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From the darkness and difficulty of the last few months, there have emerged new and inspiring possibilities.

All over the countries and in the programs where Caritas Australia works, resilience and innovation have allowed people to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with great hope. Your generosity goes far.

In Beirut, where our partner Caritas Lebanon is based, a tide of community support rose as quickly as disaster struck. Hundreds of young people from all over Lebanon, as well as Caritas staff, doctors and nurses worked 'hand in hand' to distribute emergency kits, clean the streets and tend to the sick in the face of August's terrible blast.

In South-East Asia, typhoon season swept across the region with devastating force. This included Typhoon Molave, which wreaked havoc across Vietnam and Super Typhoon Goni, which impacted a staggering 402,458 families across the Philippines, destroying or damaging essential infrastructure such as roads and schools before whipping through parts of Cambodia. With your support Caritas staff were on the ground in the Philippines and Cambodia with emergency first response supplies such as food, hygiene and sanitation support.

In Pope Francis' latest encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, he speaks of the way in which we are all deeply connected and must overcome the injustice of inequality together, "to provide for the global common good, the elimination of hunger and poverty and the sure defence of fundamental human rights."

That's the kind of vision which your support is enabling. Thank you for standing with the most vulnerable and working together with us towards a more just world.



With gratitude,

Kirsty Robertson

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Chief Executive Officer
Caritas Australia

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SOLIDARITY WITH CYCLONE VICTIMS

Through your support, Caritas Australia stands with communities across the Pacific, after the devastation caused by Cyclone Yasa. The strongest cyclone in years brought havoc and devastation, hitting Fiji with flooding and heavy rains. Your generosity enables us to partner with Caritas Fiji, channelling emergency relief to where it is most needed in the form of psycho-social support and initial food packages.

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CARITAS IN THE LOOP



ONE HUMAN FAMILY

In this era of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to work in partnership to create a society where we all see each other as members of the One Human Family. With the global poverty rate rising for the first time in 20 years (source: World Bank) we are still facing the 'global scandal of hunger and poverty.'

Thank you for being a light in dark places during these challenging times. On page five, we outline the ways that we are responding to the impacts of coronavirus with a renewed emphasis on education and preparation: through the distribution of hygiene kits and grassroots community efforts to socialise hand-washing and other good hygiene practices.

The Beirut explosion has also inspired creative solidarity in response to an urgent crisis and you can read more about how Lebanese-Australians have stepped up in support of their motherland on pages six and seven.



Participants in the Caritas Australia supported Healthy, Happy and Holistic Development program in the Solomon Islands are thriving through your support of life-enhancing programs. Photo: Caritas Australia

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD



(L to R) Christine Grima, CEO Kirsty Robertson, Jack De Groot, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Wendy Hughes and Caritas Australia Chair Robert Fitzgerald, AM

The Caritas Australia Board, with inaugural chair Robert Fitzgerald, participated in a special blessing service leading our organisation into a new era.

The Board brings a cross-section of skills and experience which will strengthen Caritas Australia's ongoing commitment to transparency and good governance as well as its engagement with the Australian public.

"It is with great hope that I take on the role as chair, and I commit myself and our board to make even more of a positive impact for vulnerable people globally, in the certain belief that we can do so," Mr Fitzgerald said.

Give Monthly

Regular giving is the most effective way to ensure programs can make a lasting difference in people's lives.

[Learn more at caritas.org.au/neighbours](https://caritas.org.au/neighbours)





RAISING YOUR VOICE FOR MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES

HAVE YOUR SAY

Your messages of love and support are an inspiring example of your commitment to more than three million individuals who Caritas Australia helps annually. Here's what you wanted to tell us about why you give to this work.



Across South-East Asia, school students are equipped with an education so they can flourish and one day become self-sufficient. Photo: Caritas Internationalis.

God bless your work of empowering & helping not just women but families too.

Jenny Mercado

Thank you so much Jenny! Your generosity enables our work in education and livelihoods programs, which support vulnerable people to break out of the cycle of poverty.

-Caritas Australia

My heart goes to all the suffering women who are extremely courageous in the most awful circumstances. I am praying for you all.

Dianne Brennan

Dianne, your generous investment is helping to lift women out of poverty. This happens through education programs that improve their skills and empower them with self-sufficiency.

-Caritas Australia

May the results of our contributions be long lasting in their outcomes.

