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## New CEO for Bobby Goldsmith Foundation

**Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF) is pleased to announce Nicholas Lawson as their new Chief Executive Officer.**

Nicholas (Nick) Lawson commenced as CEO of Bobby Goldsmith Foundation effective Monday 3 July 2017.

Nick is a senior humanitarian professional with 18 years' experience both in the field and in head office with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

Combining strong field operational leadership, strategy and policy development and implementation, and international human resource development strategies and management, Nick has developed and directed secure and effective humanitarian operations in multiple conflict and developing contexts. In particular, Nick directed programs to provide ART and hospital care to 8,000 beneficiaries in Malawi.

Having recently returned to Australia from New York with his young family, Nick is now keen to pursue his passion of providing health outcomes for communities.

The BGF Board would like to thank outgoing CEO David Riddell for his significant contribution to the organisation in his roles as Client Services Manager, and for the past 5 years as CEO, and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

The Board and staff of BGF also wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Andrew Buchanan, who has been acting in the role.

For more information visit [www.bgf.org.au/](http://www.bgf.org.au/)

### **ABOUT BGF:**

Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF) is Australia's longest-running HIV charity. Founded in 1984, BGF undertakes a range of support activities and interventions that address key determinants of poor health outcomes for people living with HIV (PLHIV).

BGF provides direct financial and practical assistance, emotional support, financial counselling, study and employment support to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged PLHIV in New South Wales and South Australia.

Working holistically with clients to limit the challenging circumstances that are often detrimental to physical and emotional wellbeing, BGF has provided care and support to thousands of PLHIV and operates a range of programs and services to address issues of social isolation, stigma, medication adherence and positive healthy living.

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