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Thank you for partnering with mission overseas. Your generosity is impacting lives and livelihoods now and into the future through sanitation, agriculture and skills training, all in the name of Jesus.

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Recipe for success

Janine and Robert Donaldson

Greetings friends,

As Christmas draws near, we start to notice people sharing favourite baking recipes that make ideal gifts for friends and family. Shortbread, pudding, chocolate goodies and mince pies are among the most popular.

Each recipe has a list of ingredients and instructions on how to bake a delicious Christmas treat. If even one step is overlooked, the results could be a disastrous mess, or they could be a happy surprise.

In life there is one recipe book we follow that we know is tried and tested. It contains the instructions we need to live during this season, and every season we face. The Bible "is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, GNV).

This year has again had its challenges. In Australia, so many have suffered from COVID-19, the rising cost of living, and destructive floods throughout our nation. Overseas, people have also faced many challenges. Through it all, we thank God that you have faithfully followed his teaching, so that our teams have been able to reach out and "do every kind of good deed" and help our neighbours.

Salvation Army International Development (SAID) have worked diligently to serve their communities in our partner territories and bring the love of Jesus to everyone they meet. They don't have an exact recipe. They follow the teaching of the Bible which is reaping tangible benefits. One beneficiary, Mary, said, "Through The Salvation Army program we have been able to attain a stable income and I can now support my family, thank you."

We thank God for you and are grateful for the compassion, generosity, kindness and commitment you have shown to support SAID projects as they address the challenges faced by their communities.

God bless you

Janine and Robert Donaldson
Commissioners, The Salvation Army Australia



International development is the pursuit of a better world for all through the elimination of poverty, discrimination and injustice.

With your partnership, The Salvation Army International Development are ensuring that communities are healthy and safe; that individuals have sustainable livelihoods; that individuals, including children, are less vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, and have increased opportunity to realise their potential; and that communities are nurtured spiritually.

Heartfelt thanks

Dear friends,

Thank you for your dedication, commitment and collaboration in supporting Salvation Army International Development ministries.

Over the past year, together we have helped to transform the lives of thousands of people living in vulnerable communities overseas.

Men, women and children are living with hope because you reached out to share the love of Jesus with them.

It's been two years since I started in my role as Head of SAID. During that time, I have been blessed to hear the stories of precious lives who now have the skills and ability to support themselves and their families. More importantly, they are also living with purpose, hope and peace.

As a team we have considered which projects are now fulfilled and which new communities need support. It is inspiring to see the changes in people's lives as they take hold of the training, education and resources that have been made available to them through your generosity. Where a new project has started, entire villages are excited to welcome our teams and to step into the programs that are offered.

A major audit has helped us to address areas of compliance. We are very confident that SAID is well placed to reach out and help the most vulnerable in ways that meet our five values – integrity, compassion, respect, diversity and collaboration.

As you spend time reading the inspiring stories throughout the newsletter, I pray you will realise that you have played a significant role in the transformation people have experienced.

Through your generosity, girls and boys have been rescued from slavery and have freedom to grow and learn; families are able to grow their own food, and many have started their own small businesses; entire communities have access to safe, life-giving water and their health standards have been improved. People are no longer feeling marginalised and oppressed – they are living totally different lives!

My heartfelt thanks to you for your partnership in these and many more stories. You have responded to pain with love and joined together in mission to affirm the worth and capacity of all people. May God bless you,

Major Judith Soeters
Head of Salvation Army International Development



“If you want to change the future, then you are going to have to trouble the present.”

– William Booth

Plan for action

The sentiment of William Booth's statement (see left) still stands true today. To ensure our partnership with the communities we serve will continue to achieve long-term and lasting change, we regularly review what we have been doing.

