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HELPING YOU HELP OTHERS



Australian Mercy is a voluntary not-for-profit, non-government company limited by guarantee, established to be, and to continue as, a charity.

The company's object is to operate on a not-for-profit basis as a charity, established for three purposes:

1. Assisting those unable to meet their own needs, or the dependents of such persons, through benevolent relief.
2. Assisting the restoration and development of those bound by injustice, suffering misfortune, or a low quality of life.
3. Facilitating the empowerment of individuals and families towards the achievement of community goals or transformational aspirations of a better future.



AUSTRALIAN MERCY PROJECTS

How Our Projects Work

- Starting with a Vision: Project leaders send a detailed proposal to the Australian Mercy Board explaining the real-world needs they want to address.
- Local Purpose: Overseas initiatives focus on long-term growth and sustainability, while domestic projects focus on practical care and relief for Australians doing it tough.
- Clear Action Plans: Every project sets a clear goal, outlining the steps, resources, and hands-on work needed to make a lasting difference.
- Team Support: A dedicated Project Management Group comes alongside the project leader to help with planning, fundraising, communication, and tracking results.
- Trusted Accountability: All Australian Mercy projects meet strict government standards, ensuring every eligible donation is tax-deductible for our supporters.



Overseas: Long Term Community Growth



AUSTRALIA
Practical help

AUSTRALIAN MERCY PROJECT LIST

Project names	Country of Focus	Project focus
1. Emergency Relief	Global	Crisis and Restoration Help
2. Initiatives of Peace Global	Global	Social Religious Reconciliation
3. Buzz Off	Global	A World Without Malaria
4. Ark International	Asia / Thailand	Children and Youth at Risk
5. Two Hands	Asia / Thailand / Burma	Thai Burma Border Refugees
6. Serving Children in Difficult Circumstances	Asia / Vietnam	Children At Risk
7. Home of the Open Heart	Asia / Thailand	HIV/AIDS children fostering
8. Kids Ark	Asia / Timor Leste	Education/Health/Disability
9. Vanitashray	Asia / India	Women and Children at risk
10. Word and Deed Lanka	Asia / Sri Lanka	Education/Comm Development
11. Progress in Peace	Asia / Iraq	Long-term Peace
12. iCare4U	Pacific / PNG	Women & Children with HIV
13. Teouma Christian Academy	Pacific / Vanuatu	School Education
14. Pasifik Village Development	Pacific / Vanuatu	Water Tanks Install and Repair
15. G'day Farmer	Australia (NSW & QLD)	Australian Farmers in Need
16. Perth Community Care	Australia (Perth)	Families and Persons in Need





PREPARING AND DISTRIBUTING MEALS

Al Shabiba Risala
Empowering Lives & Mending Hearts

When conflict displaced families across Lebanon, Al Shabiba Risala stepped in with hot meals, essential medicines, and emotional care. From kitchen teams in Bourj Hammoud to communities hosting displaced relatives, ASR reaches those who need hope most.

Whether families were forced to flee suddenly or are carrying the heavy financial strain of hosting relatives, ASR is on the ground bringing practical relief and mending hearts in a time of crisis.



Al Shabiba Risala
Empowering Lives & Mending Hearts

Global Crisis and Restoration Help

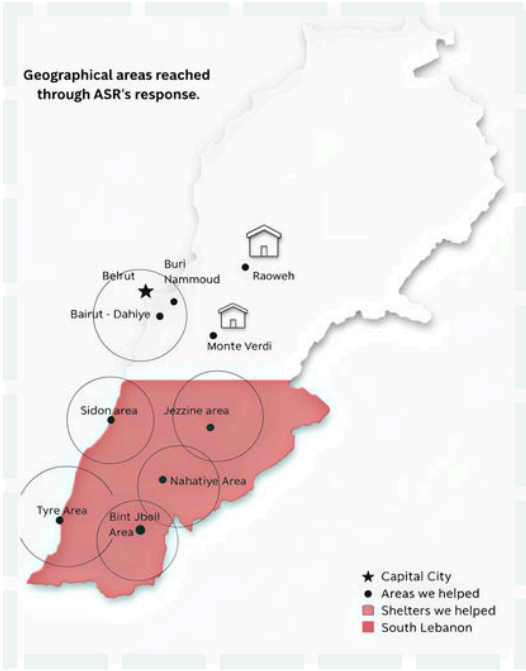
A way to help in times of crisis or helping to restore people and places back to their pre-crisis condition.

Serving together

Shortly after fighting broke out in Lebanon, Australian Mercy partnered with Al Shabiba Risala to deliver urgent aid on the ground.

Leveraging Youth With A Mission's global network, the team quickly set up relief efforts to care for families forced from their homes and communities carrying the heavy burden of hosting displaced loved ones.

Key Impact: March to May 2026



- Hot Meals: Prepared and served 4,050 meals through the Bourj Hammoud kitchen and distributed another 3,000 meals with a local YWAM partner.
- Shelter Support: Provided daily meals for 33 displaced families staying in local emergency shelters.
- Essential Supplies: Delivered 130 food parcels, 20 hygiene kits, and 118 boxes of vital chronic illness medication to families in need.
- Family Assistance: Supported 141 families (over 550 people) through direct aid, medication vouchers, and home care visits.
- Child & Youth Care: Hosted 30 emotional support sessions reaching 167 children and young people across 10 groups, organised 2 special children's events, and gave out 85 kids' care kits.
- Women's Support: Provided 45 women with dedicated emotional and prayer support sessions, along with 30 specialised women's care kits.



RESTORING HOPE
TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

INITIATIVES OF PEACE GLOBAL

Initiatives of Peace Global works across some of the world's most conflict-affected regions, creating safe spaces for listening, healing, and forgiveness. From tribal conflict zones and refugee camps to divided communities, this initiative empowers local leaders to become peacemakers within their own families and nations.

With invitations coming in from nearly 30 countries, our focus is on equipping teams to respond. Upcoming trips to Central Asia, the Caribbean, and a province in Papua New Guinea will bring practical tools for conflict transformation directly to communities ready for change.



Our Mission

To empower everyday people to become peacemakers in their families, communities, and nations.

Global Initiatives of Peace Global

A peace and community initiative across some of the world's most conflict-affected regions.

Grassroots & Locally Led

- Our Approach: All programs are locally initiated, led, and resourced. By focusing on dialogue and listening, we help communities heal trauma, restore broken relationships, and build a peaceful future together.

Global Impact & Recent Wins

- Expansion: Since restarting in April 2026, active teams have been established in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Myanmar, and Ghana.
- Local Peace Movements: Indonesia hosted its first official peace camp in May, while two outreach trips into the PNG Highlands have sparked a rapidly growing local peace movement.
- Building Local Capacity: We continue to mentor and develop local leaders so each initiative becomes fully self-sustaining and locally owned.



