



APBAid Annual Activities 2015 Report

Overall co-ordination of works carried out by the staff - Kabi Gangmei, Feraz Legita and Anderson Tokbi, with the Chair of APBAid Committee, Victor Rembeth

Introduction

Taking APBAid Strategic Plan 2015-2018 as guide, we started the year 2015 with Haiyan projects, and then focused on the need aftermath of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, again the challenges of Nepal earthquake, followed by massive floods in Myanmar. We were able to carry through with the prayer support and generous contributions of our member Churches and global Baptist bodies.

A. OFFICE Staff

- Three staff – Kabi Gangmei, Feraz Legita and Anderson Tokbi continue to serve in the office. The staff spent much time on travels to facilitate reliefs, project visits and consultancy works. Feraz focused on Haiyan response in Philippines and Anderson assisted in DRM trainings, supervised relief and development projects.
- The staff had good opportunity to refresh and equip themselves. Kabi and Anderson went to Mysore, South India on July 12-19, 2015 for exposure trip-cum-training under a prominent NGO MYRADA. Feraz joined Baptist community at BWA Congress in Durban, South Africa on July 22-26, 2015 and she also attended Micah Network Global Consultation on September 14-18, 2015 in Lima, South America.
- A mid-year staff fellowship was held in Bangkok, Thailand and they shared the joy of working together. At the sideline of the fellowship they joined Baptist youths of Asia in APB Youth Conference on October 21-25, 2015 and worked together to show-case APBAid program/activities in the Conference.

Interactive website “ADRI MIS”

APBAid continued its interactive website “ADRI MIS” and Ojims Daimai, an IT student is assisting under the guidance of Bijoy Sangma, Chair of APBF Communications. Currently, maintenance costs of \$8,247 are paid for 18 months till March 2016. As response from targeted end-users is tardy, it is time to review the website, and its costs. We may shelve the data base side of ADRI MIS, but maintain the website, for it will be manageable.

B. RELIEF RESPONSE

1. Philippines: Haiyan Relief and Rehabilitation Program

For the year 2015, the work in the continuing recovery of the Haiyan survivors in central Philippines is in good progress. The CPBC through its Development Ministries is undertaking 2 big projects on rehabilitation of livelihood of families in Panay and North Negros. The GBU is supporting livelihood recovery of 550 families and the BMS with 600 families by providing capital assistance for their farm needs, small business and income generating projects. The CPBC project with BMS also supports the organic and sustainable farming and fishing venture. The projects have components of organizing and capacity building for sustainability of the project. The total funding for the GBU support project is \$159,700 or Php 6,365,000 and the total funding for the BMS support project is €129,361 or Php 8,967,000. The early recovery project was completed in June 2015 with evaluation result sent to donors.

2. Orissa, India: Phailin Relief and Rehabilitation Program

Cyclone Phailin hit eastern India in 2013, and in partnership with BOBBCA relief assistance was given to 193 families (as Phase-I). In Phase-II, with the support of GBU a rehabilitation program was implemented to cover the state of Orissa and Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh. Under this rehabilitative program, 904 families were helped through livelihood provision of fishing nets, livestock such as chicken and goats, and skill inputs for mushroom cultivation. Drinking water supply schemes were made available for another 300 families. The project was completed in November 2015, and an evaluation was done. Total financial involvement was \$66,382 and donors were IM-ABC, Malaysian BC and GBU.

3. Vanuatu: Cyclone Pam relief

On March 13, 2015 tropical Cyclone ‘Pam’ struck Vanuatu, the Island nation of South Pacific and affected 260,000 inhabitants of the Island nation, especially in the southern islands. Due to distance and logistics APBAid supported TAI’s relief response of food items and water in the affected islands. TAI joined Church based network ADRA and VCC to help 12,760 persons and 2400 households. Through the generous contribution of APBF member Churches, APBAid received a total of \$33,274 for the relief efforts.

