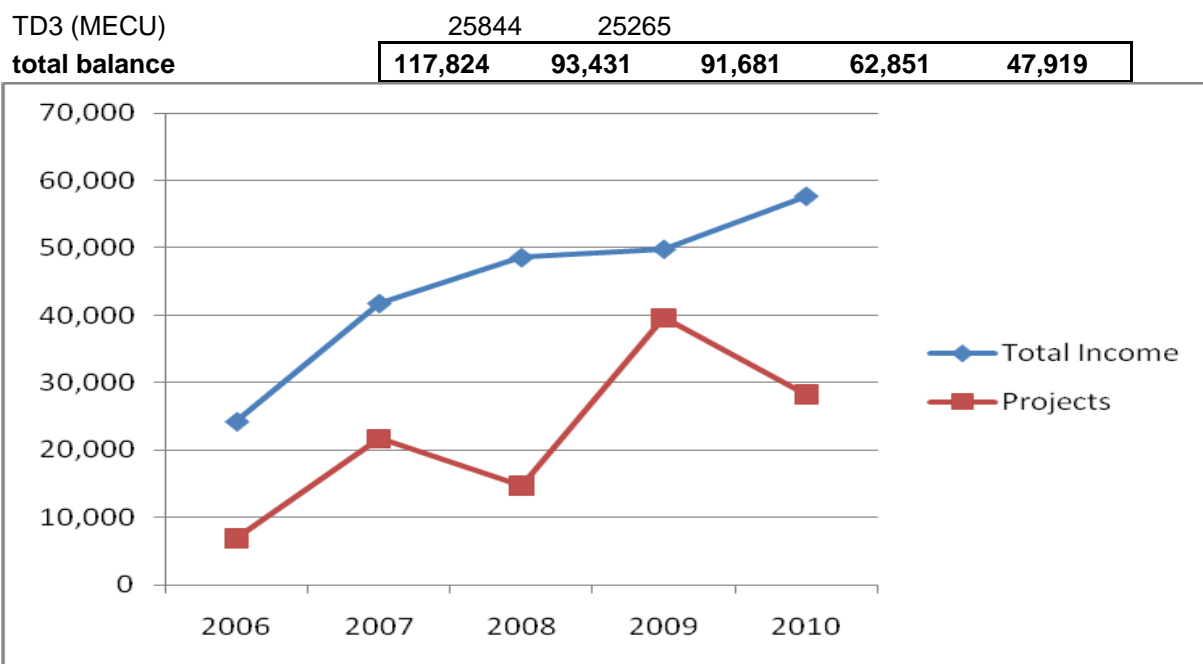


Figure 1 BODHI Australia's income and project expenditure: 2006-2010

The number of projects was consolidated, as shown in table 2 and figures 2-3. We have an obligation to Moanoghar school and orphanage in Bangladesh of 500,000 Thaka (about A\$7,000).

recipient	country	2010	2009	2008
BGDF	Bihar, India	3000	2000	1500
	Arunachal Pradesh			
SNEHA	India	10061	7896	5610
Tribal child nutrition, Pune	Maharashtra India	2943		
Reproductive health & academic education	Thailand	10000		
Gobi bear tracking*	Mongolia	1030		
Gaden Relief	Tibet/Mongolia		5813	
Welfare Soc Nepal	Nepal			707
Green Tara Trust	Nepal		5300	4500
SKS	West Bengal India		420	606
Aryatara Mahila Trust	Maharashtra India			660
Moanoghar	Bangladesh		7400	
Chakma scholarship	Bangladesh	1200	1050	600
TBSMG	Maharashtra India		5574	
Udana	Sri Lanka		300	
Chakma Mahila Samit	Mizoram		550	
Ko Tar	Burma		3055	
YBS	Uttar Pradesh		250	
<b>total</b>		<b>28235</b>	<b>39609</b>	<b>14183</b>

