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**WOSM Annual Report 2018 – 2019 and Updates on current Financial and Operational Situation of the WSB**

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share that [WOSM's Annual Report 2018-2019](#) and [Consolidated Audited Financial Statement 2018-2019](#) are now available. The past year was filled with major milestones, and we made great strides towards achieving Vision 2020 as our Strategy for Scouting.

Scouting invests significant efforts in deepening our impact in communities around the world, reaching out to more young people to engage them as active citizens. Some of the key highlights of 2018-2019 include the [24th World Scout Jamboree](#) as well as the launch of [WOSM Services](#) as a platform offering high quality and dedicated support to NSOs. Initiatives such as [Scouts for SDGs](#), Messengers of Peace and other key global, regional, national and local initiatives have delivered over six million local actions and 1.7 billion community service hours.

Since the finalisation of this report, new realities have emerged in 2020 that severely impacted our financial and operational situation. Compounded difficulties which include the on-going global health crisis and other challenges faced by some of our member organizations in recent months, have all impacted our current ability to maintain the same stable financial outlook that was recorded in the financial year ending in September 2019.

The decision of our largest fee contributing member organization, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), to file for Chapter 11, has made an immediate impact on our year to date financial position as well as our liquidity for this year. The World Scout Committee (WSC) and World Scout Bureau (WSB) across all Support Centres were quick to realise this new reality, and implemented a substantial budget cut for this year to help mitigate the impact of these events. The WSB is now operating under strict cost saving measures which will continue into the next financial year.

Prudent management is key in allowing us all to navigate these challenging times at the national, regional and world levels. As such, the WSB is working to ensure that we are able to provide timely and close support to all NSOs during this period. The mission of Scouting is needed more than ever today, and by working together to position the Movement as part of the global response against COVID-19, we will re-emerge stronger as the leading educational youth movement that the world needs.



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Following the JOTI Special Edition, we are happy to share that our teams are working under an emergency response plan to support our NSOs. Work is under way to provide NSOs with a centralised digital space offering one-stop access to all resources and materials that you may need during this time of social distancing.

[WOSM Services](#) are also key in providing you with the support you may need, and we encourage all NSOs to reach out to us for any assistance that may be required.

We would also like to encourage all NSOs to explore our annual report to learn more about how we are continuing to create a lasting global impact and share the [WOSM Annual Report 2018-2019](#) widely with partners and members alike. For more information, please contact David Venn, Global Director, Communications and Partnerships ([david.venn@scout.org](mailto:david.venn@scout.org)). If you have any questions on the WSB financial situation, please contact Soon San Ooi, Global Director, Corporate Services ([ooisoonsan@scout.org](mailto:ooisoonsan@scout.org)).

Yours in Scouting,

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