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Good morning Fellow Scouters,

As your Regional Treasurer, I am reporting to you the financial operations of the Asia-Pacific Support Center for the triennium 2018-2021. But before that, let me give you some highlights that happened in the last 3 years:

- I am happy to report that our last three (3) Fiscal Year audits were completed as scheduled, with no management comment or issue of weakness letter from the external auditor, KPMG.
- To comply with the 26th APR Scout Conference resolution 10/18, the AP Support Center successfully underwent the NGO Benchmarking Standard in December 2021 and I am proud to report that it achieved an overall and outstanding rating of 96.1%.
- A system called Zoho Expense had been introduced to all regional offices including the AP Support Center to computerize the expense liquidations.
- In spite of the reduction in budget allocation due to Covid-19 pandemic, the AP Support Center was able to manage the operations with no deficit.

Now for my report on the financial operations of Fiscal Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, I will be covering the following:

1. What are sources of our funds?
2. How did we do with the funds?
3. What are the projects supported?
4. What fund balances remained at the end of September 2019, 2020 and 2021?

SOURCES OF FUNDS

SUMMARY OF SOURCES OF FUNDS OF AP SUPPORT CENTER

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020 - 2021	Total
OPERATIONS				
- Budget Allocation	US\$684,200	US\$584,500	US\$633,800	US\$1,902,500
- Other Income	21,000	22,100	20,800	63,900
Total Operation Income	705,200	606,600	654,600	1,966,400
From Donors for Earmarked/Restricted Projects	485,000	282,100	123,100	890,200
GRAND TOTAL	US\$1,190,200	US\$888,700	US\$777,700	US\$2,856,600

For our operational expenses, as you are all aware, the Asia-Pacific Support Center is fully dependent on the budget allocations from the Global Support Center.

We have our regular budget allocation in FY 2018-2019 amounting to US\$684,200. However, in FY 2019-2020 where the covid pandemic hit the most, the budgets of all regional offices as well as the global office had been reduced by 17% (US\$119,714 in the case of AP Support Center) thus the actual budget income was US\$584,500 in that year. Since the number of activities were also suspended, we were able to manage the operations in a reduced budget. In FY 2020-2021, there was a 8% increase from the previous year budget thus we received US\$633,800. The total amount received in the 3 years was around US\$1.9M.

During this triennium, the AP Support Center also managed funds received earmarked for projects. Total amount received from 2018 to 2021 was US\$890,200.

Apart from the budget allocations from the Global Support Center and the earmarked funds, an amount of US\$63,900 was also received in this triennium from interest and other miscellaneous income.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR EARMARKED PROJECTS

Donors	2018 – 2021
World Scout Foundation–Messenger of Peace for Various Projects	US\$447,100
Global Support Center for World Scout Jamboree and World Education Forum (Brazil)	199,200
APR Scout Foundation for Field Activities to NSOs	84,000
UN Environment Programme	53,800
E. Frank	19,400
Boy Scouts of the Philippines Projects	19,300
KAICIID	9,600
Membership Funds (Youth Fund, APES, ATAS, CSPSA Fund)	8,300
APR Staff Welfare Fund (Staff Contributions)	45,000
Various	4,500
Total	US\$890,200

Now, I would like to show you details of the Earmarked Funds received directly by the Asia-Pacific Support Center.

A big chunks of it came from World Scout Foundation through Messenger of Peace (MoP) which routed through Asia-Pacific Support Center. This was used for various projects in areas of good governance capacity building, diversity and inclusion, disaster relief support including Covid-19 response, MoP Coordinators mobilization, Better World Framework, Development of Scouting in NSOs, and Ticket to Life. Total amount received was US\$447,100.

An amount of US\$199,200 was allocated by Global Support Center to support NSOs who attended the World Scout Jamboree and World Education Forum in Brazil.

We also received an amount of US\$84,000 from APR Scout Foundation as support to NSOs that hosted activities conducted by Asia-Pacific Support Center. Unfortunately some scheduled activities were suspended/ put on hold until situation normalizes.

United Nation Enviroment Programme also partnered with us for the project Plastic Tide Turners and donated US\$53,800.

We have received US\$19,400 from E. Frank for the Regional Youth Training Course which was also put on hold due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines has allocated US\$19,300 for participation in Regional/ Global events and local council projects.

KAICIID (King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Int'l. Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue) donated US\$9,600 for the Dialogue for Peace Training.

Membership funds including APES, Youth Fund, CSPSA and ATAS had received contributions amounted to US\$8,300.

Contributions to the APR Support Center staff welfare fund reached US\$45,000.

Thank all the donors for their continuous generous support. Let us give them a big and warm applause!