Our International Development team have established a new Strategic Action Plan for the next three years. The plan has five Strategic Action Areas:

1. Delivering high quality programs in three key areas – livelihoods, health and child rights
2. Focusing on key geographic areas for community development
3. Strengthening governance and programmatic systems
4. Increasing financial support for overseas mission and community development of The Salvation Army
5. Engaging in The Salvation Army mission globally

“Do good and to share what you have with those in need.” Heb 13:16

This plan will help to ensure we are:

- Supporting effective programs
- Measuring impact and promoting continuous learning and improvement
- Continuing to develop strong partnerships in selected geographic zones and exploring new opportunities in the Pacific region
- Strengthening governance and program systems so that project outcomes can be maximised
- Developing stronger relationships with donors
- Upholding the evangelical mission of The Salvation Army

Importantly, each Action Area aligns with our vision to see a world restored by the love of Christ, living in dignity and filled with hope. They also uphold our values of integrity, compassion, respect, diversity and collaboration. Vulnerable communities in Africa, South Asia and South Pacific, and East Asia zones now have opportunities that were previously only a dream.

As this plan is implemented, our focus is to make sure we can have the greatest impact on children, women and men now and into the future.



The Salvation Army International Development focusses on three main categories – Livelihoods, Health and Child Rights. We’ve gathered some stories of hope and updates in each of these areas to encourage you and show the impact your generosity is having.



Livelihoods

When people are taught the skills to grow their own food, sew and mend clothes, care for livestock and make handmade goods, their lives are improved dramatically. They have increased nutrition, the knowledge and ability to apply their new skills, and often start their own business. The increased income empowers them, restores confidence and dignity, lifts them out of poverty, and provides a sustainable, secure future for themselves and their family. The Salvation Army is working hard to give entire communities the skills they need to improve their livelihoods.

Your donations providing people with food security

The Salvation Army in Malawi Territory is implementing the Karonga WASH and Food Security (KiWASH) Project. The KiWASH project is supported by the Australian Government, through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

Farmers are trained in conservation agricultural methods. They are given vegetable seeds and are taught the skills to plant, care for and harvest more from their gardens. Families have more food to eat, and their nutrition is higher, so they are healthier and happier. Excess produce can be sold to increase the family’s financial security. With the additional income, children can attend school to receive an education, and the cycle of poverty that they may have been in, is broken.

Forty-year-old Anna is a widow. She participated in the conservation agriculture project and life has not been the same since. Previously, Anna supported her two daughters and two grandchildren by travelling to the mountainside to produce charcoal. However, selling charcoal did not provide enough income to support her family.

Anna received Chinese cabbage and mustard seeds from the KiWASH project and established a backyard garden. Using the new methods she learned from The Salvation Army, and with support from the community Conservation Agriculture Committee and project staff, Anna was able to harvest enough to feed her family.

“My vegetables grew well to the extent that I had enough to eat and surplus to sell to people within the community. This gave me opportunity to stop going to the mountain to burn charcoal and focus on other productive things at my home. I now have time to support my family well,” explained a thankful Anna.

Selling vegetables has changed Anna’s life in unexpected ways.

Now she no longer has to travel long distances to source charcoal. She has more time to care for her family and is involved in her grandchildren’s education. The whole family have greater food security and are delighted in the changes they have experienced thanks to the generosity of SAID partners like you.

Additional livelihood projects aimed at sustainable agriculture and livestock production are also being conducted in Tanzania.

Savings groups changing lives

A Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) has been set up in Uganda to improve and stabilise the social and economic status of households to adequately meet the needs of children and young adults. Community meetings helped train people in 16 groups on the concepts of savings, loans, interest and welfare. Now 489 children are less vulnerable because their parents and carers have the tools they need to be able to save money and support their families.



Salvos Gifts

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give/salvos-gifts](https://salvationarmy.org.au/international-development/give/salvos-gifts)



Christmas Day Offering

4 WELLS IN TANZANIA

You can give the gift of life-saving water this Christmas. You’ll be helping prevent water-borne disease and bringing joy and hope to people living in vulnerable communities.

Your sacrificial gift given through your corps on Christmas Day will impact people, one life at a time, in the name of Jesus!