Australian Base & Training

- ReWild Training & Outreach: YWAM Wollongong hosts the intensive ReWild training, equipping participants before sending them on practical peacemaking outreaches, such as recent work in Alice Springs that unlocked fresh avenues for community engagement.
- Global Team Development: Our nine-member Global Team connects regularly online for ongoing training and coordination. Based out of YWAM Wollongong, our full-time peacemaking staff help support and mobilise these efforts worldwide.



BUZZ OFF

A WORLD WITHOUT MALARIA

Buzz Off is on a mission to eliminate malaria and mosquito-borne illnesses by equipping communities with practical tools and knowledge.

Working through our global YWAM network, our partners recently secured a $5,000 Australian Mercy Grant to help expand education and prevention efforts across Nigeria.

By putting training materials and protective resources directly into the hands of local families, Buzz Off empowers communities to protect themselves and save lives.

INFORMING
LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Our Vision

To raise the profile of malaria prevention, testing, and treatment through education so communities can defeat mosquito-borne diseases.

Global Buzz Off

Malaria can be beaten. Buzz Off believes that when communities put simple principles into practice, lives are saved and whole regions are transformed.

Core Activities

- Community Training: Running seminars to equip local trainers who teach families how to protect themselves effectively.
- Practical Resources: Distributing mosquito nets to families in need, along with offering repellents and educational guides.
- Awareness Campaigns: Raising public awareness about mosquito-borne illnesses so prevention remains a priority.

Our Mission

Since 2009, Buzz Off has been empowering high-risk communities by supporting health clinics, providing training, and distributing life-saving supplies.

Global Reach & Outreach

- Expanding Operations: Starting in Myanmar and Thailand, Buzz Off has grown to reach communities across Indonesia and Nigeria.
- Multilingual Resources: To reach even more families, the animated Buzz Off training series is being translated into Arabic, Hausa, and Burmese.





ARK INTERNATIONAL

Ark International exists to protect, restore, and transform the lives of vulnerable children. Through education, sports, and community support, we help children uncover their true worth and equip them to make their own unique mark on the world.

Our annual sports tournaments and community programs bring together coaches, volunteers, and over 50 kids for days packed with connection, encouragement, and fun.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

COACHES - VOLUNTEERS - 50+KIDS

Our Focus

Seeing children restored, equipped, and transformed for their unique contribution to the world.

Asia / Thailand
Ark International

Defending the rights of children at risk.

Vision

Identifying the needs of children at risk and providing real solutions. We help restore young lives through education, practical life skills, personal mentoring, and genuine love.

How We Achieve the Vision

- Advocacy: Defending the rights of children while rallying local communities, churches, and leaders to take meaningful action.
- Partnership: Uniting with like-minded organisations and individuals to build a stronger safety net for children in need.
- Resourcing: Directing essential financial, educational, and practical resources directly to vulnerable children.
- Equipping: Training care workers, parents, and local leaders with practical skills that create lasting opportunities for youth.



Practising Thai



Colouring Bible story



60 pairs of donated rugby boots



REFUGEE CAMP:
MAE LA

TWO HANDS

Two Hands provides early childhood education, daily care, and emergency food for families in the Mae La refugee camp on the Thai-Burma border.

Working in the camp since 1994, we help local staff run preschools, supply meals, and support over 2,000 children through annual camp celebrations.

Our Vision

To serve refugee and displaced children through early education and basic nutrition.

Asia / Thailand
Two Hands

Burmese IDPs and Refugees. Supporting early childhood education in the Mae La refugee camp.





Preschool in the camp

History

- Decades of conflict in Burma displaced over two million people. Australian Mercy has worked in Mae La, the region's largest refugee camp, since 1994, helping families rebuild daily life.

Education and Support

- Preschool & Teacher Training: Funds teacher wages, supplies, and maintenance for 70 children at Zone No 9 Preschool, while bringing in outside trainers to mentor and upskill local teachers.
- Middle School & Youth Care: Covers wages and learning materials for a 100-student middle school, and supports a dedicated centre for unaccompanied children in Zone A.

Food & Community

- Rice & Nutrition: Supplies rice, eggs, and tinned fish to malnourished families facing severe camp ration cuts.
- Annual Christmas Party: Funds a Christmas celebration across 22 camp preschools, providing presents and a hot meal for more than 2,000 children.

SERVING CHILDREN

Serving Children in Difficult Circumstances provides a safe, caring home and life-skills training for vulnerable young people across Vietnam. By focusing on children living in poverty, we ensure they have reliable access to education, nutritious food, safe shelter, and medical care.

From making traditional Lunar New Year Chung cakes together in our Children's Homes to expanding community outreach, our focus is on helping children grow into confident, capable adults.



CHILDREN'S HOMES
MAKING LUNAR NEW YEAR CHUNG CAKES



Our Mission

Registered as an international non-government organisation in 1998, we enhance children's well-being through life-skills training so they can become active, contributing members of their communities.

Asia / Vietnam
Serving Children in Difficult Circumstances

Life skills training.

Facilities, Partnerships and Well-being

Home Upgrades & Partnerships: Recent renovations at the Tan Linh Home were completed with inspection support from the American Embassy, while 80 UNICEF volunteers helped clean, repair, and decorate the Phu Chau Home.

Emotional Support: A specialist consultant runs "Living Values" training across all three homes, equipping children with tools to manage their emotions, while regular check-in meetings keep extended families connected.

Expanding Outreach

Following regional government changes, our service area tripled. We are now preparing fundraising and home visits to supply school materials for over 600 children in the coming school year.

Care & Sponsorship

We care for 42 children across three community-based Children's Homes, supporting them through primary school, high school, university, and vocational training. We also extend support to local families caring for children with special needs.



Our Community

We build healthy communities by supporting children facing tough hardships. We offer a stable, safe environment where children receive proper care, clothing, and schooling.



Home of the Open Heart provides a loving home for children affected by HIV/AIDS who have lost their parents or relatives. Based in Chiang Rai, Thailand, the team works alongside local healthcare and social agencies to support vulnerable women and children.

Rather than focusing on numbers, the project prioritises individual care, offering young people a safe, stable place to belong.

FAMILY AND TEAM

Our Mission

To provide and model a family-style environment for children affected by HIV/AIDS who find themselves without parents or relatives to care for them.

Asia / Thailand
Home of the Open Heart

Family-style environment for children affected by HIV/AIDS

Background & Approach

Established in 1999 and operating in Chiang Rai province we visit families, provide relief, and open up future opportunities for HIV-affected mothers and children.

We focus deeply on individual support so every child receives unconditional love in a genuine family environment.















LEARNING TOGETHER
AT HERA SCHOOL

Kids Ark is dedicated to uplifting children and families across East Timor through quality schooling, essential healthcare, and specialised rehabilitation.

What began in a small rented room back in 2003 has grown into a thriving community hub. Today, Kids Ark provides local children with a safe environment to learn and grow, while ensuring the broader community receives vital medical care and support.

