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Report of the Regional Treasurer





REGIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

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Mr. Chairman, Brother and Sister Scouts, Good Morning!

As the Regional Treasurer, I am happy to report to you the financial operations of Asia-Pacific Support Centre for the triennium 2022-2025. My report is about money which may be of interest to you.

Before my report on figures and money, I wish to give you some highlights and challenges that happened in the last 3 years:

Highlights

1. I am happy to report that in the last 3 fiscal years, the audit of AP Support Centre were completed as scheduled, and there was no management comment nor issue of weakness letters from our external auditor KPMG;
2. AP Support Centre had undergone internal audit review each year and there was no matter of concern raised by Global Support Centre;
3. In the last 3 fiscal years, AP support Centre carried out its operations under constrained budgets and no deficit was incurred for the whole triennium;
4. AP Support Centre ensured that necessary support on administrative and HR matters are provided, well being of staff is taken care of and healthy working environment is provided. In fact a number of staff were promoted in March 2025. The morale of AP Support Centre is high and our staff are very united.

Challenges

1. Due to phasing out of the Eurasia Scout Region, 3 NSOs of the former Region, namely Russia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan have become members of the Asia-Pacific Scout Region. We have to take care of them especially on the issue of language barrier.
2. There were changes in the people and culture under Corporate Services and necessary adjustments and improvements have to be made.
3. There was challenge on the Accounting System as we transitioned to a new system provider.
4. There is a recent challenge on the reduction of budget allocation from Global Support Centre due to non-payment and reduction of WOSM registration fees.

As we are scouts who are always prepared, I wish to advise that AP Support Centre as usual overcome both the past and future challenges without difficulty.



For this report, I will cover the financial operations of AP Support Centre for the fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and the 11 months of 2024-2025 up to the end of August 2025. My report will cover:

1. What are the sources of our funds?
2. How did we do with the funds?
3. What are the projects supported?
4. What are the fund balances at the end of the 3 fiscal years?

Sources of Funds

There are 3 sources of funds:

1. The operating income from Global Support Centre. As you are aware, AP Support Centre is fully dependent on the budget allocation from Global Support Centre for its operating expenses. The total budget allocation in the last triennium was US\$2,170,794.
2. Donations for the earmarked funds. During this triennium AP Support Centre received and managed funds earmarked for projects in this Region. The total amount received from 2022 to 2025 was US\$797,935.
3. Apart from the budget allocation and the earmarked funds, an amount of US\$97,767 was received in this triennium from interest income and other miscellaneous income.

Thus the grand total of income received by AP Support Centre during this triennium was US\$3,066,496.

Next I would like to elaborate the donors and the amounts of the Earmarked Funds received by AP Support Centre from 2022-2025. The donations are clearly shown in the slide of my powerpoint:

1. More than 50% of the total donations amounted to US\$447,757 came from World Scout Foundation. This fund was used for various projects in our region.
2. An amount of US\$100,500 was received from APR Scout Foundation as support to NSOs in this Region for their field activities.
3. An amount of US\$79,311 was received from NOSs and individuals including Scouts of China (Taiwan), Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam and WSF as support to earthquake disasters.
4. An amount of US\$26,467 was received from Messenger of Peace for projects in Uzbekistan and MoP Coordinators Meet.
5. Solafrica donated US\$21,165 for the Scouts Go Solar project.
6. Last but not least, there were contributions to various membership funds including youth fund, APES, CSPSA Fund and staff welfare fund amounted to US\$122,735.



The total sum of donations for the earmarked funds was US\$797,935.

Thanks to all the donors for their continuous generous support to this Region and I wish to express my greatest gratitude to them. Without their donations and contributions, there is no way that we can carry out so many scout projects in this Region.

Use of Funds

Next is how we used our funds. In the past 3 years, we disbursed a total sum of US\$2,583,078. Out of it, we spent US\$1,955,983 for the operating expenses of AP Support Centre and US\$627,095 for the earmarked projects.

In connection with spending of the earmarked projects, the projects being subsidised are listed in the slide of my powerpoint in order of their quantum:

1. Tickets to Life projects and scholarships to 8 NSOs
(financed by World Scout Association) US\$157,638
2. Bharat Scouts and Guides - Membership Growth
(financed by World Scout Foundation) 95,277
3. APR Scout Foundation subsidies to APR projects and events
(financed by APR Scout Foundation) 87,076
4. Support to Myanmar and Thailand after earthquakes disasters
(financed by various NSOs and individuals) 51,910
5. Capacity Building project
(financed by World Scout Foundation) 31,669
6. Scout Go Solar project
(financed by Solafrica) 18,547
7. MoP NSO Coordinators Meet
(financed by MoP) 18,098
8. MoP - Consultancy Training and WOSM Assessment
(financed by MoP) 16,463
9. Humanitarian Action Funded Project 2022
(financed by World Scout Foundation) 15,928
10. APR Membership Growth Coordinators Meet 2023
(financed by World Scout Foundation) 14,392
11. WSF Field Visits
(financed by World Scout Foundation) 6,985



- 12. Integrating Safe from Harm in APR
(financed by World Scout Foundation) 6,541
- 13. MoP Project Development of Scouting in Uzbekistan
(financed by MoP) 5,294
- 14. Various payments to APR projects and membership funds
(financed by various WSOs and individuals) 101,277

The total disbursement to earmarked projects in this triennium was US\$627,095.

Financial Positions

Next is the financial positions of our General Fund and Earmarked Funds for Projects at the end of each of the 3 fiscal years in this triennium.

It is noted that AP Support Centre had fund balances of US\$498,613 as at 30 September 2022 and US\$825,028 as at 31 August 2025. In 3 years time, there was an increase of US\$326,415 representing an increase of 65.5%. This is because of cost efficiency in AP Support Centre. I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our regional director Brother JR and his staff team for their hard work to accomplish their services to NSOs in this Region within the limited budgets.

With regard to the earmarked funds for projects, we started with a beginning fund of US\$602,461 and an ending fund of US\$754,550. There was an increase of US\$152,089 representing an increase of 25.2%.

Conclusion

Finally, my dear scout friends, I wish to say that transparency and integrity is vital in finances. As the Regional Treasurer, I can assure you, all stakeholders and most importantly, our donors, that funds in our Region are well accounted for and wisely and carefully spent. I can also assure you that the financial positions of both the AP Support Centre and the earmarked funds for projects are strong and healthy.

Let me end my report with this quote from the American philanthropist John D. Rockefeller "I believe the power to make money is a gift from God. Having been endowed with the gift I possess, I believe it is my duty to make money and to use the money I make for the good of my fellow man". I must say that it is what we are doing now under the spirit of Scouting.

This ends my report and thank you very much. Enjoy the rest of the Conference.



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