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Child rights

Protecting and nurturing children is critical in ensuring they can reach their full potential. The Salvation Army is building stronger and safer child protection systems in vulnerable communities. A solid support system including education, access to psychosocial support and family counselling services, the resettlement of children from residential care into a loving family environment, and empowering them to avoid trafficking and exploitation, are all programs offered in our partner territories overseas. Children are thriving and growing and have increased understanding of their rights and value.

You're supporting survivors of child trafficking

The Kwetu project in Tanzania is aimed at ending human trafficking. Together we are empowering survivors of trafficking to live independent, secure and meaningful lives, and also educating their communities to prevent trafficking. The project has developed strong partnerships with the Tanzanian government, social welfare, local leaders, law enforcers and non-government organisations.

One young girl, Elizabeth, was taken by a trafficking network. She was sent to Dar es Salaam to work as a maid but was rejected and abandoned by her employers and forced to live on the streets. Elizabeth was arrested by the police, and, while in custody, she was referred to The Salvation Army and identified as a child-trafficking case. Elizabeth was cared for and given emotional, social, and spiritual support and counselling, and helped to reunite with her family. She has since gone back to primary school.

The Kwetu team has taught Elizabeth, her family, community and local authorities about the consequences of child trafficking and methods to prevent it. Elizabeth's family has also been given material support and taught entrepreneurial skills, helping to give them economic stability and independence.

Dignity Pads project, Uganda

Many girls and caregivers in Uganda came to us and expressed their concern that without access to sanitary pads many girls were absent from school - up to four days at a time - due to monthly menstruation. Low school attendance led to poor performance in class, and often adolescent girls would stop going to school altogether.

Now women, girls, men and boys are being trained to make reusable sanitary pads. Participants are taught about menstruation and the importance of pads, as well as designing, cutting, joining, and storing them. The training normalises menstruation and the needs of girls. It also promotes gender equality through the engagement of husbands, fathers and brothers in supporting wives, daughters and sisters in the community.

In total, there were 400 community members participating - 116 males and 284 females. The project has been so successful that other communities have requested the same training.



Health

Practical expressions of Jesus' love are evident across our partner countries. One area we are seeing transformation in is in people's health. Borehole wells are being drilled and toilets installed. This, combined with teaching about the benefits of handwashing, living with HIV, and empowering women, is improving the health, sanitation, hygiene, safety and happiness of whole communities.

KIWASH project in Malawi

Drilling borehole wells is one way SAID - with your support - is helping to improve the health of communities overseas. Clean water is the foundation of a healthy community. In the developing world, women and children often walk kilometres every day to collect water that may be contaminated and carry disease. When a borehole well is drilled in their village, the whole community has access to a clean and consistent water supply.