Our Mission

To uphold everyone's right to quality education, health, and rehabilitation while promoting inclusion, love, hope, and dignity.

Asia / East Timor
Kids Ark

Transforming lives in Timor-Leste through education, health, and hope.

History & Impact

Hera School started in 2003 with just 30 children, Kids Ark Hera School now serves over 500 students from pre-school through to 9th grade, employing nearly 30 local staff.



Clinic Staff



Hera School

Sidara Clinic

The Sidara Clinic also serves the Hera community. This vital centre houses both a full medical clinic and essential maternity services, ensuring comprehensive care during pregnancy and delivery.

Liman Hamutuk Centre

The Liman Hamutuk Centre is an expansion of the health clinic offering specialised rehabilitation and physical therapy services to promote dignity and inclusion for the most vulnerable.

WHERE WE WORK

11 countries

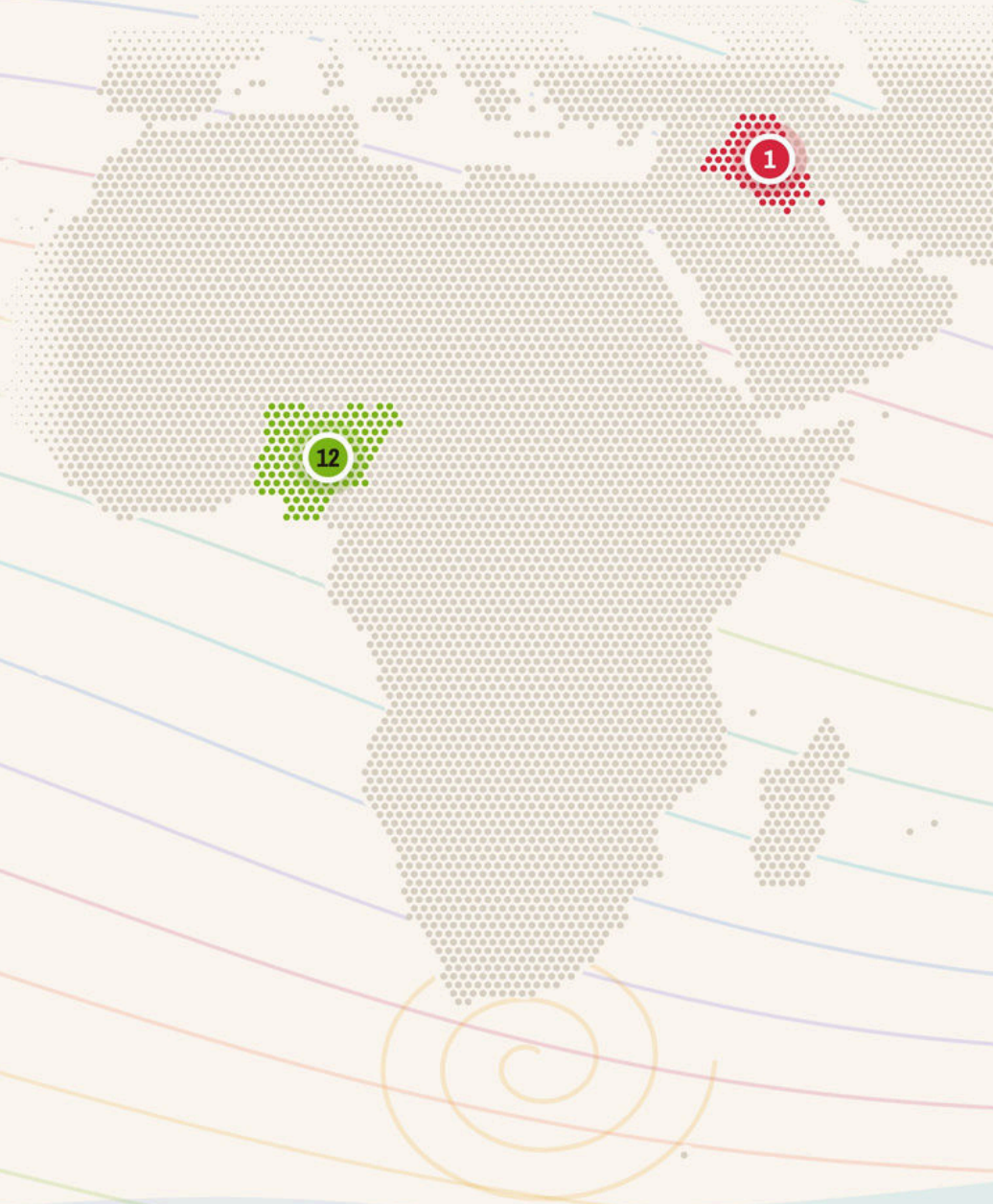
4 regions

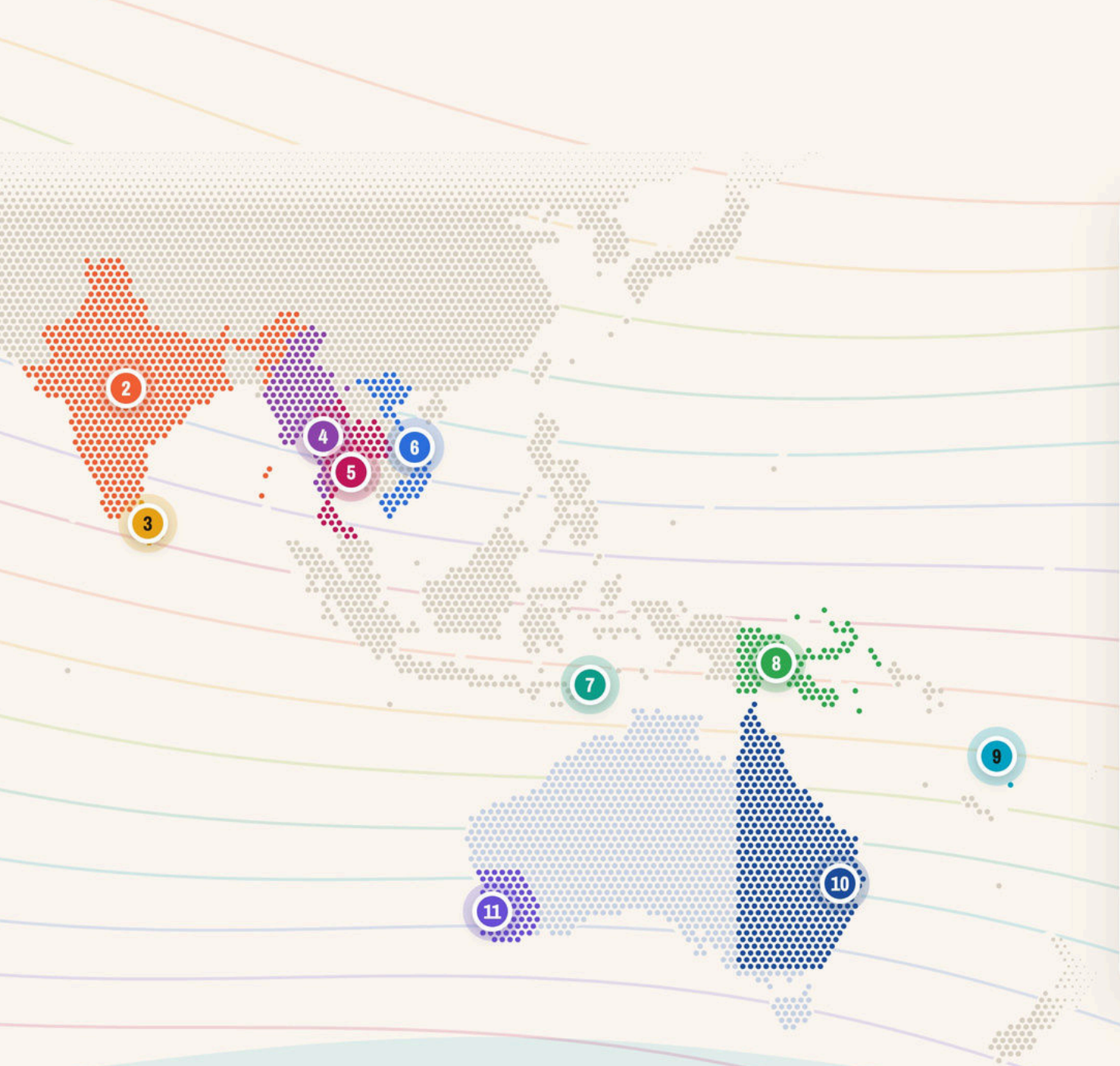
3 global programs



Global

Plus 3 programs working worldwide, across every region.





Our locations

ASIA

1. Iraq
2. India
3. Sri Lanka
4. Thailand–Burma border
5. Thailand ×2
6. Vietnam
7. Timor-Leste

PACIFIC

8. Papua New Guinea
9. Vanuatu ×2

AUSTRALIA

10. NSW & QLD
11. Perth

AFRICA

12. Nigeria



VANITASHRAY

Vanitashray, meaning "shelter for women", works to ensure that every child belongs in a safe, loving family where they can grow with dignity and security. By strengthening families in need, we help parents care for their children so young people can thrive rather than just survive.

Alongside community support and women's empowerment initiatives, our current focus is constructing a dedicated educational complex that will serve regional families for generations to come.

CELEBRATING
MOTHERS

VANITASHRAY

Our Mission

To see children belonging in safe and loving families.

Asia / India
Vanitashray

Creating a safe environment for Children.

Our Focus

Every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect and security. Vanitashray strengthens families in need to care for their children, so they may thrive and not just survive. Vanitashray helps in shaping their future and the development of their communities.

Christian School Legacy Foundation:

Construction is underway on a new facility serving marginalised children from both urban and rural areas.

Beyond classroom schooling, the new complex will host early childhood education, skill development courses, and women's empowerment programmes.

Phase 1 requires A$ 469,680
Phase 2 requires A$ 379,620,
making a total investment of A$ 849,300 to complete the building vision.







SKILLS TRAINING IN ACTION

WORD AND DEED

Word and Deed Lanka puts faith into practical action across Sri Lanka, walking alongside families through everyday hardships.

From equipping women with practical vocational skills to ensuring school children have a warm meal before a long walk to class, the team responds directly to the physical and emotional needs of their community.

By serving whole families, Word and Deed helps build stronger, healthier futures from the ground up.

Asia / Sri Lanka
Word and Deed

Word and Deed Lanka – empowering a generation to win a generation.

Our Mission

To love God and love people through practical, compassionate action.

Our Focus

Meeting physical needs goes hand in hand with building community. Word and Deed runs locally led projects that restore dignity, support mothers, and keep children in school.

Stories of Impact

