



MEDICAL STUDENTS' AID PROJECT

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

After inheriting this organisation from the capable hands of 2019 Co-Chairs, Roshell Perera and Yuri Nwe, we began the year eager to expand upon existing projects and initiatives to further solidify MSAP's role in promoting global health at UNSW. However, MSAP too was not spared from overarching effects of 2020's most significant issue: COVID-19.

We were fortunate to have been able to host Launch Night (our annual kickoff event) and Treevia Night (our climate-focused fundraiser) prior to the COVID-19 lock-downs. Once restrictions were enforced, we redirected our efforts to online initiatives, participating in virtual advocacy projects (e.g. Palm Sunday Refugee Rally, Climate Rally, Crossing Borders Refugee Panel, Green July Social Media Challenge, National Justice Project) and strengthening our social media output and monthly mailout with educational infographics. We successfully transferred our Interpreter Program to an online platform, collaborating with the UNSW School of Humanities and Languages to upskill medical students in working with interpreters in clinical settings. Our First Year Representatives even organised a brand new Virtual Escape Room event, which proved to be a stimulating experience for students.

Later in the year, MSAP managed to resume its key events in accordance with state-wide COVID-safe guidelines. Our Projects Officers successfully held Birthing Kit Night in-person and packed 600 birthing kits to be sent to expectant mothers in developing areas. Our Education Officers also organised MSAP's annual Global Health Short Course virtually, featuring insights from experts on various topics including the obesity epidemic, vaccine hesitancy, and sexual health in the transgender community. While we were unfortunately unable to continue our Elective Aid Program due to travel restrictions, we were still able to contribute internationally by donating to Medical Action Myanmar and supporting their nutritional programs.

Although 2020 was an atypical year, MSAP has remained actively committed to tackling global health issues. The resilience and dedication of our executive team empowered us to initiate productive discussions which wholly improved MSAP's operations. It is our hope that MSAP will continue to play an important role in inspiring a new generation of practitioners to collaborate towards sustainable, equitable and universal healthcare. Being Co-Chairs of MSAP was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives. We have been humbled and inspired by the passion and dedication of each student and their efforts to make a difference in this world. We hope reading this report will give you a glimpse into their accomplishments.

Sincerely,



Ash Li Khoo & Brenda Ng, 2020 Co-Chairs

WHO WE ARE

Our Story

Medical Students' Aid Project (MSAP) was established in 2001 by then-UNSW medical students Greg Fox and Greg Moloney. Fox and Moloney were inspired to set up the organisation after their elective placements in a Malawi hospital where they were made critically aware of the pitfalls of resource-poor communities. On one experience attending to a car accident victim, they opened the resuscitation box only to find a band-aid and a dead cockroach. This realisation of the stark lack of basic medical equipment in resource-poor communities motivated them to establish MSAP to initiate a medical supply project supported by medical students at UNSW (now the Elective Aid Program). Nineteen years later, MSAP continues its legacy of supplying medical aid around the world and has developed its role in educating and advocating for global health issues.

Our Vision and Mission

MSAP envisions a world with equitable, sustainable and universal healthcare. By educating and connecting medical students and tomorrow's health practitioners, MSAP aims to empower a new generation through local and international projects, education and advocacy.

Management Structure

MSAP is a student-led organisation at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. MSAP is run by a team of 16 volunteer Executive members along with an additional team of subcommittee volunteers, overseeing a general membership of over 900 students and a growing Alumni and Community Network. We support our work through donations, fundraising, and sponsorship.

As the global health group of the UNSW Medical Society, MSAP also represents UNSW on the Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) Global Health Council. MSAP supports AMSA Global Health with regards to national health projects and advocacy campaigns and seeks to voice the opinions of UNSW medical students at national councils and meetings.

MSAP is supported by an Advisory Board which was established in 2018 to advise the Executive team and maintain institutional memory. The MSAP Board consists of up to seven members, composed of the organisation's co-founders and past Executive office-bearers.

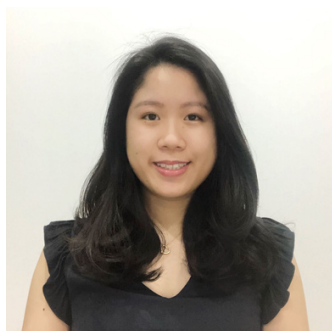
MSAP Advisory Board 2020

Greg Fox	Co-founder	Isabelle McKay	2018 Co-Chair
Greg Moloney	Co-founder	Lokesh Sharma	2018 Co-Chair
Isaac Chan	2017 Co-Chair	Yuri Nwe	2019 Co-Chair
		Roshell Perera	2019 Co-Chair

MSAP EXECUTIVE 2020



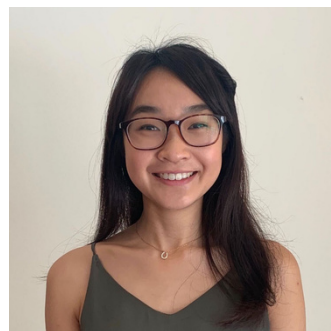
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Co-Chair



