

Your Donation – Guidelines

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Donations to Australian Mercy are very much appreciated and will be used to aid the project or appeal for which they were given.

Fundraising expenses will be deducted and then an administration fee (capped at 5%) deducted. The total remaining will be applied to the project/ appeal.

If there are excess funds raised surplus to the needs of a particular appeal, the board of Australian Mercy will apply the funds in one of the following ways:

1. The funds may be applied to an ongoing second phase project related to the first appeal. (e.g. excess funds raised for housing following a cyclone, could be applied to ongoing support for people affected by the cyclone once the immediate housing needs had been met)
2. Excess funds may be applied to the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) in order to quickly fund future emergency needs including deployment to the emergency situation.
3. If a project ceases to operate or is cancelled, the funds will be applied to a similar project of the same tax status, (tax-deductible or non-tax-deductible) in the same country as the original project for which the funds were donated. Where no alternative project exists in the same country, the board will look to disburse the funds to a similar project in another country. If no alternative project is available, the funds will be held in trust until the time when such a project is available or disbursed and deposited into the ERF or another one of our long-term trust funds where they will directly benefit projects.

Donors may request a report on the use of donated funds at the end of an appeal by contacting the Australian Mercy National Office info@australianmercy.org