Nourishing Young Learners: Many children face long, tiring walks to school on empty stomachs, making it hard to focus or even attend.

By providing nutritious school meals, Word and Deed gives children the energy to learn, leading to a noticeable jump in daily classroom attendance.

Dignity & Care for Women: We are connected with 619 women and children through direct community outreach, providing essential clothing for over 320 children and reusable hygiene kits for 50 young women and mothers.



Nourishment and practical relief



The people behind all the work



Building Community



Missions Project



PROGRESS IN PEACE

Progress in Peace works alongside the diverse ethnic and religious communities of Sinjar, Iraq, to rebuild relationships following years of devastating conflict.

By bringing together Yazidis, Christians, Sunni and Shia Muslims, Kurds, Arabs, and Turkmen, the project fosters a shared environment of mutual respect, trust, and lasting cooperation.

Through local leadership development, trauma-informed support, and hands-on community projects, Progress in Peace provides a safe space for returnees and young people to heal and shape a peaceful future together.

COMMUNITY ACTION

Our Mission

Empowering the diverse communities of Sinjar to build a resilient, peaceful community founded on trust, respect, and lasting cooperation.

Asia / Iraq
Progress in Peace

Rebuilding trust, healing trauma and cultivating hope in Sinjar.

Our Focus

To establish long-term social cohesion across Sinjar and Nineveh where people of all backgrounds live side by side in harmony.



Peace Camp

Practical support

Through the PIP Sinjar Hub, practical care meets long-term development. Local youth gain valuable skills through English, computer literacy, and advocacy courses, while young leaders receive dedicated training in peacebuilding.

The project also provides tailored safe-space support for women, children, and ISIS survivors, paired with hands-on local initiatives like neighbourhood clean-ups and tree-planting that help restore pride in their shared environment.



Local Leaders

Restoration & Dialogue

While no project can instantly erase past wounds, Progress in Peace acts as a catalyst for genuine healing across the region. By creating safe spaces for open dialogue, youth camps, and shared learning, the team brings together Yazidi, Sunni, Shia, Kurdish, Arab, and Turkmen community members.

These shared experiences allow returnees and local families to replace longstanding barriers with mutual trust, understanding, and daily coexistence.



Empowering Community



iCare4U
every life matters

iCare4U works to restore dignity, rebuild identity, and release hope across local communities in Papua New Guinea. By focusing on practical health, safe housing, and skills training, the project equips families to build sustainable livelihoods and manage health risks that threaten their daily lives.

Through local partnerships and dedicated women's housing, iCare4U creates a safe space where young women gain financial skills, receive healthcare support, and find a pathway toward a brighter future.

WOMEN'S HOPE
GATHERING

Our Mission

To restore dignity, rebuild identity, and release hope to individuals living with HIV by improving their quality of life and accepted back into their family and community towards a full and meaningful life.

Pacific / Papua New Guinea iCare4U

Every life matters

Community Partnerships

Networking alongside the YWAM Jetty base, iCare4U helps bring mobile dental clinics, healthy living, and mosquito-borne disease prevention programmes directly into local primary and middle schools.

