



AFAP

AFAP is a not for profit organisation concerned with emergency relief operations, sustainable international development and the eradication of poverty worldwide.

AFAP promotes self-reliant community development projects in the areas of:

- institution building;
- health;
- education;
- literacy;
- agriculture;
- environmental protection;
- hospital rehabilitation;
- village improvement;
- disaster relief; and
- small industry development

which emerge from the aspirations of the local people.

AFAP supports projects that are environmentally and economically sustainable, gender balanced and supportive of the integrity and self-determination of local communities.

AFAP aims to improve the status of women, children, ethnic minorities, handicapped and other disadvantaged or marginalised sections of society.

AFAP is a membership organisation, which provides opportunities for Australians who wish to volunteer their services in supporting our overseas development programs.

AFAP aims to:

Promote the advancement of education and the relief of poverty and sickness through innovative and appropriate community based development throughout the developing world where needed.

Tax Deductible Donations

Donations to AFAP of \$2.00 or more are Tax Deductible.

Hospital Equipment for Vietnam

On 12 July the Australian Foundation for the Peoples of Asia and the Pacific (AFAP) handed over a consignment of medical equipment to the Vietnamese central province Quang Nam. The donated goods valued at \$400,000 included a wide variety of medical equipment such as hospital beds, surgical equipment and spectacles graciously donated by NSW hospitals, NSW Rotary and Lions Clubs and many other NSW supporters. The formal hand over ceremony was attended by the Vietnamese Vice-President, Madam Nguyen Thi Binh who officiated in her capacity as patron of the National Foundation for Vietnamese Children.

“Hospital equipment that has reached the end of its serviceable life in Australia can still make a very valuable contribution to improving health services in impoverished areas such as Central Vietnam”, said AFAP’s Vietnam Country Director, Craig Clark. “Hospitals and community members in Australia have been terrific in providing the medical equipment. This was a good example of community to community assistance. There are many other areas in Vietnam that need such help, but an organization such as AFAP does not have money of its own to ship these over here. We really need Australian community support for funds to get the medical equipment to Vietnam.”



Craig Clark AFAP Vietnam Country Director & Vietnamese Vice-President, Madam Nguyen Thi Binh



AFAP has been providing development assistance in Vietnam since 1986 including programs in dengue control and integrated development in agriculture, health and water supply for impoverished rural communities.

We wish to thank the many supporters who enabled us to donate this equipment including the Rotary Club of Tamworth, Andromeda Engineering, Rotary Club of Mosman, Peel Valley Lions Club, Lions Club of South West Rocks, Tamworth Environment Centre and many individuals throughout NSW.

Those wishing to support such programs can contact AFAP on 1800 007 308.

Poverty Alleviation and Nutrition Project in Vietnam

The children in two rural communes in Ving Phuc Province now have a brighter future thanks to the work of local health authorities and AFAP Vietnam.

An impressive ninety percent reduction in the rate of malnutrition amongst children under the age of six has been achieved by involving mothers and pregnant women in nutrition and agricultural training.



Agricultural training in Ving Phuc Province

Mothers are shown how to regularly monitor the weight of their children and are provided with small loans to help them grow a more diverse range of foods – essential for growing minds and bodies.

Crucial to this project is the support provided by local hospitals and clinics in Ving Phuc Province. Staff training, improved water supplies and upgraded facilities have boosted the services and facilities that they are able to offer mothers and children.



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The FSPI Network

AFAP is a member of the FSPI (the Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International) network, which was formed by independent organisations in 1990.

FSPI's network of affiliates work together with their respective governments and community groups in a broad range of community development initiatives, focusing on primary health care, education, community-based natural resource management (terrestrial and marine), capacity building, local institutional building, conflict management, and sustainable enterprise development.

