

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2022

To provide, and assist, in delivering sustainable humanitarian aid relevant to people affected by natural and other disasters, including safe water and shelter' with

- **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.

Typhoon Odette

As Typhoon Odette (Rai) made its first landfalls on the Philippines on 17th December it hit the island of Dinagat.

This island province, known for its pristine beaches, is home to over 128,000 people.



Approximately 20,000 homes were either damaged or severely damaged with 15 deaths.

Our Philippine partner, Balay Mindanaw, immediately sprang into action travelling to the island to meet local officials and carry out an assessment of the situation.

Supported by Disaster Aid Australia they provided food parcels, and tarpaulins for building repair

They also installed two SkyHydrants to provide safe drinking water.

Disaster Aid Australia have subsequently shipped 10 SkyHydrants to Dinagat in partnership with the Rotary Club of Pasig and Augie Soliman, District Governor of Rotary District 3800.

After the initial response DAA has made a further grant to Balay Mindanaw to purchase building materials so the local people can rebuild their homes

Tonga Volcanic Eruption

Following the Tongan eruption Disaster Aid Australia closely monitored the available information.

Before making a decision to deploy we:

- Look for ways to deliver aid efficiently to maximise the benefit of your donations
- Aim to help smaller communities that the larger charities miss.

With poor communications, no local partner and DARTS unable to travel we held off committing to respond initially.

The latest reports from Tonga indicate that there has been limited building damage and the drinking water situation is under control.

We have therefore decided that we will not be responding to this event.



Stop Single Use Plastics & Help DAA

Do you want to stop throwing plastic bottles in the rubbish bin?

We have been approached by an organisation called ZERO CO who has a solution that fits in with DAA's belief in sustainability!

ZERO CO make single-use plastic free body & home cleaning products.



They will make a \$40 donation for each new customer who spends over \$99 with them using the following link: <https://zero-co.pxf.io/c/3189567/1073188/13750>

Bhutan

Installation of SkyHydrants in Bhutan has continued.

Although Covid has caused delays a further 8 installations have been completed since November including the three in these photographs.



Currently DAA have a further seven units awaiting a flight to Paro.



Although the units for the promised major schools are close to completion DAA plans to continue projects serving the smaller village schools over the next few years.

This means there will be ongoing opportunities to sponsor an installation.

As COVID travel restrictions are removed DAA are hoping that our Bhutan Travel opportunity can restart soon.

Visit Disaster Aid Australia



As the Omicron surge falls away why not have a club dinner at Disaster Aid Australia, near Dandenong?

You will find out much more about how DAA has continued to deliver aid.

If Dandenong is too far we can offer hosted virtual visits.

We can also provide guest speakers either face to face or by ZOOM.

Contact [Disaster Aid Australia](#) for more information.



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