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To see medical, educational, agricultural and sanitation programs established in countries as needed.

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Rohingya Micro Business Start-Up Fund

BANGLADESH

Operation Abba is making a difference to thousands of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar who have fled to Bangladesh to seek refuge from the Burmese Military.

Provisionally, I met 'Rashid' and 'Abida' in March 2020, in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh. Initially I had planned to visit some of the refugee camps with my host, but we were not allowed in. 'Rashid' and 'Abida' have big hearts to help the Rohingya who fled en masse from Myanmar in 2017. Many of these people have burn scars on their bodies from when their houses were burnt down in their previous homeland, and then there are the unseen scars, or trauma of the soul.

Over one million Rohingya live in the refugee camps served by NGOs. However, 80,000 — 90,000 of them, fearful of what registering as a refugee with the government might mean, decided not to register, and try to survive without government assistance.

It is this group, which is mostly women, including many widows, that we are assisting to help start their own micro business. So far, we have seen a heavily burn-scarred 19-year-old start a buy-and-sell vegetable business, as well as a widow who used to be a beggar and is now feeding beggars! Both businesses received a one-off \$240 start-up assist and are doing well.



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Selling Tea

Another man, (centre photo), who lost his wife and children when his house was burnt down, is succeeding in his mobile tea service. He carries a very large thermos to provide his clients with tea. This also incurred a one-off \$240 outlay for Abba.

We would also like to help other Rohingya with a juicing business estimated to cost \$400.

Sewing Garments

Seventeen women have been given sewing machines. The \$320 one-off start-up

also included all necessary auxiliary paraphernalia for clothing design as well as a generous supply of cloth. Some women were already skilled in using the Singer pedal sewing machine and

goes towards fundraising for other Rohingya to have the same opportunity. However, as of April, we have also started a micro loan system for new recipients, in which the loan is to be paid back voluntarily within a reasonable time frame. This

assistance is bringing the Rohingya joy, dignity and the ability to feed themselves and others.

~ Peter Magee



are doing well. Others are progressing in their skills. One woman struggled to develop her skills, but with the patient coaching of another lady, now has a successful outlet to a retail clothing shop.

Joy and Dignity

The recipients were being encouraged to give a monthly donation which



Donations to this project will be appreciated:
BGD-530.

**Important
Date!**

25th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 10 September 2022
Southport Church of Christ
6:00 pm — 9:30 pm
Information: 0490 145 114

Earlybird tickets before 30 July: \$40
then \$50 per ticket

Tickets will be available online from June;
please visit our website: www.hada.org.au

Victory School of Hope

VANUATU

Located in Blacksands, just outside the municipality of Port Vila is an informal peri-urban community. This is where Victory School of Hope serves a very needy community. Many people have been displaced by multiple natural disasters, a large number being from Tanna Island, south of Vanuatu.



In 2012, Victory Church, Port Vila, opened a school in Blacksands to address the need for education in the community. Previously, the school ran classes up to Grade 5, but the facilities were very basic, and the high temperatures and large rainfall in Vanuatu presented barriers to learning. The structures were highly vulnerable to cyclones and storms and Vanuatu is known as one of the world's high-risk nations for natural disasters (according to the World Risk Report 2015).

Working with the local community, our goal has been to provide facilities for children to access education, giving them the opportunity to climb out of the poverty cycle. The school currently runs classes up to Grade 5 and needs new classrooms to offer up to Grade 12. Our aim is to build 14 new classrooms and one administration room at a rate of approximately two rooms per year until completion.

We are very pleased to have partnered with local leaders to develop the Victory School of Hope, using our architecture skills to masterplan the school and design the new classrooms.

Currently, the school has 190 students (80-100 families) across six year levels (kindergarten to Grade 5). Each new classroom and grade offered will provide the opportunity for growth by approximately 30 more students. With the completion of the project, it would help approximately 400 students directly, 150-200 families and their whole community as a flow-on effect. Educating one child can lift the whole future of their family line out of poverty, so the real benefit of this help will likely spread further than can be quantified.

With the first five classrooms now complete and open to students, several S. Group team members travelled to Vanuatu in 2018 to attend the opening ceremony, and to see first hand the impact that this project is already having on the community.

~ Monica Plunkett for S. Group



Donations to this project will be appreciated: VUT-010.

Medical Training in Africa and Asia

The Medical Training in Africa and Asia (AFR-500) team has had a relatively quiet two years due to travel restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic. We are however still providing financial assistance to support patients under the care of Dr Marvin (urologist at Mbrara, Uganda). Dr Marvin was attending our fistula camps at Kagando Hospital, learning the management of pelvic floor fistulas.

AFR-500 has also provided financial assistance to build an oxygen plant at a government hospital in Madurai, Tamilnadu, India for the treatment of patients with Covid-19 infections. This hospital is the largest public hospital in Madurai and serves the poor.

As Australia has reopened to international travel and quarantine restrictions ease for the vaccinated, the AFR-500 team is planning to resume volunteer medical assistance in the coming months. The team is planning to

return to Uganda, with invitations to return to DR Congo and other parts of Africa and Asia.

Recently, we have been grateful to receive diathermy machines (used for surgeries) from Medtronic Australasia Pty Ltd. Due to hardware upgrades of the current fleet of diathermy machines in Australia, Ms Janine Waddell and Mr Paul Owen (Territory Managers at Medtronic) were able to secure these decommissioned units for charity.