Brenda Ng
Co-Chair



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Secretary



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Treasurer



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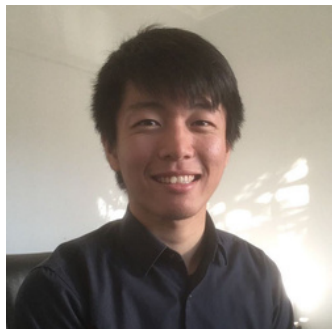
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Electives Officer



Rida Hanna
*Crossing Borders
Coordinator*



Jumpei Takeuchi
*Code Green
Coordinator*



Eric Myat
First Year Representative



Pabasha Nanayakkara
First Year Representative

LOCAL INITIATIVES

LAUNCH NIGHT

Cost in 2020: \$50.00

Funding: Gold coin donations, silent auction

Launch Night, MSAP's first event of the year, aimed to engage Phase 1 students as well as encourage alumni involvement with MSAP. The event invited three participants of the Elective Aid Program to showcase different ways students can get involved in global health. Attendees were also invited to visit booths set up by each portfolio under MSAP to learn about our organisation's work. Concurrently, we held the annual "EAP Photography Competition," showcasing photographs taken by students during their electives. The winning photograph by Isabelle McKay was later showcased on the display screens inside Wallace Wurth Building to promote the far-reaching efforts of our students. We also re-introduced a silent auction, made possible by our sponsors Yogala, 9 degrees Boulder Gym, and the NSW Art Gallery.



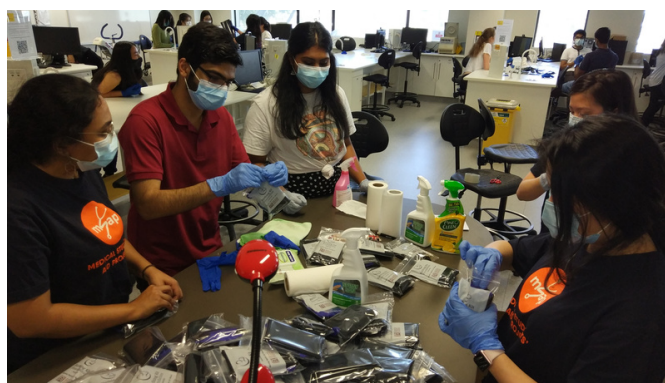
BIRTHING KIT NIGHT

Cost in 2020: \$5,000.00

Funding: Sponsors, ticket sales, raffle tickets

2020 brought about major challenges for this year's Birthing Kit Night (BKN), from having a fully-planned 100-person event in March which was cancelled, to finally rescheduling it to a smaller 40-person event in October. Nevertheless, amidst the pandemic, BKN never failed to remind us of the ongoing need for medical aid in impoverished countries: Each day, approximately 810 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth, 94% of which occur in developing countries. These statistics motivated us to move forward with the event despite the logistical challenges posed by the pandemic.

In conjunction with Kit International, 600 birthing kits were packed in a COVID-safe setting with the help of 35 volunteers on 3 October 2020. MSAP had purchased 1000 kits prior to the pandemic with the plan of mobilising 125 volunteers. Each kit cost \$5 (an increase by \$2/kit from previous years). MSAP then received a further 600 donated kits to pack this year. Our generous sponsors, including UNSW School of Women's and Children's Health and Nassif Civil, sponsored \$2500 and \$400, respectively, towards the cost of these kits. Lecturio, 9 degrees Boulder Gym and Palace Cinemas also graciously contributed raffle prizes worth \$720 in total. In light of the pandemic, we were unable to carry forward with our fundraising plans to cover the remaining cost; however, we foresee that our costs for BKN will be covered in 2021 as we will utilise the remaining 1000 kits purchased this year rather than purchase additional kits.



GLOBAL HEALTH SHORT COURSE

Cost in 2020: Nil.

The Global Health Short Course (GHSC), arguably MSAP's most successful annual event, was restructured more times this year than the question "Can you see my screen?" was asked in our fortnightly executive Zoom meetings thanks to COVID-19. Despite this, the final event went as smoothly as online events possibly could and managed to 'break the mould' as its slogan promised: GHSC '20 was the first in MSAP history to feature an international speaker and incorporate upskilling workshops.

Over its four-night run, GHSC '20 had more than 140 attendees. The more traditional component of the event featured two lectures and one panel discussion on topical global issues including childhood obesity and vaccine hesitancy. The first lecture, 'Obesity in Children and Adolescents: a Global Health Concern', was delivered by Professor Louise Baur, the Head of Child & Adolescent Health at the University of Sydney and President-Elect of the World Obesity Federation. The second lecture, 'Global Health Practice: Social Justice', was delivered by activist, anthropologist and physician Dr Sandeep Nanwani live from Indonesia. The talk delved deep into the areas of ethics and philosophy, urging attendees to question their own values and practices.