\* Not tax deductible

Figure 2 BODHI Australia's proportional project expenditure 2010

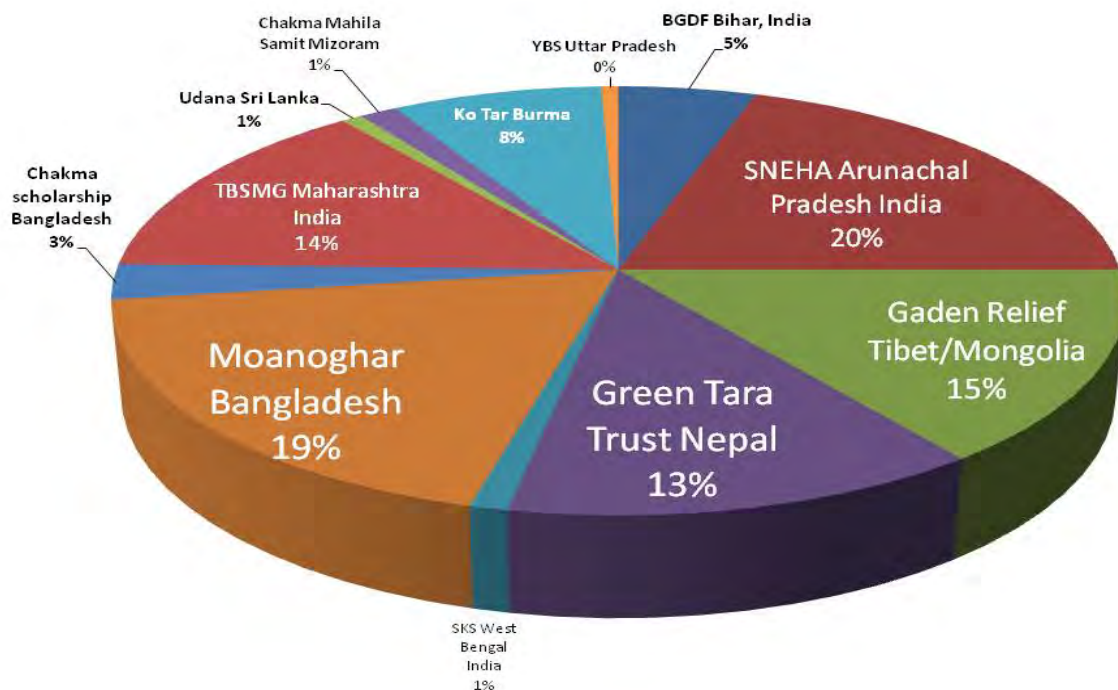
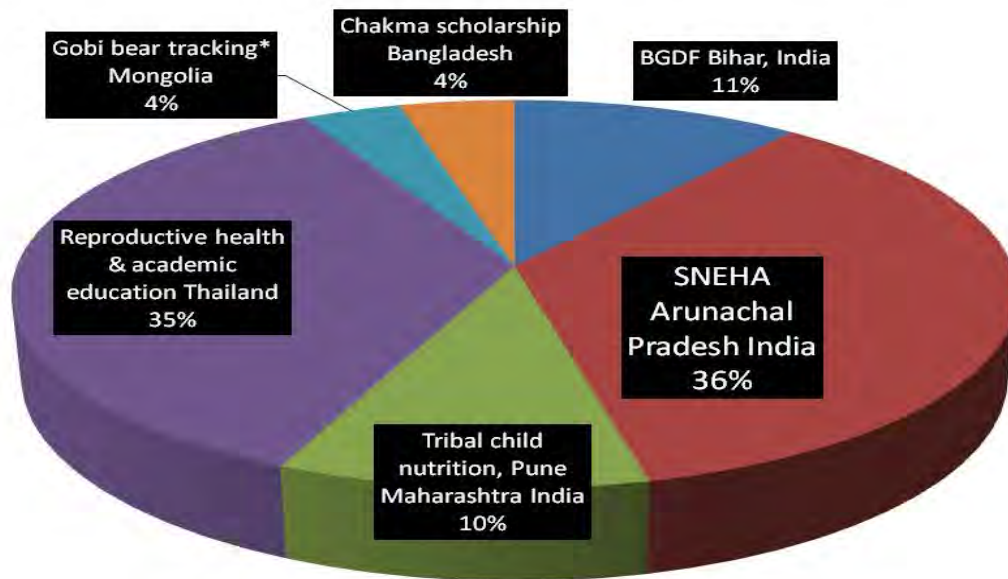
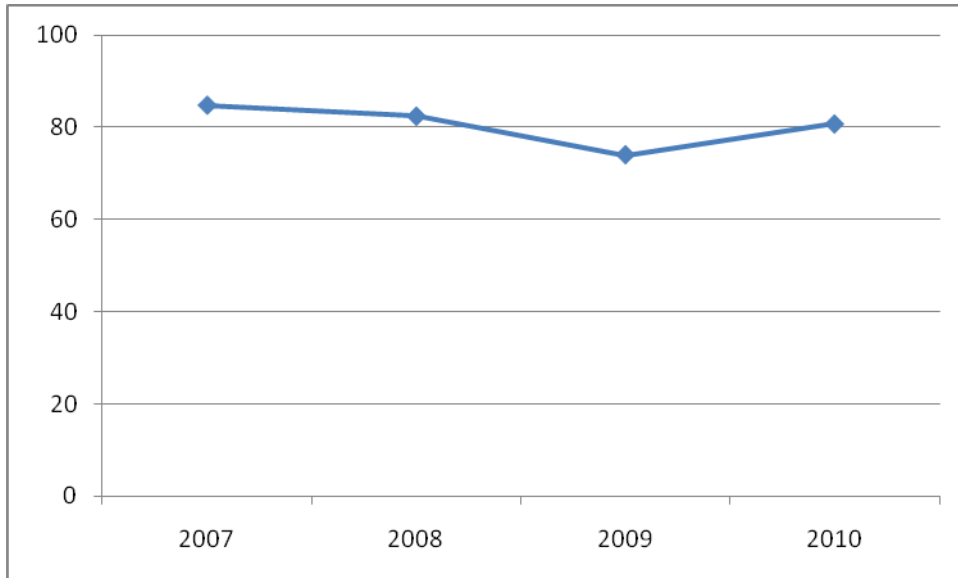