FSPI member organisations are committed to:

- Advocating and fostering human dignity and sustainable development
- Striving for world justice and peace through programs of social, cultural and economic development, relief and reconstruction
- Continuing to work at institution building and the development of self reliance
- Building public awareness and understanding as a necessary prerequisite for humanitarian assistance
- Initiating and continuing dialogue with government and public bodies on public policy issues of importance to the member organisations
- Being accountable to the individual constituencies, partners in development and the people we strive to assist
- Respecting the diverse perspectives and methods of operation of member agencies as a source of strength and creativity
- Working in a spirit of collaboration as the most effective way to achieve common objectives
- Encouraging professional competence, ethical practices and quality services
- Advocating and fostering human dignity and sustainable development

UNHCR Shelter Distribution in East Timor

Timor Aid and AFAP are working together with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees to supply shelter materials for the East Timorese to rebuild their homes, which were extensively damaged or destroyed during the crisis in 1999.

This program targeted the districts of Ainaro, Manufahi, Covalima and Viqueque whereby the materials to rebuild a total of 7,500 homes have been distributed.



Shelter Construction at Hatahoudo

Shelter materials such as roofing iron, timber, concrete, nails, tools and wheelbarrows are delivered to each village by truck or in some instances by helicopter. The local communities are consulted and the residents determine the priority for rebuilding.



Shelter distribution in Viqueque

Timor Aid and AFAP have been assisting local communities in the transportation of sand and traditional materials required for erection of the shelter homes.



Australian Ambassador's visit to Solu

His Excellency Crispin Conroy, the Australian Ambassador to Nepal visited Solu to distribute certificates for KEEP's Income Generation Workshop and Small Lodge Management Training. His Excellency expressed that KEEP's contribution in aiming to promote sustainable tourism in areas of Solu Khumbu district would provide long-term benefit to developing responsible tourism in the region. He pointed out that AFAP, the Australian Government and KEEP have been working together in developing tourism in this region. He further pointed out that similar activities should be conducted in other parts of country to promote tourism. On the occasion, Chairman of Solu Khumbu DDC, Ang Ngima Lama, pointed out the role played by KEEP in promoting tourism activities in the Solu region. The chairman further pointed out that though this region has rich natural, cultural and religious heritage, it hasn't been able to establish itself as a popular tourist destination. He added that in this regard, KEEP's effort in conducting various training workshops in order to develop and promote sustainable tourism has been greatly appreciated by the local community.

In the ceremony, P. T. Sherpa "Kerung", Executive Director of KEEP and AFAP's (Australian Foundation for Peoples of Asia and Pacific) Regional Director for South Asia, highlighted the role of KEEP in poverty alleviation and tourism development in rural areas. Khumbu region of Solu Khumbu district is one of the most popular trekking destinations in the country. KEEP aims to promote tourism in southern region of Solu as well so that the local men and women here would also receive maximum benefit from tourism activities. He thanked AusAID for providing grants for KEEP activities in Solu.

Crispin Conroy joined AFAP staff, members and friends for dinner in Sydney in May.



Kevin Vang (AFAP Executive Director), Crispin Conroy & Maya Sherpa

FSPI

Member Organisations

- Australian Foundation for the Peoples of Asia & the Pacific (AFAP)
- Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific, Fiji
- Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific, Kiribati
- Foundation for People and Community Development, Papua New Guinea
- Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific, Vanuatu
- Counterpart International, USA
- Solomon Islands Development Trust
- Tonga Community Development Trust
- Tuvalu Association of Non-Government Organisations
- Just World Partners, UK
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- Timor Aid, East Timor

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International Partners

- FSPI
- Kathmandu Environmental Education Project (KEEP), Nepal
- Sikkim Development Foundation, India
- Neo-Synthesis Research Centre (NSRC), Sri Lanka
- Commutech, Zimbabwe

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of AFAP please request a Membership Application Form. Membership fees are \$25.00 per annum including GST.

DONATIONS TO AFAP

If you wish to make a donation to any AFAP Programs please contact the office to make your donation via credit card, or mail a cheque to AFAP nominating the program you wish to support.

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