Our panel on vaccine hesitancy consisted of Professor Julie Leask, chair of the WHO 'Measuring Behavioural and Social Drivers of Vaccination' global expert group and member of the WHO standing committee on Immunisation and Vaccines-related Implementation Research, Dr Andrew McDonald, former Director of Paediatrics at Campbelltown Hospital and former NSW Shadow Minister for Health, Ms Jane Hansen, award-winning writer for the Sunday Telegraph and chief journalist of the 'No Jab No Pay/Play' campaign, and our very own Dr Sue Britton, general practitioner at the University of Sydney and UNSW. The panellists shared their knowledge and opinions in response to the audience's thought-provoking questions, making for an incredibly fascinating and informative evening.

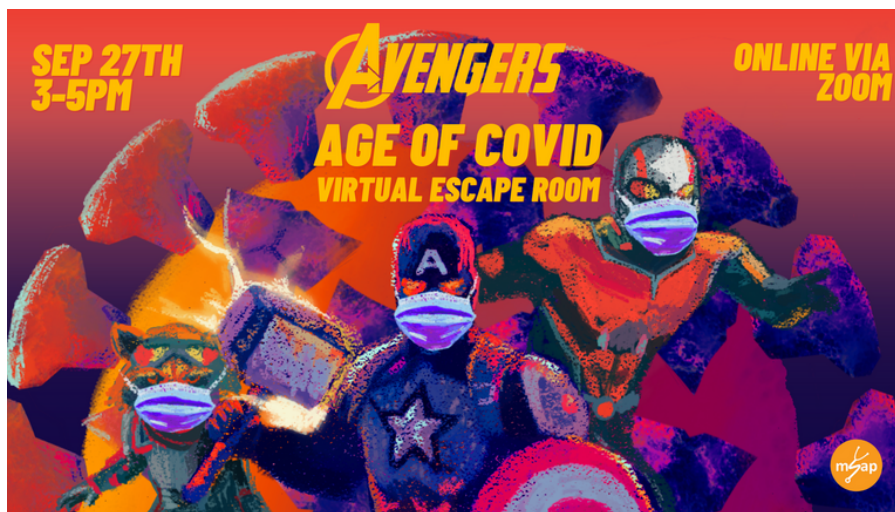
We built on the work of previous Education Officers to introduce a brand new upskilling component to the traditionally lecture-based event in collaboration with MSAP's Crossing Borders and Code Green Coordinators. The general consensus among GHSC attendees was that the workshops were the highlight of the event. We feel that this is because workshops bridge the gap between interest and action — every year, GHSC lectures inspire attendees to make a difference in the world by filling their minds with knowledge, motivation and ideas; workshops encourage them to build upon these ideas by brainstorming practical solutions to real-world problems. Overall, GHSC '20 was a success, thanks to our wonderful executive team, enthusiastic subcommittee members and generous sponsors AMBOSS, Lecturio, Osmosis, Messina and 9 Degrees Boulderling Gym. We look forward to a bigger and better GHSC in 2021!

VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM

Cost in 2020: Nil.

This year saw the introduction of MSAP's first-ever Virtual Escape Room which was inspired by a similar event hosted by Monash University's *Ignite* global health group. Participants were tasked with answering a series of global health-themed questions and puzzles of increasing difficulty via an online form. Thanks to our sponsor Osmosis, each member of the winning team was awarded a 2-month Osmosis Prime membership.

In total, there were 10 teams of 3 participants each, with most participants coming from Phase I. This event was successful in inciting Phase I engagement with MSAP in the context of COVID-19 and online learning and provided students with insight into our organisation's goals as UNSW Medicine's global health group. We received generally positive feedback for this event and we hope that the Virtual Escape Room can become an established MSAP event in the future, either in-person or online.



GLOBAL HEALTH BRIEFING (MAILOUT)

The monthly mailout, emailed to all MSAP members, is an opportunity for MSAP to raise awareness about pressing issues in the global health sphere. Needless to say, there was no shortage of such issues in 2020. With eye-catching infographics, we covered issues such as mental health during a global pandemic, racism within the healthcare system, and the humanitarian crises in Yemen and Lebanon. Not only did the mailouts provide information, but they also facilitated action by outlining resources and concrete ways in which individuals could contribute to healthcare equity. The mailout continues to be a useful tool for MSAP to educate and inspire both current students and alumni.

FIRST-YEAR ENGAGEMENT

UNSW MEDICINE ORIENTATION DAY

On 12 February 2020, several MSAP Executives greeted over 200 prospective first-year medical students at the annual UNSW Medicine Orientation Day. Our representatives highlighted the organisation's key initiatives to introduce the first-years to MSAP, and there were even several sample birthing kits on display at our booth! All in all, the event was highly successful in engaging the first-years, with over 130 students subscribing to MSAP's Monthly Mailout on the day.