Following specialised empowerment training with Links of Hope and UNICEF, the team is hosting a 12-week empowerment programme in the Gereka community.

Hope & Housing

Through a referral network, iCare4U provides safe shelter in fully operational cabins, recently supporting seven women in need. This includes dedicated care for two young mothers whose babies face complex health challenges with TB and HIV, as well as providing short-term protective care for vulnerable young children.

Empowering Women

In partnership with Gemma Skills Training Solutions, iCare4U recently completed financial literacy and income-skills training for sixteen women from the Women's Hope Group.

This practical course equips participants with essential budgeting and business management skills needed to run their own small enterprises and achieve financial independence.





Operational Cabin



PASIFIK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Pasifik Village Development works alongside local communities across Vanuatu to build lasting resilience and meet essential daily needs. From constructing cyclone shelters, schools, and health clinics to restoring vital clean water infrastructure, the project partners closely with villagers to improve overall quality of life.

Through hands-on collaboration between local residents, volunteers, and outreach teams, Pasifik Village Development invests in education, practical skills, and disaster recovery so whole communities can flourish.

COMMUNITY
YOUTH CAMP



Our Mission

We exist to create sustainable and resilient communities in Vanuatu by addressing immediate needs for clean water, repairing and constructing essential community buildings such as schools, health clinics, and cyclone shelters, and investing in education, skills, and business development.

Pacific / Vanuatu Pasifik Village Development

Creating sustainable and resilient communities

Working together

Since its humble beginnings, hundreds of volunteers from Australia and New Zealand have worked side by side with local villagers to support Vanuatu's national development goals.

Following severe earthquakes in late 2024 and early 2025, Australian Mercy launched a targeted appeal to purchase a dedicated project vehicle. This new truck significantly expands the team's reach, allowing workers to carry tools and supplies directly into remote villages to restore damaged infrastructure.



Funded truck

Clean Water Access

Access to safe water is critical to community recovery. Following recent major earthquakes that destroyed local supply networks, the team rebuilds hope through three practical steps: delivering emergency water supplies, supporting community-led water restoration efforts, and repairing or replacing broken water tanks.

Visiting students, outreach teams, and volunteers work hand in hand with local residents to completely rebuild destroyed water systems, ensuring families have reliable access to clean water.

Our Focus

Through collaborative efforts between the project and the community, the aim is to achieve positive and lasting change, ultimately improving the overall quality of life in Vanuatu villages and communities.



CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Teouma Christian Academy

CARE | EDUCATE | INSPIRE

Teouma Christian Academy provides local children in Teouma Valley, Vanuatu, with access to high-quality education in a safe, supportive environment. By building learning confidence and practical language skills, the school equips students to thrive in higher education and enter the local workforce with purpose.

What began in 2019 as two modest classrooms has grown into a vibrant school community serving hundreds of children each day. Through dedicated local teachers and community support, the Academy continues to expand its facilities to meet the needs of a growing population.

Pacific / Vanuatu
Teouma Christian Academy

To build a fully functional Kindergarten to Year 13 Primary and secondary School.

Our Mission

Our mission is to build a fully functional Kindergarten to Year 13 primary and secondary school in Teouma Valley, addressing local educational needs by offering a fully equipped facility where children develop confidence, strong academic capabilities, and essential life skills.

Opening in 2019 with just 45 students, two classrooms, and three volunteer teachers, the Academy has experienced steady, encouraging growth.

Today, the school offers classes from Kindergarten through to Year 8. Enrolments reached 240 children in 2026, supported by 11 indigenous teaching staff working alongside volunteer mentors.

Growth & Local Impact

When V2 Life first moved into Teouma Valley in 2012, the community consisted mainly of subsistence farming families. Rapid residential development since 2015 brought many more families to the area, creating an urgent need for local schooling.

Moving Forward

The campus continues to develop with practical improvements like raised footpaths for rainy days and new classroom construction. A new double classroom is currently at lock-up stage, with finishing works underway.

Despite financial challenges in FY26, a $5,000 grant from the Australian Mercy International Women's Charitable Gift has helped secure full-time employment for female staff members through to the end of the school year, keeping local teachers in front of their classrooms.



Teaching on solar systems



Reading skills



RESTORING FARM
IRRIGATION AFTER FLOODS

G'day Farmer stands alongside Aussie farmers doing it tough, providing practical, hands-on assistance when health, financial, or environmental challenges hit. Whether repairing damaged infrastructure after floods and fires or helping with daily farm chores, the team steps in to lighten the heavy load.

Beyond the physical work, G'day Farmer brings genuine companionship and encouragement to rural families, ensuring regional landowners never have to face tough seasons alone.

Our Mission

Helping Australian farmers who are struggling by providing direct relief in adverse circumstances. G'day Farmer meets practical daily needs while offering genuine emotional support and encouragement to rural families.

Australia
G' Day Farmer

Providing relief to farmers in adverse circumstances.

History

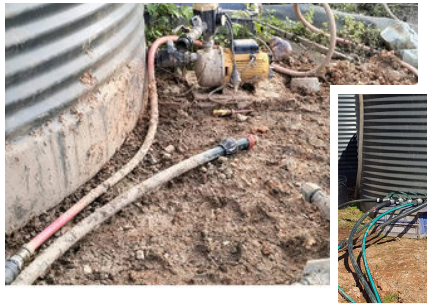
Since May 2020, G'day Farmer has supported at least fifteen regional properties, returning to many multiple times. Volunteers roll up their sleeves for a wide range of essential tasks:

* Harvesting of crops
* Post event fire and flood assistance
* Dairy farm support
* Farm equipment maintenance
* Fencing: erection and repairs
* Stock work
* Rain tank maintenance
* Gardening, painting and cleaning.

Cleaning after flooding









We returned to a farm where we have helped in the past to finish one fencing job but found more pressing needs to be addressed. We spent about two weeks spraying paddocks that were heavily infested with blackberry - a noxious weed that by law, needs to be kept under control. It was extremely hard work but so rewarding as we knew how necessary it was and how appreciative the farmer was, as he had limited means to be able to tackle it. He has since sent us photos of the successful results of the spraying.