Michael J Howie

Thank you Michael! At Caritas, we know that when you help a woman out of poverty, her family, community and the society that she belongs to also benefit. Thank you for changing lives!

-Caritas Australia

God bless all of the helpers and the women they are helping to create better lives for themselves.

Noleen Walker

We are so grateful for your support Noleen. Our programs are only made possible because of the kindness of people like you. The women who we assist not only build brighter futures for themselves, but also for their children and communities!

-Caritas Australia

COVID-19 RESPONSE

UPDATES FROM SOLOMON ISLANDS, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND BANGLADESH

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



Lulu (middle) is pictured here with other women supporters of Caritas Australia's work in the diocese of Canberra-Goulburn.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where your support enables long-term development programs such as the rehabilitation of ex-combatants, COVID-19 has also brought new challenges.

Lulu Mitshabu is Caritas Australia's Africa Coordinator and a Congolese woman herself.

As someone who has been on the ground visiting programs in the DRC, here's what she had to say about programs that improve access to sanitation and hygiene practices such as mask wearing and improved access to water for hand-washing.

"I am inspired by the courage and strength that communities display. Despite all odds, they come together to find their own solutions to challenges around peace, protection and livelihoods opportunities, in order to improve their own and their family's future," Lulu says.

Thank you, Lulu, for all you do to empower marginalised communities, locally and abroad.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

In the Solomon Islands, COVID-19 has brought many challenges as well as new opportunities.

Thanks to your support, we have been working with our in-country partners to provide essential support in the form of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and Disaster Risk Reduction.

These measures respond to the increased severity and risk posed by cyclones and other natural weather events, on top of the pandemic.

Access to clean water as well as regular hand-washing is equipping villagers to



Villagers are building improved infrastructure through your support. Photo: Caritas Solomon Islands.

help fight COVID-19 and to increase their resilience against water-borne diseases.

BANGLADESH



Caritas Australia with its partners on the ground are practicing improved hygiene and safety measures in Rohingya refugee camps. Photo: Caritas Bangladesh.

In Bangladesh, the underlying uncertainty of life in the Rohingya refugee camps has been intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fewer than half of Bangladeshis have access to clean drinking water and one fifth of the population live on less than \$5 a day.

Here are some of the ways that your support is helping respond to needs on the ground:

- Emergency cash deposits for community members
- Improved hand-washing measures
- Use of masks and social distancing

"I am using sandals before going to the toilet, I wash my hands before taking food, I do not leave my shelter if not needed, I don't touch dirty things, I don't go if any sick person calls me. We need to keep three hands distance while talking to someone."

- Aashish*, 11, on COVID-19 measures he is practicing through advice from Caritas network staff.

*name changed to protect privacy.



SEE, HEAR AND ACT FOR PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

Spanning the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of Caritas Australia's supporters

in the name of justice and peace. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. This

year Project Compassion begins on Wednesday February 17: Ash Wednesday. Visit lent.caritas.org.au now!



SUPPORTER SURVEY 2021

We would love to hear from you! Go to caritas.org.au/survey to complete our Supporter Survey 2021. It only takes a few minutes. **Thank you for having your say!**



Blast survivor surveys the damage after her home is destroyed in the explosion. Photo: Caritas Lebanon.

LEBANESE AUSTRALIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY TO REBUILD THEIR MOTHERLAND

THE TIES THAT BIND

Ever since the devastating explosion which rocked Beirut on Tuesday August 4, 2020, an already precarious economy has been tossed into freefall and life in the city totally upended.

While sudden disasters aren't new to the city of Beirut, the severity of the explosion, which killed over 200 people and wounded over 5,000, brought the city to its knees.

In all of this, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a 'threat multiplier,' further extending Beirut's already over-stretched health system, short-staffed hospitals and long emergency waiting lists, with a new influx of patients injured by the explosion.

Through your support, the Caritas network is on the ground providing immediate emergency support and relief. Our partners, Caritas Lebanon and Catholic Relief Services, are implementing home visits for those wounded in the explosion, by doctors and nurses.