MEDCAMP

In March, the MSAP Projects subcommittee ran an MSAP booth at MedCamp to help familiarise first-year medical students with our mission and events. After using an ice-breaker game of Taboo to bond with students, we discussed MSAP's events for the year, including Birthing Kit Night. We also encouraged keen students to sign up to our mailing list and apply to join an MSAP subcommittee.

FIRST-YEAR REPRESENTATIVES

The main responsibility of MSAP's First Year Representatives is to promote first-year engagement with MSAP. With the opportunity to be involved with various projects, this role is an excellent gateway to student activism and advocacy. This year, the First Year Representatives' main responsibilities were to assist the Secretary and Education Officers with the monthly mailout, support the Publicity Officer in creating infographics, and design and execute MSAP's inaugural virtual escape room.

First-year engagement is particularly important to MSAP as it relates to one of MSAP's key aims of encouraging new generations of medical students to engage with global health. Despite the pandemic, we were able to maintain a high level of first-year engagement. This is very encouraging and we hope that by continuing to develop events like the Virtual Escape Room and perhaps creating new events, we will be able to retain a high level of first-year engagement in the coming years.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

ELECTIVE AID PROGRAM

Cost of 2019/2020 cycle: \$10,000.00

Funding: charitable donations

The Elective Aid Program (EAP) is MSAP's very first and longest-running project. It aims to assist fifth-year medical students embarking on their electives to provide much-needed medical equipment to resource-poor hospitals in developing nations. MSAP achieves this by providing funds and assistance in purchasing this equipment.

Due to COVID-19 and travel restrictions, the 2020/21 cycle of the program was unable to proceed. However, in the 2019/2020 cycle, the EAP contributed \$10,000.00 AUD worth of donations to 8 countries including Tanzania, Philippines, The Gambia and Solomon Islands, Zambia, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, and Lebanon.

The program has seen a series of changes over the years. In 2018, two grant options were made available to students: a grant with a \$2,000.00 cap, and a grant with a \$500.00 cap. With the larger grant, students were able to purchase higher-impact items that would confer long-term benefits. This was demonstrated by one group of students from the 2018/2019 cycle who donated an ICU bed worth approximately \$1,500.00 AUD to a hospital in Uttarakhand, India.

We have also worked towards improving the financial sustainability of the EAP given that it is MSAP's most expensive program. On this front, in 2019, we established a new partnership with Airborne Aid Australia, a non-profit organisation that works towards reducing medical waste and the carbon footprint of transporting medical equipment to countries in need. As such, we hope this partnership will not only save costs in procuring medical equipment for donation, but also make the EAP more environmentally sustainable. Additionally, we introduced the option of crowdfunding for students of the EAP to help fund their donations.



"*Samoaan Fia Fia*" by Isabelle McKay, winner of the 2019/20 EAP Photo Competition

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Cost in 2020: Nil.

The Food for Thought international project has been in operation for five years, providing nutritional supplements to students at Seem Shala Jibhaipura school in India. This year, the MSAP Projects subcommittee helped in the analysis of growth metrics, such as weight, collected last year to evaluate the success of the Food For Thought Program. Due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Food for Thought fundraising stall at the Diwali Mela festival at Bella Vista Farms was unable to be held. However, there was enough funding remaining from 2019 to fund the project this year.

MEDICAL ACTION MYANMAR

Cost in 2020: \$2000.00

Access to healthcare in Myanmar (Burma) is difficult for those with little to spare. With an underfunded health system, healthcare is typically privatised and many people cannot afford to pay their medical expenses out-of-pocket. Medical Action Myanmar (MAM) is an international medical aid organisation, which is non-profit, non-political and non-religious, dedicated to improving access to health services for the people of Myanmar. MAM provides comprehensive primary healthcare services including maternal and child care, malnutrition treatment, sexual and reproductive health, and tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS treatment. They operate clinics in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas to reach people who are most in need.

MAM's mission and activities align with MSAP's values of healthcare equity by providing health services to those at significant disadvantages. In 2017, MSAP began a partnership with MAM to support Orchid Clinic in the township of Hlaingthayar. In 2018, MSAP contributed \$2,080.00 towards a nutrition program for pregnant women at the Orchid Clinic to provide antenatal care for women with HIV and the general population. As part of the program, women are screened for low weight and those who met the criteria were offered nutritional support with Plumpynut or dry rations for the duration of pregnancy and up to forty-two days after delivery. However, in November of 2018, this program was discontinued due to cessation of funding.

MSAP continued to support MAM through donations to cover staff, equipment and logistical costs. In 2019, the \$2,800.00 donation went towards emergency referral costs and hospital treatment fees for patients who are injecting drug users in Putao (a remote area in the northern part of Myanmar) and children with pneumonia/ TB meningitis, as well as for any maternal complications. This year, MSAP contributed \$2,000.00 to cover the costs of staff who provide nutritional support for pregnant women in MAM clinics.