Figure 3 BODHI Australia's proportional project expenditure: 2009



**Figure 4. Percentage of expenses spent directly on projects (ie overseas)**

Colin Butler. BODHI Australia treasurer, June 19, 2011

## **Medical Director's Report 2010-2011 BODHI Australia Inc**

For the last two years I have reported that the main issues for me concerning BODHI are its sustainability and the issue of “absorptive capacity”. These remain relevant but I am a little more encouraged – mainly because of promising signs in working with the Youth Buddhist Society (YBS) in Mainpuri, India, greater involvement of Professor Emeritus Chris Queen, and because of some of the contacts made through Facebook, where BODHI now has more than 620 “followers”.

### **1. Global health, your medical director and BODHI**

As reported in the treasurer's report BODHI maintained the substantial increase in financial support first seen in 2007, in fact increasing in 2010 by about 16% after holding level in 2009. Since the last AGM I have continued my involvement in many activities related to global health (see appendix). Mainly, these activities arise because of my academic position, but as has long been my view, involvement with BODHI helps to motivate and inform my academic global health work. Involvement with BODHI was also a factor in my recent successful grant application. (In February 2011 I commenced a 4-year “Future Fellowship” research position, funded by the Australian Research Council. This is called “Health and Sustainability: Australia in Global Context”.)

The benefit to BODHI's support base from this global health effort is hard to assess. With three exceptions, the academic meetings I attend and papers I write are only indirectly related to BODHI's work, and make no mention of socially engaged Buddhism. Those exceptions are the four United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) (2008-2011) I attended and the article I wrote on Dr Binayat Sen, for the Faculty 1000 Medicine (see below). This was informed by my understanding of the internal Indian conflict between progressive and conservative elements. This year I have also been asked to write a chapter on Buddhist economics for a forthcoming book, an invitation which arose after the editor read the BODHI website.