4. Nepal: Earthquake relief

Aftermath of Nepal’s earthquake on April 25, 2015, APBAid received a total of \$251,293.35 from member Churches and it joined BReaD Network in roundtable conference (May 20-21) to chart out a roadmap for the relief tasks. APBAid contributed to NBCC-MCDS’ relief efforts an amount of \$28,400 to help 396 families (1,188 persons) in the 3 VDCs of Bhukhel, Jaisithok and Kabhre. These families were helped with roofing materials and blankets/mattresses to keep them warm. On Nov 22-25, APBAid helped APBF conduct ‘Nepal Summit’ with estimated costs of \$15,147. Currently it is working on 2 rehabilitative projects– (i) NBCC Church Building Reconstruction Project, rebuilding some 20 church building with estimated costs of \$200,000; and (ii) MCDS Community Support & Livelihood Development Project, costs \$142,700.

5. Myanmar: Rakhine and Chin Hills floods

July 28-Sept 2, 2015 cyclone ‘Komen’ lashed through Myanmar and massive floods+mudslides hit western parts of Myanmar. In partnership with MBC-CSSDD 2 projects were developed -(i) **Rakhine Flood Relief:** APBAid as lead agency mobilized members of BReaD Network and assisted MBC-CSSDD with a grant of \$49,541 to help 2,337 families (10,886 persons) in 42 villages with food packages. (ii)**Chin Hills flood Relief:** In Chin State, the same cyclonic rains caused - 23 lives lost, 8,929 families (47,482 persons) affected with 2,374 homes destroyed and 13,170 acres of farmlands devastated. It also damaged 20 church buildings. A recovery project of \$400K was facilitated with German Baptists, for which initial 10% of the total costs were approved and \$10,854 expended to-date.

6. Kachin IDP Relief

With renewed violence in Kachin State of Myanmar since August 2013, it resulted into hundreds of casualties and destruction of habitats. APBAid facilitated a relief grant of \$11,266 to Kachin Baptist Convention in helping 100 families in Putao area. The assistance was mainly in food packages to augment KBC’s program for 6 months. Part of the fund came from EBM-GBU, and part from APBAid’s own ERF.

C. DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE

1. Lydia Project, Mizoram

Launched in 2011 with the objective to help Chin migrant women, the project mobilized 111 SHGs in Mizoram (NE India), benefitting 1107 Chin migrants/marginalized families with current revolving Micro-credit fund of \$58,636. The project completed its 5-years course, and the main donors Baptist Union of Norway (BUN) is handing it over to the 3 partners, namely Baptist Church of Mizoram, Lairam Jesus Christ Baptist Church and Zomi Baptist Church. BUN will continue to give assistance for building their capacity and APBAid help them as consultants.

2. Mentawai DRR Project, Indonesia

Mentawai Islands, Bengkulu and Lampung areas of Indonesia are high risk disaster-prone zone especially from earthquake and tsunami. Since June 2012, Rebana continued working with the communities to reduce their vulnerability with the support of BWAid and APBAid. Amount involved in the project is \$42,013; this support comes mainly from BWAid. Their activities were campaign among Children in Mentawai Islands by developing their preschool and elementary school tutoring, awareness campaigns and networking among the Churches in Bengkulu and Lampung provinces. Crucial area of psychosocial support was introduced during these campaigns.

D. CAPACITY BUILDING

1. DRR Consultation

It is APBAid's responsibility to help member Baptist bodies build their capacity, and thus APBAid focused on strengthening churches' capacity to respond to the disaster. Doing that, we input leadership and internet skills, and encouraged them for effective response system and accountability. During 2015 we conducted 5 DRR programs.

March 11-13	Consultation on DRR & Leadership Development with internet skills, Tura, Meghalaya (GBC+APBAid)
March 25-27	CPBC DRR Seminar (CPBC+ Diakonia), Iloilo, Philippines
June 3-5	DRR Training in Kupang, Indonesia (Rebana+APBAid)
June 25-27	DRR & Leadership Development with internet skills, Agartala, Tripura (TBCU+APBAid)
Nov 23-24	Consultation on Disaster Response jointly organized by APBAid and NBCC-MCDS, Kathmandu, Nepal
Dec 15-16	Consultation on Disaster Response-cum-Project Cycle workshop, Kalemmyo, Myanmar (APBAid+Chin Baptist Convention)

2. Capacity building visit

During the year APBAid had started 'engagement' program with selected Baptist leaders beginning from North East India. Steve Smith had kindly spared his time and resources to lead this program. Monitoring the outcome we found it is quite effective in communicating to the Baptist brethren.