AFR-500 would like to thank Janine and Paul for their hard work in acquiring these units and for ensuring that they were serviced and in good working order. Diathermy machines are important equipment that we regularly use during surgeries here in Australia but due to

accessibility and cost constraints, they are uncommon commodities in resource limited hospitals. These machines are very much welcomed.

~ Dr Judith Goh

Donations to this project will be appreciated: AFR-500.



Dr Judith Goh, Mr Paul Owen and Ms Janine Waddell

Current HADA Projects

All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility



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AFRICA and ASIA

Medical Training in Africa and Asia

Manager: Dr Judith Goh

- Training African and Asian doctors in treating women with genital tracts fistula [AFR-500]

AFRICA and FIJI

Library Aid International Inc

Manager: Peter Cunningham

- Providing books for schools to improve educational outcomes and life opportunities. [AFR-011]

AUSTRALIA

Food Plants International Inc.

Manager: Bruce French

- Researching edible food plants suitable for growing in various regions of the world [AUS-500]

AUSTRALIA

P4K - Elias El-Khoury Orphan & Education Fund.

[AUS-530]

Manager: Louis Toubas

BANGLADESH

New Hope Ministry Bangladesh Trust

Manager: Warwick Lloyd

- **Multi-Purpose Educational Buildings** Building multi-function education facilities [BGD-012]
- **Orphanage and School Self-Sufficiency Project** Provides high-level schooling and gains funds for the orphanage [BGD-013]
- **Savar School Property Purchase Project** [BGD-014]
- **Orphanage and Schools Benevolent Project** Provides self-sufficiency projects for communities, training to gain employment and adult education [BGD-500]

BANGLADESH

Manager: Peter Magee

- **Rohingya Micro Business Start-Up Fund** [BGD-530]

CAMBODIA

Siem Reap

Manager: Jun Kim

- **Bridge of Hope:** Working with families and communities to prevent children at risk becoming street children (or sold/ending up in prostitution) [KHM-500]
- **Good Neighbours Community Development — Preschool:** Preschool in Tria [KHM-501]

FIJI

Education and Orphan Care Program:

Manager: Dr Eleni Athinodorou

- Free kindergarten [FJI-500]

INDIA

Asha Bhawan Community Building Project

Manager: Keith Bergmeier

- Rescuing men and women from drug and alcohol addiction and seeing them transformed into responsible citizens [IND-050]

Ashir Children's Home

Manager: Ashirvadam Mylaram [IND-520]

Assistant Manager: Kunal Vasith [IND-521]

- Home for orphaned children [IND-500]

Maxton Strong School Kindergarten Upgrade

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

- Kindergarten Upgrade: to provide suitable education facilities for early learners [IND-019]

Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission

Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

- The care and protection of orphaned children [IND-501].

IRAQ

Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan

Optician Training Centre

- Apprenticeship program for opticians [IRQ-010]

KAZAKHSTAN

HADA, Astana

Manager: David and Tirzah Pichotta [KAZ-013]

- **Alcoholism and Addiction Help:** Education, literature, and support groups for alcoholics and their families [KAZ-010]
- **Community Centre and Health Education Project:** a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents [KAZ-500]

MONGOLIA

Sergelt Ood

Manager: Corrie van der Esch [MNG-019]

- Assist homeless people in Ulaanbaatar [MNG-500]

NEPAL

Nepali Health, Development & Disaster Response (ACN)

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln [NPL-011]

- Providing access to safe drinking water and toilets, improve knowledge of hygiene/ sanitation, nutrition and preventable diseases [NPL-500]

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Haus Pikinini P4K Orphanages Development

Manager: Donna Harvey-Hall

- Building orphanages to create a positive, loving environment for abandoned and neglected children [PNG-010]

SIERRA LEONE

Education Community Care Program

Manager: Dr Themis Adamopulo

- Providing school canteen, medical clinic, and toilets [SLE-500]

P4KA Orphanages Development

- Building orphanages to create a positive, loving environment for abandoned and neglected children. [SLE-012]

Orphan and Community Sports Program [SLE-501]

Manager: Louis Toubas

- Education and sporting opportunities for marginalised youth

SOUTH AFRICA

My Father's House

Manager: Kevin Daly

- Programs for vulnerable youth [ZAF-500]

UGANDA

Grace Care Child Program Secondary School

Manager: Emmanuel Kanuli

- To build classrooms for orphaned/ disadvantaged children [UGA-022]

Grace Care Child Sponsorship Program [UGA-500]

UGANDA

Manager: Dr Geoff Holt

Kichwamba Children's Foundation

- Caring for orphaned children [UGA-530]

VANUATU

Victory School of Hope

Manager: Zebedee Tanga

- To build new classrooms for school in Blacksands community [VUT-010]

ZAMBIA

P4K Zambia Education and Community Care Program

Manager: Joyce Chimbila

- Community care and education [ZMB-500]

DISASTER RELIEF

- Bangladesh floods [DIS-000]
- Help for Syrian Refugees [DIS-010]
- Ukraine Refugees [DIS-100]

WHERE MOST NEEDED

The board will allocate these funds to projects in most need [WMN-010]



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