WHAT DID WE DO WITH THE FUNDS

Next is how we used our Funds. In the past three years, we disbursed around US\$2.8 million. We have spent US\$1.94M for the Operations of the Asia-Pacific Support Center and US\$0.86M for the earmarked projects.

	2018 – 2019	2019 – 2020	2020 – 2021	Total
OPERATIONS				
Operations of the Office	US\$700,400	US\$601,600	US\$635,800	US\$1,937,800
Earmarked/ Restricted Projects	474,000	225,900	168,100	868,000
Total	US\$1,174,400	US\$827,500	US\$803,900	US\$2,805,800

Projects conducted in the triennium 2018-2021

In connection with the spending on earmarked funds for projects amounted to US\$868,000, you can see in the table below for the list of projects conducted.

Projects	2018-2021
World Scout Foundation (Messenger of Peace Projects)	453,200
World Scout Jamboree - US	173,200
Plastic Tide Turners	51,600
Field Activities conducted in NSOs supported by the APR Scout Foundation	46,700
Disaster Humanitarian Relief	28,500
World Educational Forum – Brazil	26,000
BSP Projects	16,800
Dialogue for Peace Training (KAICIID)	9,000
Scout Bazaar Project supported by the APR Scout Foundation	8,700
Various membership funds (Youth Fund, APES, ATAS, CSPA Fund)	6,200
Various APR Projects – Staff Welfare Fund withdrawals	44,800
Miscellaneous	3,300
Total	US\$868,000

Of the total funds, World Scout Foundation under Messenger of Peace (MoP) funded projects spending was US\$453,200. Projects under MoP are as follows:

- Ticket to Life projects to educate street children through Scouting and at the same time provided scholarship to them
- Emergency relief (Disaster Preparedness Indonesia, Myanmar Flood Relief and Covid, Scouts affected by Fire in Manila)
- Promoting diversity and inclusions
- Good governance (Strengthening Implementation of GSAT, Strategy Connect, Consultancy Training , Committee Induction)
- Support Development of Scouting in Solomon
- MoP Coordinators mobilization & Capacity Building
- Support Better World framework

An amount of US\$173,200 was spent as support to NSOs who had attended the World Scout Jamboree in US and the World Educational Forum in Brazil – US\$26,000.

The project supported by the UNEP for Plastic Tide Turners totalled US\$51,600.

For various field activities and events conducted by Asia-Pacific Support Center and hosted by NSOs, we have spent a total of US\$46,700 while some of the activities are re-scheduled due to Covid-19 pandemic. This was funded by the APR Scout Foundation.

Spending as relief after the national disasters totalled US\$28,500.

Details of other projects financed by the earmarked funds are shown in the above table.

FUNDS AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

The next table shows the financial positions of our General Fund and Earmarked Funds for Projects at the end of each of the 3 fiscal years.

It is noted that AP Support Center had fund balances of US\$414,359 as at 30 September 2018 and in 3-years time we ended up with US\$478,000 as at 30 September, 2021 representing an increase of US\$63,641 which is equivalent to 15% increase. This is because of cost efficiency in the AP Support Center and some activities were suspended due to Covid pandemic and hence we had savings that formed part of the surplus.

With regard to the earmarked funds for projects, we started with a beginning fund of US\$530,700. We received US\$890,200 and spent US\$868,000 in this triennium. To date we have an ending balance of US\$552,900 as reserve for on-going projects.

	30 Sept. 2019	30 Sept. 2020	30 Sept. 2021
Current Assets	US\$1,072,700	US\$1,057,400	US\$1,063,900
Fixed Assets	17,800	25,500	16,200
Total Assets	1,090,500	1,082,900	1,080,100
<i>Liabilities & Fund Balances</i>			
Current Liabilities	(124,500)	(49,600)	(49,200)
Earmarked Funds for Projects	(541,600)	(597,900)	(552,900)
Total Liabilities & Earmarked Funds	(666,100)	(647,500)	(602,100)
Net Assets	424,400	435,400	478,000
Real Estate Funds	205,400	205,400	205,400
Own Funds	219,000	230,000	272,600
Total Fund Balances	US\$424,400	US\$435,400	US\$478,000

As Scouts, transparency and integrity is very vital in finances. Hence, as the Regional Treasurer, I can assure you, our stake holders and most importantly, our donors, that funds in the Region are well accounted for and wisely spent. I can also assure you that the financial positions of both the AP Support Center and the earmarked funds are strong and healthy.

Let me end with this quote from Professor Robert J. Shiller - "Finance is not merely about making money. It's about achieving our deep goals and protecting the fruits of our labour. It's about stewardship and, therefore, about achieving the good society."

This ends my report. Thank you for listening. Enjoy the rest of the Conference.