June 28-30	Kabi and Anderson visited LABU leaders and held consultation
Nov 1-11	Steve Smith and Anderson visited and held consultation with 3 Baptist bodies of Assam (NE India), namely (i) Assam Baptist Convention, Golaghat and ETC Jorhat; (ii) Karbi Anglong Baptist Convention, Diphu; and (iii) Lower Assam Baptist Union (LABU), Tukrajhar.

3. Initiative on Human Trafficking

We did some study on the issue of human trafficking; however lacking resources we could not do much on this. We have started something in Myanmar, North East India and the Philippines, because they are physically nearer and the Churches in these countries are hard hit. It is assumed that over 2 million, mainly women are trafficked in or from these countries. It is difficult to get Christian worker or organization committed to the need.

We are following 3 steps in firming up our approach -

- Continue study areas where human trafficking has hurt more, and sensitize the Churches while developing correct theological reflection on the issue.
- Identify persons and organizations, especially of those Baptist background to help us in facing the challenges. Rev. Dr. Luran Bethel (ABC consultant on human trafficking) and Miqlat Ministry of Women dept of Nagaland Baptist Churches Council are some of whom we are in contact.
- Continue attending exposure trainings and conferences.

Conclusion

We remain thankful to the support, guidance and encouragement of APBAid Committee members. We are also happy to see generous supports coming from Churches in Australia-NZ, Japan, NE India, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar and others. We are greatly thankful to the continued support and partnership with IM-ABC, CBF, TAI, BUN, EBM-GBU, BReaD Network and others. We praise God for what we achieved, and we remain committed to fulfil the tasks set before us.

Kabi Gangmei, Feraz Legita and Anderson Tokbi

Date: January 20, 2016

Common Synonyms and Abbreviations used:

BReaD Network	Baptist Relief and Development Network
BOBBCA	Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Churches Association
CSSDD	Christian Social Services and Development Department (R&D unit of Myanmar Baptist Convention)
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction training
EBM	European Baptist Mission
GBC	Garo Baptist Convention
GBU	German Baptist Union
MBC	Myanmar Baptist Convention, Malaysian Baptist Convention or Manipur Baptist Convention
MCDS	Multi Purpose Development Services (R&D unit of NBCC)
NBCC	Nepal Baptist Church Council
TAI	Transform Aid International (formerly Baptist World Aid Australia)
TBCU	Tripura Baptist Christian Union
VCC	Vanuatu Christian Council
VDC	Village Development Committee (Unit of Nepal's political administrative and Political Division)

Income/Expense Comparison by Category - 2014:6

1/01/2014 through 31/12/2015 (in U.S. Dollars)

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Category Description	1/01/2015- 31/12/2015	1/01/2014- 31/12/2014	Amount Difference
INCOME			
Administration Fees			
Less Tenth To ERF	-3,644	-6,585	-2,940
Other Administration Fees	41,193	66,346	25,153
TOTAL Administration Fees	37,548	59,761	22,213
Consulting Fees	5,576	2,333	-3,243
Contributions			
Ao BC Dimapur	0	807	807
Australian Individuals	3,474	2,946	-527
B M S World Mission	5,000	0	-5,000
BANZAID	1,069	0	-1,069
Baptist World Aid Australia	0	8,333	8,333
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	14,965	0	-14,965
EBM	4,497	0	-4,497
German Baptist Union	981	0	-981
Transform Aid International	8,333	0	-8,333
TOTAL Contributions	38,319	12,087	-26,232
Exchange Rate Gain	0	0	0
Interest Income	52	37	-15
TOTAL INCOME	81,495	74,218	-7,277
EXPENSES			
Uncategorised	0	0	0
Annual Contribution To APBF	5,000	5,000	0
Audit	362	725	-362
Bank charges	819	1,024	-204
Committee Meetings			
travel	2,751	0	2,751
Other Committee Meetings	1,914	1,224	690
TOTAL Committee Meetings	4,665	1,224	3,441
Exchange Rate Loss	0	0	0
Insurance	138	199	-61
Medical Insurance	35	0	35
Office Equipment	1,390	1,700	-310
Office Expenses			
Iloilo	7,549	5,860	1,689
TOTAL Office Expenses	7,549	5,860	1,689
Office Supplies			
Other Office Supplies	0	38	-38
TOTAL Office Supplies	0	38	-38
Postage Etc	13	110	-97
Printing	0	1,979	-1,979
Provisions			
Conferences	5,000	5,000	0
Termination Pay	3,900	2,202	1,698
TOTAL Provisions	8,900	7,202	1,698
Salaries Etc			
Iloilo	15,898	13,402	2,496
Shillong	19,550	19,730	-180
TOTAL Salaries Etc	35,448	33,132	2,316
Staff Development	4,795	3,041	1,754
Subscriptions	108	89	18
Travel			
A Tokbi	633	407	226