AMSA GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

AMSA GLOBAL HEALTH REPORT

2020 was a fruitful year for AMSA Global Health (GH) despite the challenges posed by lockdowns and border closures. Although the 2020 AMSA Global Health Conference had to be cancelled due to local travel restrictions, three AMSA Global Health Forums were successfully held online.

AMSA GH Forum is a unique opportunity for students from medical schools across Australia to socialise, inspire, and collaborate with one another. All forums were held virtually this year. These forums focussed particularly on providing opportunities to upskill and discuss pertinent healthcare issues on a global scale. Furthermore, GH representatives were provided with a platform to troubleshoot issues that their respective GH groups faced and brainstorm methods of increasing engagement and reducing barriers of entry to global health advocacy.

CROSSING BORDERS



MSAP Crossing Borders is one of AMSA's many Crossing Borders branches across the country, aiming to proactively and reactively advocate for the rights of refugees both nationally and internationally. Crossing Borders advocates for the health and safety of all vulnerable peoples, especially refugees and asylum seekers, and openly opposes the Australian Government's policies surrounding these peoples. We acknowledge that #DetentionHarmsHealth and have joined other organisations in broadcasting the cruelty of 7 years of mandatory detention.

The Crossing Borders portfolio has sought to dynamically employ activism in diverse ways. For example, reactive advocacy saw the launch of a social media campaign to support Priya Murugappan's plea for effective medical treatment as well as involvement in the newly-launched national #TimeForAHome campaign. Crossing Borders also strived to fill the paucity of refugee health education within the medical curriculum.

Despite the pandemic, 2020 was a successful year for the portfolio in improving student engagement. Notably, the inaugural Crossing Borders Refugee Panel, the How to: Advocate Workshop as part of GHSC, and the online iterations of the Interpreter Program have contributed to this success, which we hope will continue into 2021 and beyond.

HOW TO: ADVOCATE FOR REFUGEE HEALTH

The How to: Advocate workshop was created to fulfil a crucial principle of advocacy: providing prospective advocates with practical ways to help. Based on the previous Crossing Borders Speaker Night which involved a panel discussion of experts on refugee health issues, Crossing Borders sought to improve student engagement by redesigning it into a workshop this year.

A major aspect of the initiative was a collaboration with Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). Jenna Gray, a Community Organiser from ASRC, educated students on the foundational principles of advocacy, such as how to create an action plan to serve a theory of change. Students were then sent into breakout rooms to use their new knowledge and skills to tackle a simulated advocacy issue surrounding refugee health. The workshop was also innovatively added to GHSC this year.

Overall, the workshop was a major success with over 80 participants. Many students provided feedback that the event inspired them to join local advocacy initiatives, utilise social media to advocate, and educate themselves on global issues.

NATIONAL JUSTICE PROJECT VOLUNTEER GROUP

The National Justice Project (NJP) is a not-for-profit legal service for vulnerable peoples, such as First Nation peoples and refugee peoples, who would otherwise be unable to find suitable legal representation. The organisation concurrently uses their platform to seek out and amplify voices from vulnerable communities which otherwise would potentially be unheard. Participation in the NJP allows UNSW medical students to be practically involved in advocacy, creating waves of powerful and compassionate advocates year after year.

Throughout 2020, over 60 recruited students have participated and continue to participate in the completion of NJP cases. Strict confidentiality and professional conduct are required of volunteers, who have graciously volunteered to operate under time constraints and heavy workloads to help serve vulnerable people. As opposed to previous years, this year's students were tasked with going beyond creating case chronologies, instead utilising their clinical knowledge to interpret medical records and better assist the NJP teams in advocating for vulnerable people.

VIRTUAL PALM SUNDAY RALLY

COVID-19 has disproportionately affected vulnerable peoples globally, with the disadvantaged experiencing the highest risk of both contracting and dying from COVID-19. This year, the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases (ASID), the Australian College of Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC), Doctors for Refugees and the Australian Government's advisory all recognised that those placed in mandatory detention, notably refugees and asylum seekers, are at highest risk of COVID-19-related morbidity and mortality.

MSAP joined other AMSA contingents this year in the annual Palm Sunday Rally, which took place online. Advocates were invited to advertise their support for the end of mandatory detention by creating banners and posting them with the hashtag #DetentionHarmsHealth. Despite not having the physical presence of previous rallies, the event still generated impressive engagement nationally!



REFUGEE WEEK & PANEL

In 2020, AMSA Crossing Borders Coordinators from multiple local branches, including MSAP, collaborated in delivering events throughout Refugee Week to raise awareness for refugee health issues exacerbated by COVID-19. Events included “Instagram Takeovers” that spotlighted local businesses/organisations serving refugees in the local community such as the Bread and Butter Project, a social enterprise bakery that employs and upskills Australians with refugee backgrounds and uses its profits to serve vulnerable peoples.