Further, as mentioned BODHI's financial support has increased, and this academic work probably plays a role, including by increasing our credibility. On the other hand, though my active participation (as “environmental :moderator”) at the UNDV meetings has increased the interest in BODHI on Facebook, my conclusion (following attendance now at four of their meetings) is that genuine interest in the work of BODHI, or even of socially engaged Buddhism is very limited in that community. Indeed, beyond a core of enthusiastic presenters, there is not much understanding of the increasingly obvious global environmental crisis at those meetings,

other than that environment remains as one of its five main themes. I doubt if I can justify much more UNDV involvement, though if the meeting is held in Thailand in 2012, I may be able to incorporate it with a visit to northern Thailand to visit the BODHI-funded project called Empowering Chiang Rai Girls Through Education, which is run by local partner Global Health Group International and was recommended by Professor Bruce Wilcox.

Overall, the state of global health deteriorates, as does that of the global environment; the interaction between the two is ever more important. The need for the kind of projects that BODHI supports is very clear, despite ongoing scepticism about aid held by many people. The Indian government is belatedly increasing its funding to public health, but it has a vast gap to bridge. Anecdotally, there are many stories of low-level fraud within its school system, especially in rural areas. Development in India and many other parts of Asia is unlikely to occur if the task is left to its governments.

Yet, much of this scepticism about aid is justified, at its "high end". For example, billions of dollars undoubtedly have been squandered on aid projects in Afghanistan, and China is now also distributing billions of dollars of grants, supposedly as "aid" but in reality as a tool to purchase positive political influence. This will bring little social benefit to the poor.

The problem of crossing the "last mile" (delivering funds which can help the poorest in any society) greatly reduces the effectiveness of large aid programmes, such as those of AusAID, which also absorb a large amount of funding in their bureaucracy (not to mention funding "boomerang" aid to consultants). BODHI, as a grassroots NGO, avoids some of these problems, but our capacity is also limited.

## **2. Sustainability and communication about BODHI**

My own time for BODHI has been maintained, and perhaps has recently increased, due to receipt of the research grant which gives me more academic independence. BODHI probably occupies me about 6-10 hours a week, but most of the administrative load for BODHI is borne by Susan, such as management of the banking, the database, social media (the website and Twitter) and most correspondence. We have also been helped by Anna Ufer (who works with Dr Bryan West in Queensland) for some administrative tasks, although Susan does most of the administration. Project design is done by local partners, with input from Susan and myself. Without the voluntary skills of experienced people or the provision of enough financial resources to enable their employment, I do not think it is practical or advisable for BODHI to design or

administer additional projects. People who can fundraise or disseminate information about BODHI, are however welcome. But they would need to be almost entirely autonomous.

The Facebook BODHI page (established May 2009) now has over 620 members, an increase of 350% from this time last year. Most of these additional people are not known personally, nor are they personal Facebook friends. This is a new venue to publicise BODHI and to have greater involvement with the global community of like-minded NGOs and their supporters. Facebook has led to a promising involvement with Krishan Chakma in northeast India, who has recently met Susanta Chakma in Delhi and will soon visit Suresh Bauddha, at YBS. Krishan will also soon visit the SNEHA schools in Arunachal Pradesh. Other than that there has been a fair bit of correspondence about BODHI on Facebook, with no proven concrete result. However, as mentioned BODHI's financial support has increased, and the presence on Facebook probably is a factor.

### **3. Absorptive and supervisory capacity**

I described "absorptive capacity" at the 2008 AGM. In Pune, India, the problem was first improved by the voluntary assistance of Dr Carolyn Ralston (Nagasuri), who was frequently based there. This has been consolidated by the developing relationship and increased understanding of our requirements shown first by Karunadeepa (Tribal Child Nutrition) and more recently by Dr Manda Mune (also called Karuna Prabha) (Over 40 Women's Clinic). Dr Mune's work has now been granted FCRA status (allowing receipt of foreign funds) by the Indian Government and she is working on her latest project proposal for us.