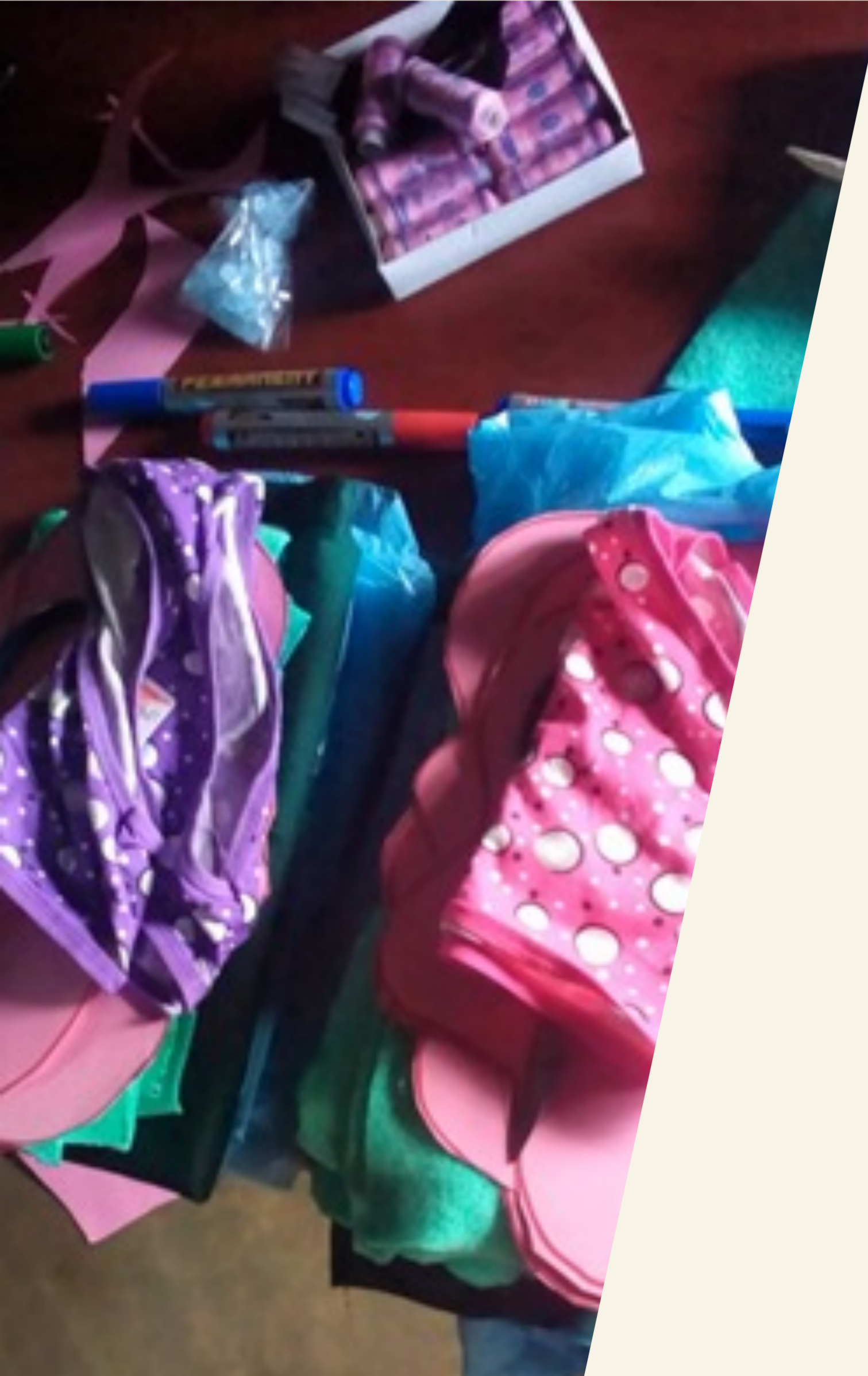
Children who have access to clean water are healthier, better protected from waterborne illnesses, have more time available so can attend school more often, and use their education to build a brighter future. Women also have much more time that they can devote to their families, or find external employment, and so increase the family income.

Through the KiWASH project in Malawi, wells drilled between September 2021 to March 2022, have impacted **2325 people in 465 households**. They now have access to safe drinking water. Local

community members have been trained in the maintenance of the borehole pumps. They have been empowered and are responsible to make sure each pump is in full working order.

Through SAID's support the KiWash project has also highlighted the importance of good sanitation and now **896 households have permanent toilets and 4454 have traditional pit latrines**. Our intensified hygiene and sanitation campaigns have taught people about the importance of washing their hands with soap. **Before the project, cholera and diarrhea were very common, but now, with fresh water, toilets and handwashing, there is no water related sickness in the catchment area of this project.** This is a huge testament to the generosity of our donors. Without you this would not be possible!

The KiWASH project recently completed a Disability Mapping Exercise to identify people living with a disability in the area and to find out what prevents them from participating in the project. We found that the major barriers are lack of information and negative community attitudes. The team will now use this feedback to better include people living with a disability in activities. We are also networking with other organisations in Malawi to explore how people with physical disabilities can access wheelchairs and other mobility devices to improve their participation in project activities.



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