A Refugee Panel was also held, moderated by MSAP’s Crossing Borders Coordinator Rida Hanna. The panel featured powerful activists both with and without lived experience as refugees, including Mayor Chagai, a former refugee from South Sudan and founder of the Savannah Basketball Club, Shukufa Tahiri, a former refugee from Afghanistan and current Policy Officer with the Refugee Council of Australia, Professor David Isaacs, Consultant Paediatrician at the Westmead Children’s Hospital and long-time proponent of campaigns such as #KidsOffNauru & Medevac, Saad Alkassah, a former refugee from Syria and current medical student at the University of Melbourne, and Professor Kerryn Phelps, a general practitioner and councillor for the City of Sydney who played a crucial role in introducing the Medevac bill to Parliament. During the panel, audience members were invited to ask questions via an online platform. In all, the event received highly positive feedback, with over 140 participants attending via Zoom. We hope that AMSA Crossing Borders will continue to engage students through this panel and other initiatives during Refugee Week in future years.

INTERPRETER PROGRAM

The Interpreter Program took place again in 2020 following its success in 2019, although it was held virtually this year. The event was a continued collaboration between MSAP Crossing Borders and the UNSW Arts and Languages Interpreting School. Cultural and linguistic barriers greatly impact the interactions of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) populations with the Australian health system, necessitating the use of interpreters in delivering optimal care to such patients. The Interpreter Program aims to upskill students from all phases through both preliminary education and subsequent OSCE-style simulated patient encounters with a CALD patient and interpreter.

Two iterations of the Interpreter Program were held this year, with a total of over 75 students in participation. Students were provided with feedback on their performance. The event again received positive feedback, as students enjoyed the novelty of the experience and received valuable insight into how they could better serve future patients.



MSAP Code Green is a local branch of AMSA Code Green, a climate change and health initiative under AMSA Global Health. Code Green aims to educate students on the health effects of climate change and advocate for environmentally-conscious practices. This year, MSAP Code Green successfully maintained an active and consistent role in education and advocacy despite nearly all of its events having to be transitioned online. In addition, Code Green solidified its commitment to overseeing the internal sustainability of MSAP by enforcing the organisation's Environmental Policy which was instated in 2019. The addition of the UNSW Medical Society's environment portfolio also provided a new channel of collaboration and advocacy for MSAP Code Green.

TREEVIA NIGHT

On 10 March 2020, Code Green hosted the annual Treevia Night. The event aimed to raise awareness regarding planetary health as well as raise funds for MSAP through trivia. This year, the event was held in the Wallace Wurth Building of the UNSW Kensington campus and saw more than 70 students in attendance. The participants enjoyed the competitive atmosphere and learned about climate change and its health impacts in-depth. Approximately \$400.00 was raised for MSAP and prizes were awarded to the top 3 teams, made possible by our kind sponsors Messina, Toby's Estate, and Going Green Solutions.



VIRTUAL CLIMATE RALLY

AMSA Code Green's nation-wide Virtual Climate Rally took place on 15 May 2020, bringing medical students together to advocate for a greener planet and healthier future. The MSAP Executive and Code Green Subcommittee created posters calling for planetary health, joining many other national contingents in voicing our support for this important cause. The posters were posted on MSAP's and UNSW Code Green's Facebook pages and shared by AMSA Code Green and AMSA Global Health.



CLIMATE CHANGE MINI-HACKATHON

The Climate Change Mini-Hackathon was a workshop coordinated by Code Green in collaboration with UNSW Founders. This event aimed to promote planetary health and help students to foster creative ideas for hospital sustainability. More than 40 students attended and proposed original and creative ideas for sustainability within the healthcare system, which they then pitched to judges from UNSW Founders. The event helped to develop medical students' awareness of healthcare-related sustainability issues as well as the potential of using entrepreneurship to address these issues.

GREEN JULY SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

In collaboration with UNSW Medical Society's Environment Subcommittee, the Green July Social Media Challenge was held to promote sustainable practises in our daily lives. Various sustainability challenges such as the "Sustainability Bingo" were posted online each week, and winners of the challenges were awarded with prizes.

Green July
**SUSTAINABILITY
BINGO**

USE A KEEP CUP	DIVESTED YOUR MONEY	USE SHAMPOO BARS INSTEAD OF BOTTLES	BEEN TO A CLIMATE RALLY
ARE VEGO/ VEGAN	BRING A REUSABLE DRINK BOTTLE	HAVE A MEATLESS DAY AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK	AVOID CLING- WRAP
ALWAYS RECYCLE WHERE POSSIBLE	ADD YOUR OWN:	BUY SECOND HAND CLOTHES	LIKE MSAP CODE GREEN ON FB
FOLLOW @UNSWMED SOCENVIRO NMENT ON INSTA	CONTRIBUTE TO A COMPOST BIN/WORM FARM	BRING YOUR OWN BAGS TO THE SHOPS	WALK/ CYCLE/ PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO WORK/UNI

Code Green x MedSoc Environment



GREEN JULY
Week 1 Challenge

My Name is
I am doing...