There has also been encouraging progress with Suresh Bauddha and the YBS as Susan will report. However communication with YBS remains painfully limited and we hope that Krishan can assist this. BODHI Adviser Professor Chris Queen's involvement with development of a project (a computer lab) with Rajesh Bauddh of Dharma Chakra Mission in Bodh Gaya is also promising. Progress with communication and funds transfer to Jumma projects in Bangladesh CHT (mobile medical clinic, nurse/educator) is less promising. We are still waiting for them to be able to receive government approval to receive funds from us. We haven't sent them funds for 2-3 years. This is probably, at its

heart, resistance by the Bangladeshi Government to facilitate development of a minority population.

### **BODHI Asia tour**

My proposal for a more extensive tour to parts of Asia (possibly India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Nepal) seems increasingly a dream, due to the pressure of my regular work.

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## **Appendix: Global Health involvement July 2010 – June 2011**

### **A. Organisations**

1. **Australian Medical Students Association (AMSA).** In July 2010 I spoke about global health to a small group (about 50) and again in plenary to several hundred medical students at their annual meeting for Global Health, held in Hobart. My involvement with BODHI probably helped generate the invitation. Medical students are too time-poor to be of assistance to BODHI, but perhaps their links with BODHI will mature as their careers progress.
2. **World Buddhist Summit,** Hanoi, November 2010. My invitation to speak on Buddhism and the global environmental crisis was cancelled due to the cancellation of the meeting.
3. **Tzu Chi.** I visited the Tzu Chi headquarters in Hualian, Taiwan in October 2010, for a day. Tzu Chi have as many as 10 million members and volunteers, mainly involved with disaster relief and health care, rather than development. I was told they had tried to organise a sanitation project in India, but were defrauded. In April 2011 I was the keynote speaker about climate change and health to about 320 Chinese Australians at the Sydney Hilton, at a meeting organised by Tzu Chi Australia. People were very nice, but there seemed little interest in BODHI.
4. **United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV)** In May 2011 I again represented BODHI at the UNDV meeting held in Bangkok, where again I was the main spokesperson on Buddhism and the environment, presenting a summary of our day long conference to about 1,500 people. While there I received a hint of an invitation to speak at other Buddhist conferences, especially in Malaysia (see discussion above).
5. **Faculty of 1000 Medicine** (<http://f1000.com/thefaculty/publhealth/globalhealth>). I remain the only Australian Fellow in the “Faculty of 1000 Medicine” in the “global

- health" section. However, this involvement is precarious. I wrote a paper discussing the imprisonment of the leading Indian public health campaigner, Dr Binayat Sen, which the F1000 declined to publish. I then offered my resignation, but they were loath to accept it. The F1000 was to arrange a teleconference in May, but so far this has not occurred. They did hint at changing their policy and publishing my article, but this has not yet happened.
6. **Global Environmental Change and Human Health (GECHH)** (<http://www.gechh.unu.edu/>). I remain on the scientific steering committee of this group and I attended two meetings in Canada, in November, 2010; the first on water at the United Nations University, Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) (<http://www.inweh.unu.edu/>). This led to a project with 7 medical students at the Australian National University, from February to May, 2011, concerned with developing a curriculum to study global environmental change and human health.
  7. **Special Programme for Tropical Diseases Research (TDR)**. I was active with the TDR, in three areas: (a) the *de facto* editor for a forthcoming WHO Technical Report on environmental change, agriculture and infectious diseases of poverty; (b) an acknowledged adviser for their Global Report, and a de facto editor for a chapter in it; (c) In January 2011 I was appointed as a full member of the TDR Disease Reference Group for Zoonoses and Marginalised Infectious Diseases
  8. **EcoHealth** (<http://www.ecohealth.net/>) I remain a co-editor for this journal, which is the official publication for the International Association for Ecology and Health
  9. **Australian Religious Response to Climate Change** (<http://www.arrcc.org.au/>). With Kabita Chakma I attended their inaugural dinner, held in mid 2010. When there I met representatives of Tzu Chi Australia.
  10. **Australian celebration of UN Day of Vesak**. BODHI was again invited to participate. BODHI's Community Representatives Kabita Chakma and Kulottam Chakma attended in 2011, representing us, at the Sydney Town Hall, for which we thank them.

