



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.

KEEP Nepal – new office

AFAP's Executive Director Kevin Vang recently opened a new KEEP (Kathmandu Environmental Education Project) office in the Dhaulagiri region of Nepal. KEEP works hard to encourage tourism practices that maintain the cultural and environmental integrity of this wonderful country.



Kevin reported that "... the new KEEP Office has already initiated some great programs, including a huge clean-up of Dhaulagiri (the world's 4th highest peak) from the bottom to the base camp". The clean-up was undertaken with the support of 500 local volunteers who transported an amazing 50 tonnes of garbage down the mountain. Unlike Everest and Annapurna, this major peak has never been cleaned.



Annu welcomes the guests



Dengue - Cambodia

As part of the regional capacity to strengthen responses to the threat of further dengue outbreaks in Cambodia, AFAP, through funding from AusAID, has embarked on a two year community based pilot program in Cambodia. This is undertaken by fostering the exchange of ideas and experiences in dengue prevention between Cambodia and Viet Nam, which will benefit approximately 120,000 people on the Chhlong District of Cambodia.



The Cambodian Team receiving certificates upon completion of the Viet Nam Study Tour

A program exchange visit of selected team staff members from the National Malaria Centre and the Provincial Health Department in Cambodia participated in a study tour to the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE) in Viet Nam. This was designed to assist the Cambodia team to master the scientific techniques of incorporating the use of *Mesocyclopes* into water containers to reduce the breeding of dengue larvae.



A female collaborator and a member of the Cambodian Team identifying the presence of *mesocyclopes* in Central Viet Nam



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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

Drinking Water for Health in Malawi

The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that three million African men, women and children die unnecessarily every year from water and sanitation-related diseases. It is indeed a sad fact that today around 400 million people – or more than half of Africa's population, do not have access to safe drinking water.



A new water point in action at Boidi Village

In the District of Thyolo in the south of Malawi, safe water is a scarce commodity and most women walk approximately two kilometers to the nearest source twice a day, fetching around 18 litres at a time. AFAP and our partner Concern Universal are delighted to be involved in a project to improve the water situation with funding provided by AusAID.



"The major benefit is clean water" says the Treasurer of the Committee.

The women of Boidi Village no longer have to walk many kilometers to fetch dirty water. They have already noticed a significant reduction in Cholera due to the access of clean drinking water.



Rotary and AFAP join forces

In April 2001 and June 2002 the Rotary Club of Tamworth funded the loading and shipping costs to send two 40' containers to Vietnam. Recently a container was delivered to Vu Thu District Health Centre in Thai Binh Province in Vietnam. A total of 1,800 items, which included ambulance trolleys, hospital beds, dental chairs, food trays, washing room chairs, patient trolleys and a good selection of medical consumables and used spectacles was sent.



Loading the container at AFAP St Mary's Warehouse

AFAP provided the equipment and logistic support, whilst the Rotary Club of Tamworth and Rotary International provided the funding for transportation. The Lions Club of South West Rocks provided 3,200 pairs of spectacles, which had been cleaned, graded sorted and packed. The hospital equipment was donated to AFAP by hospitals and medical organisation in the Sydney area. The project was coordinated by AFAP members Raymond McLaren and Diane Drew of Tamworth.

AFAP's Medical Services and Supplies Program send out approximately 20 containers per annum. We need your help to fund the Warehouse rental at St Mary's in Sydney.

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
- Ole Siosiomaga Society (OLISSI), Samoa
- 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
- Counterpart, Zimbabwe
- Concern Universal: Malawi, Kenya, Mozambique
- Chikuni Mission, Zambia
- PFD: Cambodia

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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