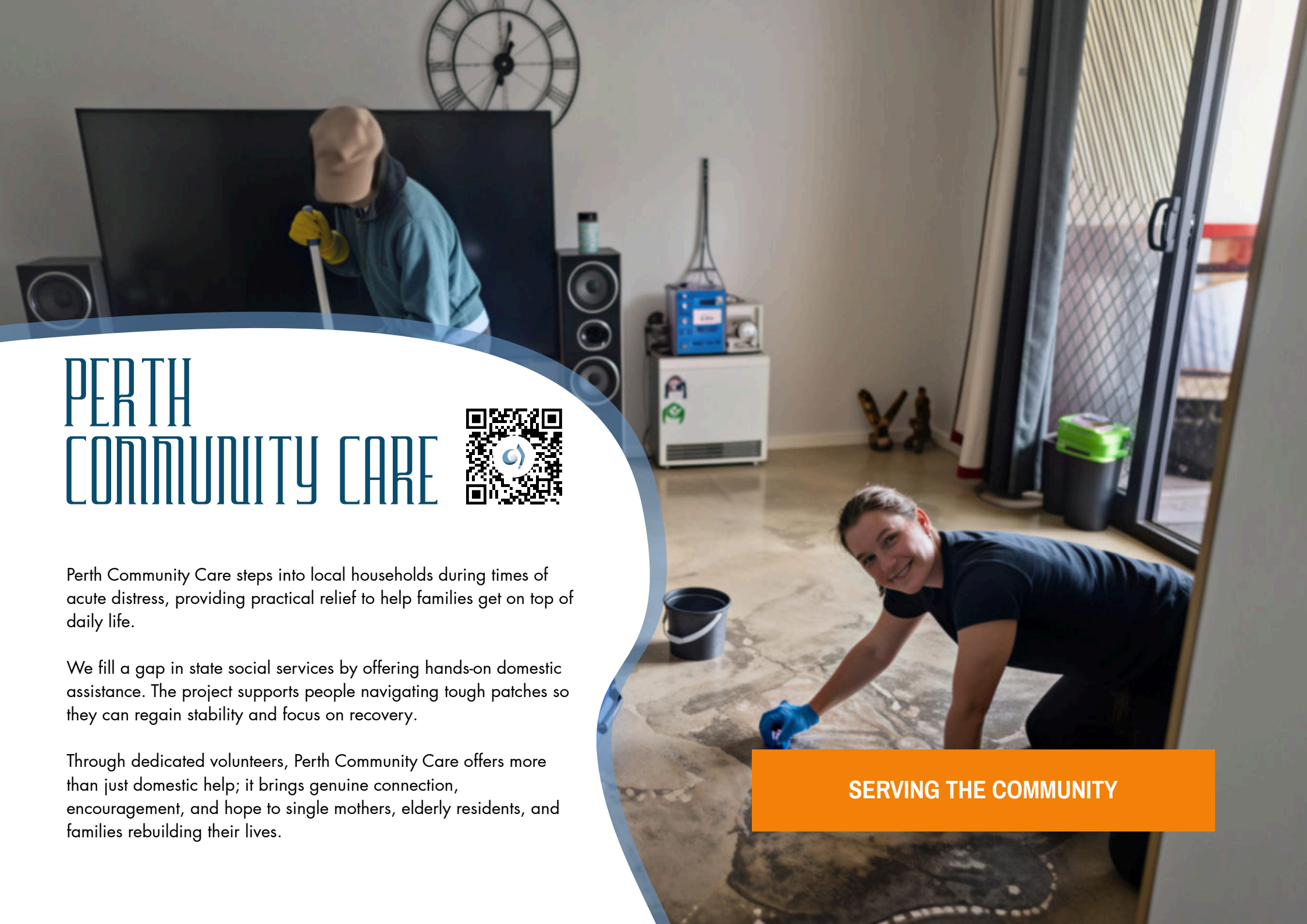
From there, we crossed into Queensland, stopping on the way at a farm in Nyngan to meet with a local farmer. He told us about a mate who desperately needed a hand, giving us a chance to figure out how we could step in and support him. It's small, quiet moments like these that open the door for us to serve where it matters most.

PERTH COMMUNITY CARE

Perth Community Care steps into local households during times of acute distress, providing practical relief to help families get on top of daily life.

We fill a gap in state social services by offering hands-on domestic assistance. The project supports people navigating tough patches so they can regain stability and focus on recovery.

Through dedicated volunteers, Perth Community Care offers more than just domestic help; it brings genuine connection, encouragement, and hope to single mothers, elderly residents, and families rebuilding their lives.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

PERTH COMMUNITY CARE

Our Focus

Perth Community Care aims to restore domestic functionality and peace of mind for families in crisis. By providing temporary hands-on relief, the project fills vital service gaps, helping individuals navigate tough seasons and regain control of their homes and daily routines.

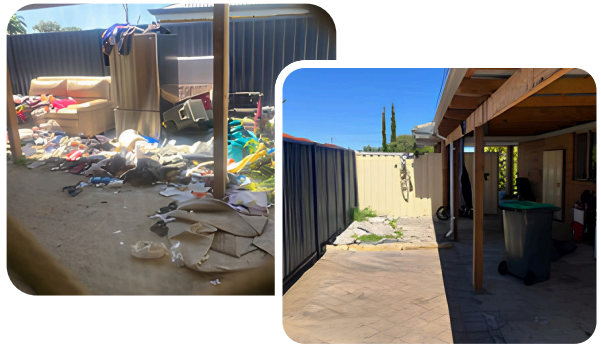
Australia Perth Community Care

Assisting families through times of crisis by providing practical help and mobilising others to do the same.

In the community

During this reporting period, the team supported 14 families and individuals, responding to an increase in referrals for households affected by domestic violence. Many of these clients are single mothers caring for children in transitional housing while working through trauma. Volunteers step in with practical domestic assistance, active listening, and ongoing encouragement, helping transform overgrown or overwhelmed living spaces into clean, safe environments where families can heal.

Before and after





Partnerships

We also assist elderly people who live alone with health issues, helping keep their homes safe and tidy while connecting them to longer-term support where needed. Strong relationships have been built along the way, with many recipients deeply encouraged by the practical help they receive.

Word-of-mouth within our organisation has helped us recruit and train new volunteers. Many find the work immensely fulfilling and are eager to lend a hand whenever they are available, even on a casual basis. Our capacity is growing too; we now have one staff member available full-time for part of the year, with another considering a similar commitment that will help us serve even more people across Perth.



PROJECT L.I.F.E.

PARTNERS RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

AUSTRALIAN MERCY PARTNER AGENCIES

In January 2025, a Partner Agency relationship was established between Australian Mercy and Partners Relief & Development and between Project L.I.F.E. Foundation.

Both are foundations under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of the Royal Thai Government.

Both are also dedicated not-for-profit entities with aligned charitable objectives. Recognising the importance of collaboration, this agreement sets forth the terms under which both organisations will operate while maintaining their legal statuses and operational autonomy.

The Partner Agency agreement is built on mutual respect, trust, and a commitment to high levels of inter-agency transparency, accountability, and adherence to the Australian Mercy Standards. Together, we aim to enhance our collective impact in achieving our charitable missions.

Project L.I.F.E. Foundation Thailand

Project LIFE Foundation – is committed to giving the poor, the forgotten, the broken in Thai society the opportunity to provide the necessities of life for themselves and their families, these include food, clothing, shelter, education and gainful employment.

Project L.I.F.E. has over 100 full time staff in 14 projects spread over 12 provinces. Their hands of love reach out to abandoned children, abused young girls, prostitutes, HIV babies, dying mothers, poor rural women, and slum women. They are the most vulnerable people in Thai society, and Project L.I.F.E. has been helping them since 1987 as a registered charity under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of the Royal Thai Government.