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Category Description	1/01/2015- 31/12/2015	1/01/2014- 31/12/2014	Amount Difference
F Legita	9,609	6,398	3,211
K Gangmei	2,050	1,481	569
Local Shillong	2,273	-32	2,305
Refunds	-1,092	0	-1,092
Other Travel	1,970	0	1,970
TOTAL Travel	15,443	8,254	7,189
TOTAL EXPENSES	84,665	69,577	15,089
OVERALL TOTAL	-3,171	4,641	7,811

APBAid Balance Sheet - As of 31/12/2015:3

As of 31/12/2015 (in U.S. Dollars)

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Account	31/12/2015 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Iloilo	7,423
NAB AU dollar	43,957
NAB US Dollar	425,657
Shillong (USD equiv)	3,035
Thailand APBF Foundation	11,793
Acquittals	0
Aus Petty Cash (USD equivalent)	217
Iloilo USD Cash	0
Shillong INR Cash (USD equiv)	0
Shillong NC Cash (USD equiv)	228
Shillong USD Cash	896
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	493,206
Other Assets	
Cash Advs LF to be acquitted	5,000
Debtor - Singapore BC	0
Sundry Debtors	115
Suspense	-0
TOTAL Other Assets	5,115
TOTAL ASSETS	498,320
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Accrued Payments	0
APBF (pending transfer)	131,079
Des - 2013 Cyclone Phailin India	5,551
Des - 2013 Haiyan 10 SAO SLG CB Study Vs	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 11 CPBC Livelih'd Asst	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 12 Lymm BC rebuild	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 14 CPBC Liv'l hd PP GB	71,757
Des - 2013 Haiyan 15 WE Samar Hagupit	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 16 Liv'd Rec'y Panay B	44,627
Des - 2013 Haiyan 2 CPBC Shelter	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 3 Shelters of Care	-0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 4 CPBC Water Contnrs	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 5 CPBC ER Proj Capiz +	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 6 ABWU response	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 7 CPBC ER Diakonia SWE	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 8 CPBC Trauma Care	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 9 ER N Iloilo & Negros	0
Des - 2013 Haiyan 99 Bapt RP & Secr'ate	0
Des - 2013 Japan Tohoku monitoting	0
Des - 2013 Karenni Camp Fire	431
Des - 2013 Typhoon Haiyan	18,272
Des - 2014 ER & DRR GBU Combined Prj	0
Des - 2014 ER&DRR 1 Garo Fid Relf	0
Des - 2014 ER&DRR 2 Kachin IDP Relief	11,648
Des - 2014 ER&DRR 3 Rebana W Kupang ...	0
Des - 2014 ER&DRR 4 TCBU Tripura DRR	0
Des - 2014 Middle East Relief	0
Des - 2015 CBC Flood Relief	1,512
Des - 2015 Cyclone Kappu	0
Des - 2015 Cyclone Pam	-0

APBAid Balance Sheet - As of 31/12/2015:3

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Account	31/12/2015 Balance
Des - 2015 MBC Flood Relief	1,512
Des - 2015 Nepal E'quakes Coord & Cap Bl	0
Des - 2015 Nepal Earthquakes	99,203
Des - 2015 Nepal Jaishithok	37,206
Des - ADRIMIS	-888
Des - Chair's travel	0
Des - Conferences	22,912
Des - DRMs	0
Des - Emergency Relief Fund	2,096
Des - Indonesia E'quakes	5,062
Des - Kachin IDPs	0
Des - Staff medical assistance	3,519
Provi'n APBAid staff termination	13,810
Reserve Currency Fluctuation	25,919
Sundry Creditors	0
TOTAL Other Liabilities	495,228
TOTAL LIABILITIES	495,228
OVERALL TOTAL	3,092

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