





# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## **AUGUST 2021**

#### **Disaster Aid Australia delivers two types of aid:**

- **SmartAid:** To help communities in developing countries rebuild their lives after a major disaster.
- **Safe Water for Every Child:** To reduce the ongoing disaster of disease and death from unsafe water.

## **Bhutan 2020 Nears Completion**



All 120 SkyHydrants for this four-year major project have all been shipped to Bhutan

Installations however have been delayed due to COVID lockdowns.

Our Bhutanese installation team have now resumed installations.

With the monsoon season affecting travel progress will be slow until drier weather returns.

The final Installation is expected by the end of 2021 which will mean around 90,000 children will be protected.

#### 100% Aid Delivered in 2020-2021

In the financial year, which has just closed, Disaster Aid Australia delivered \$240,661 in international aid to developing countries.

This was slightly over our annual income for the year of \$239,144 (which was down approximately 30% from our pre COVID income).

The result is due to the DAA Board deciding in June 2020 that the COVID 19 Pandemic was a '**Disaster**'.

This meant the developing countries, which we help, would be hit harder than Australia.

Accordingly, a portion of the financial reserves that enable us to respond to disasters has been used over the past 12 months.

### **Shipping Container Installation in Timor Leste**

Disaster Aid Australia have been pleased to play a small part in this project by Rotary Projects Timor-Leste East (RPTLE), based in Western Australia.

The unit is now supplying 10,000 litres of clean filtered potable water every day to the students and the local community of the Don Bosco centre in Comoro, Dhili.

The project of the <u>Rotary Club of Kwinana</u>, led by project manager Max Bird, also involved considerable support from the <u>Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo</u>, in Victoria.

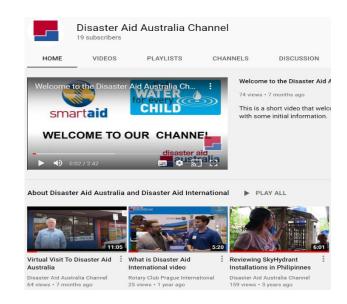


#### **Have You Seen Our You Tube Channel**

The number of videos on the **Disaster Aid Australia You Tube Channel** continue to grow.

There are now 41 videos available to view including:

- Past DAA and DAI responses
- SkyHydrant Instructional videos
- Partner Stories



## **Rebuilding Pamanukan Houses**



We have recently received photographs showing the rebuilding of houses damaged in Pamanukan, Indonesia during severe flooding.

This project was funded by a DAA Smart Aid Grant.

In country management was by our friends of the RC Bandung Pakuan through their President Tanti Mariani and Rotarian Honey Kurnia.

### **WASH Myths No 1**

In June we posted on our website some information on the 'Myth' that rainwater collection projects were low cost.

This had been prompted by a report of a Rainwater collection system that had cost the equivalent of \$80 per person for a village in Central America.

That's much more than the hundreds of DAA SkyHydrants installations delivered, with an initial cost of \$10 per person.



### **Smart Aid Helping Nepal**



A Disaster Aid Australia's SmartAid Grant to the Anandaban Leprosy Hosital, in Nepal is being put to good use.

The hospital has had to pivot to becoming involved with the national COVID-19 response activities.

This has meant that protecting the staff and patients has been vital.

Our support has enabled the hospital to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitiser.

## **Myanmar Update**

We have been helping 'Safe Water for Every Child Myanmar' for three years in their support for the Karen People.

Following the recent coup in that country the Karen villages came under attack by the Army.

Because of the compact size of the SkyHydrants they villagers were able to escape to the forest taking their Safe Water with them.



#### **Thanks To Rotary Clubs**



Disaster Aid Australia is only able to continue delivering aid thanks to the dedication of Rotarians around Australia.

To show the effort that many clubs go to raise funds we are featuring the Rotary Club of Dromana.

The Club, located on the Mornington Peninsua in Victoria, runs a monthly community market that features our work.





For more information on these stories and updates on our activities follow us on:

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