Give to the Project L.I.F.E. Foundation office through Australian Mercy.

Partners Relief and Development South East Asia

Partners Relief and Development - acts by providing emergency relief during crisis events. They join hands with local communities displaced by war to co-design sustainable development initiatives that transform community wellbeing, improve health and education, and provide a nurturing environment for children to reach their full potential.

Although the Partners Relief and Development governing board is based in the USA, most of the staff and project work is carried out in the Chiang Mai, Thailand office. The global group of world-changers are working to make our vision of free, full lives for children affected by conflict and oppression a reality.

Give to Partners Relief and Development through Australian Mercy.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KENT TRUEHL



MANAGING DIRECTOR - ADELAIDE, SA

Kent has a Bachelor of Christian Ministry and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning.

He serves on the National Leadership Circle of Youth With A Mission Australia.

Kent worked in community development in Amazonas, Brazil for 12 years.

He also worked for World Vision Australia and the Government of South Australia.

KEVIN CLARK



TREASURER - CANBERRA, ACT

Kevin has worked with Youth With A Mission since 1984.

He has a Cert IV in Financial Services Accounting and serves as Accounts Manager for Youth With a Mission Canberra and as Treasurer for Australian Mercy.

He is married to Dianne.

DIANNE CLARK



CANBERRA, ACT

Dianne has a strong interest in staff development and in reaching out to the poor and needy.

Dianne and her husband Kevin have initiated several programs to assist those in need both within Canberra and overseas.

CHRIS HARRISON



SECRETARY - ADELAIDE SA

Chris was formerly director YWAM Darwin, and was chairman of the Darwin Evangelical Alliance.

He serves as a fire fighter for the South Australian Country Fire Service and as a Justice of the Peace in South Australia.

JEN KEATCH



DARWIN - NT

Jen has been involved in Australian Mercy's work in Darwin since 2003.

She has a background in teaching, working with children with disabilities and was employed by the Anglican Church.

Jen studied and works in Community Development.

BRUCE SKINNER



WOLLONGONG, NSW

Bruce is the Co-Director of YWAM Wollongong.

Having been a Structural Engineer for sixteen years in heavy industry, Bruce draws on his experience in the marketplace, combined with more than twenty years in church leadership.

KRIS THOMSON



THE NETHERLANDS

Kris has a background in mechanics and has worked continuously in the volunteer sector since 1985.

Having also lived in Indonesia doing business and community development activities he now works as part owner of KJHosting, creating customised IT solutions.

AUSTRALIAN MERCY STANDARDS

The Australian Mercy Standards are agreed to prior to a requesting organisation completing a project proposal, then they submit to Australian Mercy for consideration. The importance of explicitly articulating your beliefs and ethical framework specific to your organisation has become essential considering today's legal climate and recent changes to Australian law at both state and federal levels.

1. ALL PEOPLES The Australian Mercy Standard is that all ethnicities and languages are significant and constructive because they enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

2. INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES and COMMUNITIES The Australian Mercy Standard is that every individual is unique and socialised into a family where parents, not political structures, have the ultimate say regarding their children until maturity. Australian Mercy's time, money, and effort is prioritised to families and communities.

3. SERVANT LEADERSHIP The Australian Mercy Standard of servant leadership is to lead by example, empowering others to achieve their goals and honour the leadership rights and abilities of men and women, regardless of educational or social status.

4. WE ARE CHRISTIAN The Australian Mercy Standard is to honour God practically and spiritually, respecting and working with all people because, "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin" James 2:8-9.

5. RELATIONSHIPS AND TEAMWORK The Australian Mercy Standard of relationships and teamwork includes open communication and mutual support as teamwork and a shared purpose contributes to greater accountability, motivation, and ownership of the vision and tasks.

6. INTEGRITY The Australian Mercy Standard of integrity includes transparency, humility, and acknowledging failure and shortcomings – where words fully align with deeds.

7. VOLUNTEERISM The Australian Mercy Standard of volunteerism is community members contributing to their own sustainable and reproducible solutions, not dependent on outside resources.

WORD FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Helping You Help Others means investing in lasting development, not temporary fixes. Thank you for partnering with Australian Mercy to bear enduring fruit.

After Jesus fed the 5,000, the crowd sought more. He replied, "Do not work for food that spoils (Bios), but for food that endures to eternal life" (Zoe)—John 6:27. In Greek, Bios is physical life and Zoe is life to the full.

Charity and international development reflect both **Bios** and **Zoe**. Emergency relief provides **Bios**—essential but temporary food and shelter. Community development provides **Zoe**—empowerment, dignity, purpose, and healthy relationships. Urgent aid matters, but lasting transformation comes from investing in Zoe life.



Back row: Bruce Skinner, Chris Harrison, Kris Thomson, Kevin Clark, Kent Truehl. Front row: Dianne Clark and Jen Keatch.

This year, the Australian Mercy Board expressed this "Zoe" empowerment through the 2026 Australian Mercy Grant Event. It drew on five long-term legacy investments established by former National Director Dave Skeat:

1. Australian Mercy Disaster Relief Charitable Gift (today over $ 100,000)
2. Australian Mercy Charitable Gift (today +/- $ 50,000)
3. Australian Mercy International Women's Charitable Gift (today +/- $ 40,000)
4. Australian Mercy 3 Diseases Charitable Gift (today +/- $ 5,000)
5. Australian Mercy Medical & Training Charitable Gift (today +/- $ 5,000)

WORD FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The Board combined charitable gift fund earnings with the As Needed account to offer four competitive $5,000 grants to Australian Mercy projects and YWAM Australia ministries. It selected four winners from 13 applications. In keeping with "Helping You Help Others" Australian Mercy awarded $5,000 to each of these applicants:

1. **Teouma Christian Academy of Vanuatu** received the International Women's Charitable Gift grant to employ nine Indigenous female teachers and maintain educational continuity for more than 240 students.
2. **Buzz Off, an Australian Mercy project partnering with YWAM Abuja, Nigeria,** received the Three Diseases Charitable Gift grant to train 50 health workers and distribute 1,300 long-lasting insecticidal nets in Nasarawa State.
3. **iCare 4 U of Port Moresby, PNG**, received the Medical & Training Charitable Gift grant for trauma counselling and first-aid training for its team and the women it serves.
4. **Progress in Peace Iraq Sinjar Project** received the Charitable Gift open-criteria grant to run a Mini Peace Camp for Yazidis and Muslims, led by former local peace camp participants.

The Board meets online quarterly—in February, May, August, and November—and for the Annual General Meeting. We also meet in person at least once a year, with Australian Mercy covering travel costs; this year, we met in Port Kembla, NSW. We want to mentor younger people into Board roles to broaden representation and bring fresh ideas. Please contact us if you are interested.