to reduce plastic waste
#plasticfreejuly

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR IN REVIEW

2020 saw a net loss of \$3,705.47, a massive improvement from 2019 (loss of \$7974.26). This improvement was largely attributed to the Elective Aid Program, which cut down almost 80% of its expenditure (\$2,182.93 in 2020 compared to \$10,000.00 in 2019) due to budgeting efforts, partnerships and grants. Main income drivers in 2020 included the EAP grant (received \$3,000.00), Birthing Kit Night sponsorship (received \$2,900.00) and the Bunnings fundraiser in March (raised \$1,438.00). Similar to previous years, MSAP's main drivers of expenditure in 2020 were its ongoing international commitments: the EAP (spent \$2,182.93) and Medical Action Myanmar (spent \$2,012.00).

Additionally, 2020 witnessed financial restructuring to facilitate improved bookkeeping and streamlined fundraising within MSAP. An additional Commonwealth Bank Account was created to differentiate cash that is bound by UNSW Department of Philanthropy (DoP) regulations of use and cash that is not regulated by the DoP. Details of this can be seen in Balance Sheets below. To streamline fundraising, MSAP also transitioned from event-specific to MSAP-wide fundraising, as witnessed at Bunnings Barbecue #1.

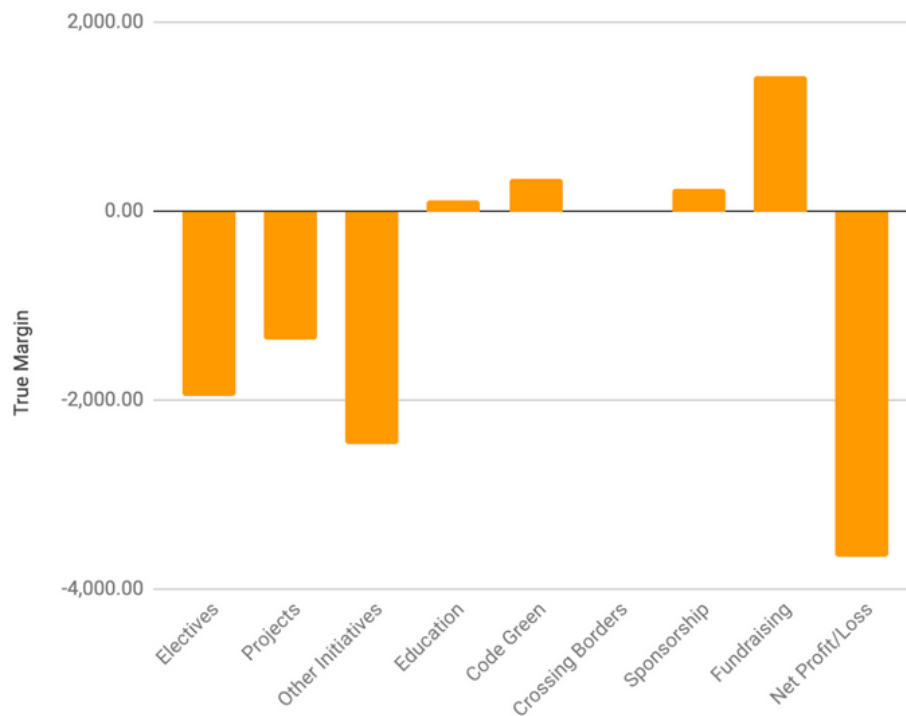
OPENING BALANCE

Opening Balance for 2020 Year (1/2/20)	\$50,184.88
<u>MSAP Commbank Accounts</u>	\$8,563.88
Daily Transactions Account	\$8,563.88
Savings Account	\$0.00
FFT	\$4,799.79
<u>MSAP Foundations Account (22/01/19)</u>	\$4,1621.00

CLOSING BALANCE

Closing Balance for 2020 Year (14/12/20)	\$46,929.06
<u>MSAP Commbank Accounts</u>	\$14,580.06
Daily Transactions Account (xxxx 2903)	\$9,762.72
Daily Transactions Account (xxxx 3776)	\$4,817.07
Savings Account	\$0.27
FFT	\$4,799.79
<u>MSAP Foundations Account (14/12/20)</u>	\$32,349.00

INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY PORTFOLIO



CHALLENGES

Due to COVID-19, many of MSAP events had to be cancelled or changed to free, online events, resulting in a significant reduction in ticketing revenue. One such example is GHSC, which raised \$5,000.00 in ticket sales in previous years. Although GHSC became a free online event this year, raffle tickets were introduced to fundraise (received \$116.00), resulting in an overall gain for the event. Moreover, there were plans for an additional 3 central fundraising events (2 more Bunnings Barbecues and 1 bake sale), with projected earnings of approximately \$2,500.00 which would have brought MSAP close to breaking even overall. Due to the pandemic, these plans did not come to fruition.