## **B. LECTURES**

2011: **Butler C.D.**: Summary of Environmental workshop; 8<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak meeting, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, **Thailand**; May 14 (**plenary**).

2011: **Butler C.D.**: Towards a Buddhist approach for living in harmony with the oceans and its life; 8<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak meeting, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Bangkok, **Thailand**; May 13.

2011 **Butler C.D.**: Planetary health, global health, future health. David Maddison Clinical Sciences Building, University of **Newcastle**, NSW, March 31 Public Health Leaders Seminar

2011 **Butler C.D.**: Climate change, health and Asia, Tzu Chi Australia, Hilton Hotel, **Sydney**, NSW, April 1 (**keynote**)

2011 **Butler C.D.**: Environmental drivers and infectious diseases. *First One Health Congress*, **Melbourne** February 15 (keynote, **plenary**)

2011 **Butler C.D.** MacFarlane R (2011) Beware of pigs near wings: piggeries, birds, bats and human health. *First One Health Congress*, **Melbourne** February 15

2010: **Butler C.D.** Australian population and well-being in the context of the Earth System. *First Earth System Science meeting*, Australian Academy of Science, **Canberra** December 10, (**keynote**, plenary)

2010 **Butler C.D.**, Dixon J (2010) Plentiful food. Nutritious food? Agri-food XVII. Monash University, Gippsland campus, **Churchill**, Victoria (November 29-December 1)

2010: **Butler C.D.**: Nutrition, sustainability and dairy: dilemmas and complexities, World Dairy Summit, Auckland **New Zealand** November 10 (**keynote** in parallel session)

2010: **Butler C.D.**: Water quality, global change and health: research gaps, research priorities, United Nations University- International Network on Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) and Global Environmental Change and Human Health (GECHH), Hamilton, Ont, **Canada** November 1-2 (**plenary**)

2010: **Butler C.D.**: Climate change and health: a call for leadership. Taiwan Health Forum, Taipei, **Taiwan** October 25-26. (**keynote**)

2010: **Butler C.D.**: Ecohealth Invited lecture to Bachelor of Public Health (Hons) *students*, **ANU**, Canberra October 13; course co-ordinators Dr Robert Attenborough and Dr Ian Gilligan October 13

2010 **Butler C.D.** (2010) Human carrying capacity: a controversial and complex concept. Might it become compulsory? EcoHealth biannual conference, London, **UK** (August 18-20).

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## **Development and Mobilisation Manager Report, 2011**

### **Michelle Engelsman**

In the 2010/2011 year my relationship with BODHI formalised through the invitation to become the volunteer Development and Mobilisation Manager. This was representative of the growing relationship between myself and BODHI, and our mutual interest for me to be more consistently involved.

Through the creation of this role BODHI is hoping to engage with a different audience, mainly a younger demographic, with the aim of initially reaching them through social media. As such, BODHI now has a Twitter page, and is working to ensure the groups Facebook page is also regularly updated.

With social media there are often slow beginnings; however, with regular postings and reposting on other pages, BODHI can look to grow a network and reach out to a different audience. In reality this may take time, but with the growing trend online for social media, and with statistics showing that most internet users linger far longer on social media sites than websites, it's an important project to undertake.

Further work that I have undertaken over the past financial year has been surrounding the design and development of new maps for the website. This will aid readers in understanding easily and directly where BODHI operates, and where specific programmes are located. Through these maps BODHI can now show a consistent design, and also support location work through visual maps.