Sincerely,

Kent Truehl

Board Chair, Australian Mercy



MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The executive team implements Board decisions and resulting tasks and manages Australian Mercy's operations. Its directors are Chris Harrison, company secretary; Kevin Clark, company treasurer and responsible for financial matters; Kris Thomson, webmaster and IT manager; and me, Kent Truehl, as Managing Director.

We meet online about thirty times a year to pray, report, share updates, revise policies and procedures, discuss challenges, and offer wisdom and feedback on the major task arising from a Board decision.

We thank the Lord that Australian Mercy faced no major organisational crisis or operational problem this year.

We moved all Australian Mercy files to a new cloud service without problems or disruption, removing outdated material to make storage less cluttered, faster and more efficient.

New Projects

In July 2025, the Board approved 'Honouring their Commitment' to help students in Asia who have completed University of the Nations (UofN) degrees by paying the graduation fees so they can attend a UofN graduation, celebrating their achievements.

Word and Deed Lanka also began as a fully operational Australian Mercy project in July 2025.

Progress in Peace Sinjar, Iraq began in January 2026. Its fundraising in Australia, Canada and the USA required Australian Mercy to update legal and financial agreements with the YWAM Canada and YWAM USA funding offices.

Initiatives of Peace Global launched in April 2026 with a broad, global scope covering all Peace Initiatives from the YWAM Wollongong team. This change also closed Bio Char – Indonesia, Equal Access – Indonesia, and Afghan Hope – Afghanistan.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Project Visits

This year, Dianne Clark travelled from Canberra to Vanuatu twice, visiting both Australian Mercy projects: Pasifik Village Development and Teouma Christian Academy.

Jen Keatch travelled from Darwin to East Timor to visit Australian Mercy project leaders Branca and Soraya, Kids Ark School in Hera, The Jacinta Disability Centre, Sidara Village and the village church.

Short Term Projects and Appeals

After assessing and approving YWAM Beirut's application, the Australian Mercy Executive launched a website appeal for Beirut, Lebanon.

Australian Mercy partnered with YWAM Medical Ships Townsville to transfer funds raised for YWAM Bangladesh, pending final building approvals in Bangladesh.

Policy Review and Updates

We updated eight policies and their procedures this year. Legislative and operational requirements prompted significant changes to the Privacy Policy, Aid and Development versus Other Activities Policy, and Child Sponsorship Policy.

Operationally, Australian Mercy is in a good place! Thank you for your partnership.



Managing Director

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the loyalty, commitment and generosity of our donors Australian Mercy is able to support projects in Australia and overseas by receiving donations, issuing tax-deductible receipts and forwarding funds to projects. Donations income for 2026 was $575,893 with 95% distributed directly to projects.

Actual administration expenditure for 2025/2026 was 3.1% ($17,911). This is possible because Australian Mercy is entirely volunteer run: staff are unpaid, directors cannot receive dividends or service fees, and all staff, including directors, rely on personal support from people who value them and the ministry.

Australian Mercy is fully transparent regarding the finances under our care. In fact, the Australian Mercy Standard of integrity includes transparency (Standard #6). Australian Mercy has an annual independent financial review conducted in accordance with the Australian Government Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, by TA Khoury and Co, Chartered Accountants, Burwood, NSW.

You can download the complete and signed financial statements by searching for Australian Mercy at https://www.acnc.gov.au

On the following pages are overview documents from this annual independent financial review, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Financial Position as of 30 June 2026.

You are welcome to inquire or direct any questions on Australian Mercy's finances to: accounts@australianmercy.org.



Sincerely,

Kevin Clark

Australian Mercy Treasurer

STATEMENT OF PROFIT/LOSS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the year ended 30 June 2026	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue			
Donations and Gifts			
- Monetary		575,892.78	497,544.77
- Non-Monetary		-	-
-Bequest and Legacies Grants -		-	-
Other Australian		-	-
-Other Overseas		-	-
Investment Income - Interest Received		12,639.93	14,513.19
Other Income		-	545.84
Profit on Sale of Assets		-	(310.00)
Admin Fees Received		25,507.58	20,147.34
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence		-	-
Total Revenue	**2**	**614,040.29**	**532,441.14**
Expenditure			
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure			
-International Programs			
-Funds to International Programs		507,757.79	401,990.04
-Fundraising Costs			
- Public	**3**	-	-
-Accountability and Administration	**4**	17,910.59	16,786.83
-Non-Monetary Expenditure		-	-
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		**525,668.38**	**418,776.87**
International Political/Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure			-
Domestic Programs Expenditure		**36,625.16**	**37,970.93**
			456,747.80
Total Expenditure		**562,293.54**	
Surplus/(Deficit)		**51,746.75**	**75,693.34**
Other Comprehensive Income			
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
		51,746.75	**75,693.34**

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	**4**	316,123.16	263,660.13
Other financial assets	**5**	649.55	746.83
Total Current Assets		**316,772.71**	**264,406.96**
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	**6**	4,248.77	4,867.77
Total Non-Current Assets		**4,248.77**	**4,867.77**
Total Assets		**321,021.48**	**269,274.73**
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		-	-
Total Current Liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities		-	-
Net Assets		**321,021.48**	**269,274.73**
Equity			
Retained Earning		321,021.48	269,274.73
Total Equity		**321,021.48**	**269,274.73**

AUSTRALIAN MERCY DONATIONS

Giving

Australian Mercy is a Public Benevolent Institution funded almost exclusively through donations. Donations to Australian Mercy from Australian taxpayers are tax-deductible in Australia. Donations to Australian Mercy can be made on our website, or by direct debit to:

Westpac Banking
Corporation Name:
Australian Mercy National Office
BSB: 033-039 Acct:153638

Bequests

You can create a perpetual legacy that will provide ongoing impact to the project, community or cause you care most about. Australian Mercy established 5 charitable gift funds many years ago for this very purpose. The five legacy investments are:

1. Australian Mercy Disaster Relief Charitable Gift
2. Australian Mercy Charitable Gift
3. Australian Mercy International Women's Charitable Gift
4. Australian Mercy 3 Diseases Charitable Gift
5. Australian Mercy Medical & Training Charitable Gift

Bequests can also be made to Australian Mercy in your Last Will and Testament through online provider WILLED.

Willed is a simple, affordable and convenient way of writing your Will and, of course, it is legally sound. If you wish to leave a legacy in this way, scan the QR code and choose Australian Mercy.

AUSTRALIAN MERCY

GOVERNANCE AND ACNC

AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION

Australian Mercy is a voluntary, not-for-profit, non-government company limited by guarantee, established to be, and to continue as, a charity. Australian Mercy is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission: Australian Mercy/ACNC

Australian Mercy is a Christian organisation that does not give preference based on nationality, sex, ethnicity, creed, or religion and is willing to cooperate with all governments and other non-government organisations for the common good of those in need. As required by law, however, our projects make a clear distinction between aid and development and non-aid and non-development such as welfare and religious activities.

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