

NEWSLETTER February 2021

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter to keep you informed about our activities since November 2020.

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Typhoon Goni Response

Typhoon Goni hit the Philippines hard in early November, two further Typhoons in the next 17 days resulted in “catastrophic” conditions.

With our DART volunteers unable to travel we provided financial support to our Philippine partner Balay Mindanaw who travelled to the affected communities with SkyHydrants.

They worked with the Rotary Club of Pasig to provide safe water to many communities, using water tankers purchased by the Club.

During their response they visited the community of Batayan that had been badly damaged.

Below are some of the 60 houses that were rebuilt in the barangay as a result of a \$35,000 grant from DAA.



Helping in Sabah

Disaster Aid Australia has supported our International partner Disaster Aid Malaysia's response to the COVID pandemic in Sabah.

Sabah which is on the Northern Tip of the Island of Borneo is one of the poorest regions of Malaysia.

The project which also involved Rotary Districts 3300 and 3310 was for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for hospitals and clinics.



A food bank for poorer residents was also provided.

Disaster Aid Australia supported the response with a grant of \$5,000

SkyHydrants In Vietnam



Following recent catastrophic floods in central Vietnam Disaster Aid Australia has been involved in a project to deliver safe drinking water to thousands of people in flood-affected regions.

We provided financial support to a project initiated by the [Australian Water Association](#) who also received support from DuPont Water Solutions, [SkyJuice Foundation](#), and Tradelinks Logistics & Services Co.

The Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, Robyn Mundie welcomed the project saying; *“During the recent bushfires that devastated many parts of Australia, we saw the kindness and generosity of the Vietnamese people in their outpouring of support for victims. I am heartened to see such reciprocity in times of need from the Australian water sector.”*

DAA YouTube Channel

In January **Disaster Aid Australia** launched our [YouTube Channel](#).

The channel will enable you to see:

- Responses to disasters in many countries.
- Hear from members of the Disaster Aid Response Team (DARTs) from Australia, and our **Disaster Aid International** partners.
- Find out more about the SkyHydrants that we use for both our **‘Smart Aid’** and **‘Safe Water for Every Child’** programs.

We will be adding more videos on a regular basis. . . so why not subscribe to keep up to date with what we are doing?



COVID Aid in Cambodia



As part of Disaster Aid Australia's commitment to continue delivering aid through the pandemic we have made a grant supporting a project introduced to us by the Rotary Club of Frankston Peninsula 2.0.

This is the '[Hotels Joining Hands](#)' project where three hotels in Siem Reap have joined forces to provide 400+ meals a day to those people most affected.

They have now distributed over 53,000 meals to people in the Siem Riep area.

Since October, they have also provided 'Food Relief Packages' to families drastically affected by floods all over Cambodia.

Bhutan 2020 Project



This major project to provide safe water to all the major schools in Bhutan is 75% complete with 90 SkyHydrants installed and another 15 ready to be shipped.



Although COVID has slowed down the project we expect to be completed by mid-2021.

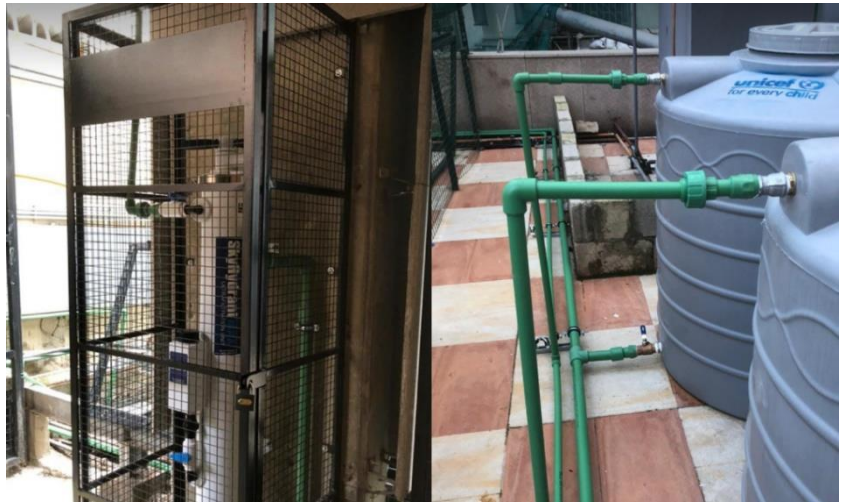
This School principal shown on the left was so pleased with the improved health of his pupils he built these 'Chortins' (a Buddhist religious structure) around the taps.

Beirut Explosion

Following the Beirut Explosion in 2020 DAA agreed to support Disaster Aid Europe in a response.

They decided that the priority was to help the Rosary Sisters Hospital that had been badly damaged in the blast.

This photograph shows one of the SkyHydrants, supplied by DAA, at the Hospital.



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