

## News Update | Spring 2018

### Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami

Thousands of homes have been flattened in the Indonesian city of Palu.

Disaster Aid is on site with Disaster Aid Response Teams (DARTs) from both Disaster Aid Australia and Disaster Aid Malaysia.

Initially Disaster Aid Malaysia deployed emergency shelter packs.

We have now partnered with the Indonesian Red Cross who are planning to set up 8 temporary resettlement camps outside Palu.

The aim is to provide a SkyHydrant™ water filter at each site to protect the health of all the residents.

These SkyHydrants, which can be installed for \$5,000, will provide safe drinking water at the extremely low cost of under \$5 per person for the next 3 years.



Palu, Sulawesi destruction post earthquake and tsunami



Judy Chong and KG Tan of Disaster Aid Malaysia with logistics team

### San Ramon Pilot National High School



Parents and Friends funded SkyHydrant Building

When Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) delivers a SkyHydrant we believe that the recipient should have the opportunity to be a full partner in the installation.

In the case of a recent installation in the Camarines Sur region of the Philippines DAA provided the SkyHydrant, pipes, plumbing fittings and storage tanks.

The San Ramon Pilot National High School community, including the parents, agreed to construct a secure building to house the Skyhydrant and support the storage tanks at their cost.

With a partnership like this the SkyHydrant installation becomes more than a donation, as the local community now have developed a personal pride in the installation.

### Typhoon Mangkhut

A team from our Philippine partner, Balay Mindanaw, have travelled by ferry from Mindanao Island to Naga City to respond to this major storm.

A SkyHydrant was installed and other goods were then distributed to people affected by landslides caused by the rain which accompanied Typhoon Mangkhut.

Great local partners and prepositioning disaster relief equipment makes the most efficient use of your donations.



Richard Rejas of Balay Mindanaw introducing the SkyHydrant, post Typhoon Mangkhut

## Davao del Norte SkyHydrant



Gem SkyHydrant, emergency installation in displaced peoples camp, Davao del Norte

The camp at Davao houses 300 indigenous people who have had to leave their homes as a result of armed conflict.

A Disaster Aid SkyHydrant has been installed in a displaced persons camp in Davao North, Mindanao, thanks to our partner Balay Mindanaw.

Previously, to get water mothers and children had to walk more than a kilometer every single day with a 5-gallon (almost 20kg) container on their back.

Even this water was contaminated with bacteria and has been identified as a major cause of illness in the camp.

For now, this Disaster Aid SkyHydrant will help protect the health of those in the camp by providing 5,000 litres of potable water every day.

## Does Your Rotary Club want an International Project?

Some of the reasons to contact DAA are:

- **Opportunities for an Ongoing Relationship;** Our 'Safe Water for Every Child' installation can be the first step of a long-term relationship between your club and a school, or community in a developing country.
- **Projects Ready to go;** DAA currently have a list of over 100 schools in Bhutan and the Philippines that need Safe Drinking Water.
- **International Partners;** We have strong links with Rotary and NGO's, to install our Skyhydrants at the lowest possible cost.
- **Proven Technology;** The SkyHydrant removes 99.999% of all Bacteria in water sources.
- **\$5,000 AUD will sponsor a SkyHydrant Installation;** Delivering an International Project that makes a real difference to a community of over 500 people or a school of 1,000 pupils.



San Ramon Student, Caramines Sur, Philippines

## Barangay Banbanon

Our Philippine partner Balay Mindanaw have recently returned from installing a Disaster Aid Australia SkyHydrant in Barangay Banbanon on the island of Mindanao.

Although our project has the title 'Safe Water for Every Child' a whole community benefits from the SkyHydrant.

Safe water in a convenient location really helps; women with young children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.



Happy Banbanon Barangay residents and Balay Mindanaw team, celebrating clean water



Installation of hydrant and security cage, Banbanon Barangay



## Canada Wildfires



British Colombia Wildfire, Canada

Our friends in Disaster Aid Canada has been involved in helping people affected by major wildfires burning across British Columbia.

Thousands of residents have been affected by evacuation orders.

A key part of their assistance is providing kits of bed linen, and personal hygiene items to evacuation centres.

## Lombok Earthquake

Following this devastating event the Mataram Rotary Club, Lombok hosted representatives from Disaster Aid Malaysia, Disaster Aid Australia and the Kuta Rotary Club to identify how to respond to the earthquake.

Most water is accessed from small wells and springs often close to toilet septic tanks.

Many of the wells have been affected by the earthquake with reduced output or no water at all.

With additional use of the remaining toilets and damaged well linings there is increased risk of contamination of the well supply.

One SkyHydrant Gem has been installed in the area we visited but a further 8 sites have been identified.



Lombok devastation post earthquake

## Surigao Del Sur Philippines



First water from hydrant,  
Diatagon Barangay, Surigao del Sur

The Barangay Diatagon in Lianga, Surigao del Sur has been affected by armed conflict.

As a result of the conflict in this region of the Philippines over 1200 people were displaced and in desperate need of shelter and safe drinking water.

Our Philippine partner Balay Mindanaw immediately acted in partnership with local government and other NGOs to respond to the communities needs

Part of the response has been the installation of a Disaster Aid Australia SkyHydrant to keep people safe from water borne disease.



Preparation of hydrant installation  
for Diatagon Barangay in Lianga,  
displaced peoples

## Training for Bhutan 2020

As part of the Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) Safe Water Bhutan 2020 project a DAA team carried out four days of training in Tsirang, Bhutan.

The DAA training team members were Brian Ashworth, DAA Director, and Disaster Aid Response Team (DARTs) members Dianne Holland and Peter Collins.

Training consisted of one day in the classroom plus three days of hands on experience.

The newly trained installation teams funded by the Bhutan Government will ensure the **Safe Water Bhutan 2020** project is carried out as effectively as possible.



Classroom training for hydrant, Tsirang, Bhutan



DAA Director John O'Reilly,  
President Jan Cook and Nigel Cooper RC  
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills, March 2018

A large proportion of Disaster Aid funds come from DAA speakers attending Rotary meetings and telling our story.

Spending a few evenings talking to clubs in your area could make a real difference to the number of people we are helping with 'Safe Water for Every Child' and 'Smart Aid'

### Can you help us?

We can get you started with training, PowerPoint presentations, demonstration units, banners, and brochures.

Become part of a Rotary project that is making a difference in the world.

Currently we have representatives in 9 of 21 Zone 8 districts and we are looking for representatives in the following districts:

9455, 9465, 9550, 9570, 9630, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700, 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810



**Will you please help support the work of Disaster Aid?**  
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