FUTURE PROJECTIONS

It is projected that MSAP may break-even (or even result in net gain) in 2021. This is mainly attributed to the temporary cessation of the EAP for the 2020/21 cycle in light of COVID-19 travel restrictions, reducing expenditure by approximately \$2,000.00. Additionally, if restrictions ease, central fundraising may proceed in the latter part of 2021 which would yield another \$2,000.00.

It is also projected that while events move from in-person to online, there may be a heavier reliance on raffle income as opposed to ticketing income from GHSC as per 2020. The later part of 2020 also witnessed MSAP partnering with its first long-term sponsor, Lecturio. As more long-term sponsorships are established in 2021, it is projected that event expenditure will decrease.

ALUMNI & COMMUNITY NETWORK

This year, we rebranded our alumni network as the MSAP Alumni & Community Network. This is in line with our continuing efforts to connect with and show our gratitude to all who support and guide MSAP through our global health journey. This network first started with past MSAP Executive members but has progressively grown over the years to include any past UNSW student from any faculty and all members of the community who have an interest in MSAP's work. We hope this rebranding will reflect the diversity in our current membership.

While our plans this year to expand the network could not be followed upon due to COVID-19 disruptions, we hope this preparation can set the foundation for the incoming executive team to build a wider network and continue to engage its members. One such plan was the Graduation Booth, which we intended to set up at the medical students' graduation ceremony. By establishing a presence at this event, we aimed to make MSAP more recognisable to graduating seniors and engage those who are interested in global health work while moving ahead in their careers. We also plan to resume the annual Alumni Dinner in the upcoming year, where we have the opportunity to interact and engage with our Alumni and Community members in person.

The MSAP Alumni & Community Network is an important part of our efforts to ensure continuity and organisational memory as MSAP continues to see more growth and weather more changes. We are also immensely grateful to and appreciative of our alumni and members of the community for their donations, mentorship and guidance.



GET INVOLVED

1. BECOME AN MSAP MEMBER

MSAP members receive monthly Global Health Briefings on current and relevant global health topics. In addition, members also receive information on upcoming events and volunteering opportunities both within and outside of MSAP. MSAP members are invited to attend our events and apply for subcommittee & executive positions.

Become a member here: <https://www.msap.org.au/get-involved/>
Stay in the loop on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/msapfb>

2. BECOME AN MSAP ALUMNI & COMMUNITY NETWORK MEMBER

We invite all past UNSW students and members of the community to be a part of the Alumni and Community network. The Alumni and Community Mailout, sent to all members of this network, allows our members to be updated on our events and projects. This twice-yearly mailout provides an overview of our goals and achievements for the year and is a chance for members to be involved in our work.

To learn more about MSAP, or to keep in touch with our work, sign up here:
<https://www.msap.org.au/alumni>

3. DONATE & SUPPORT OUR WORK

MSAP would like to sincerely thank all of our donors who make what we do possible. We truly value our donors who enable us to make our impact. Donations made to MSAP are handled by the UNSW Department of Philanthropy and are tax-deductible. All donations go towards our Elective Aid Program.

To make a donation, simply visit: <https://www.msap.org.au/donate-2>

SPONSORS

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the following sponsors for their kindness and generosity in 2020.



AMBOSS was one of our partners for the GHSC, providing \$300 in financial sponsorship and fifteen 3-month AMBOSS+ access codes as a means of in-kind sponsorship.

AMBOSS is a breakthrough medical learning platform which guides students from their early years of medical school all the way to the wards. It can also be used as a tool to help you excel in USMLE exams! Its comprehensive knowledge library and case-based question bank cover all the topics you will encounter in exams, such as anatomy, physiology and microbiology. The analysis tool, along with several other intelligent learning features, will help you track your performance and accelerate your studies.



Lecturio, a partner that supported many of our events, provided all GHSC attendees with a 14-day free trial and two lucky raffle winners with 6 months of Lecturio access.

Lecturio is an all-in-one study resource for medical students that combines learning science and medical education into one easy-to-use platform. You can access a variety of high-yield medical video lectures, take a closer look at the human body with scientifically-accurate 3D anatomy models, test your knowledge and assess your learning progress by answering interactive quiz questions, and prepare for exams using the most advanced question bank available. Even better, all of Lecturio's exam-style clinical case questions include text and video answer explanations.



Osmosis kindly sponsored MSAP's first-ever Virtual Escape Room by gifting us three 2-month Osmosis Prime memberships as prizes for the event's winners. Osmosis also supported the GHSC and provided two lucky raffle winners 3 months of access to Osmosis Prime.

Osmosis empowers millions of current and future health professionals around the world with a better understanding of medicine and health topics. Learn more and forget less with over 1,600 fun, easy-to-digest videos and tools that help you study more strategically, at your own pace. The Osmosis platform also empowers students to gain knowledge for the long term with practice questions, flashcards, high-yield notes, and a dedicated study schedule that optimises your review sessions automatically, so you can focus on what matters: your future career in health.



Medical Students' Aid Project 2020