With its network of 750 youth volunteers, who come from all over Lebanon, in-country workers are tirelessly responding to needs on the ground, such as:

- Ongoing clean-up efforts
- Mental health consultations with blast survivors
- Assessment of shelter damage so that engineers can be involved in repair efforts
- Emergency cash assistance to renovate houses for those who cannot afford essential shelter as winter approaches



One of Caritas Lebanon's 750 youth volunteers steps up to give her energy and support to blast survivors in Beirut. Photo: Caritas Lebanon.

VOICES FROM THE FIELD

Maher said the sound of the explosion immediately brought back memories of the July 2006 war with Israel, still fresh in his mind. Maher is still in awe for having survived the blast: *"Thank God I left the restaurant I was at and went outside to check what was happening after I heard the first explosion. Had I stayed inside I would have died no doubt"*.

"Despite the fact that the country is going through difficult times financially and economically, my business was doing well. But now what? I lost everything."

-Maher Metri, Beirut Blast survivor

Maher has little hope about restarting his hairdressing business and must start on the long journey to rebuilding his home.

"We really need your contributions. We were at the verge of collapse, and now our country is slowly dying," Maher says.

With his shop in ruins, Maher is still one of the lucky ones: he is fortunate to have his health and has hope that Lebanon can rebuild beyond this crisis.

Inspire hope for young men like Maher with a donation that can provide emergency cash to rebuild their lives from the ashes of destruction.

Donate at caritas.org.au/lebanon

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

JOSEPH KHOURY

Joseph Khoury is a Caritas Australia supporter who has truly gone 'above and beyond' in support of our emergency response in Beirut. By setting up a website where he gave away memorabilia and other items to the highest bidder, he is supporting essential rebuilding and recovery work in his beloved homeland. The proceeds of the sale of the memorabilia raised over \$7,000 dollars for Caritas Australia's Middle East Regional Appeal.

Here's some of what he had to say.

"Caritas Australia's response to the terrible event in Beirut means a lot because it shows that Australians care and are willing to give to others in hard times. That Aussie spirit is evident in the things we do here to help each other as a nation and as a people."

"The connection I have with Beirut is not simply because I'm of Lebanese heritage but because I have been there and witnessed first-hand its vibrant culture and colourful lifestyle that's so well-known across the globe as the 'jewel of the Middle East'."



The Sydney based Khoury family have come together with a sense of hope in their support of their beloved homeland, Lebanon.

"Through Caritas Australia's work, we can help the vulnerable people of Beirut who have been left with nothing in the wake of this terrible event. We Australians who live in this lucky country have the opportunity to provide financial support to those who don't have enough to get by. I believe we are blessed in Australia and have an obligation to give what we can to help the people of our beloved Lebanon."

Thanks Joseph for your incredible generosity in support of Caritas Australia!



Patriotic Lebanese father, Joseph Khoury, created his own fundraising campaign for Caritas Australia's response to the Beirut emergency. Photo: Joseph Khoury.

ANN-MARIE BOUMERHE

Ann-Marie is a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW and a loyal supporter of Caritas Australia. As a person of Lebanese descent, she is passionate about the place of the Lebanese community in Australia.

"The Lebanese diaspora is very powerful in its loyalty towards the motherland. When one triumphs, we triumph as a collective people and equally when one mourns, we all mourn together," Ann-Marie says.

Ann-Marie spoke of the significance of her Catholic faith during harrowing times like this.

"It's amazing that when in times of devastation and trials, the simple act of reciting the Lord's prayer in Arabic is enough to invoke an overwhelming sense of solidarity with the people of Beirut."

Ann-Marie also spoke of the importance of the work of Caritas Australia to provide immediate and long-term relief.

"Part of the healing process for me was the ability to feel like I have made a difference to the life of even just one fellow Lebanese brother or sister who has been directly impacted by the horrific blast," Ann-Marie says.

"Caritas Australia gave me that sense of community and this has truly helped me to heal."

Thank you Ann-Marie for your generosity and leadership at this difficult time!



Ann-Marie Bomerhe is a dedicated Lebanese-Australian Caritas Australia supporter. Photo: provided.



Maher Metri is a victim of the Beirut blast which killed over 200 people and wounded thousands more. Photo: Caritas Internationalis.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN MEN FIND HEALING

TOM POWELL LEADS THE WAY THROUGH RED DUST HEALING



"To instil resilience and to restore families, that is what Red Dust is about for me. It's about restoring that family structure because it's been broken down, picked apart, through the model of oppression."

-Tom Powell, Founder Red Dust Healing.

Tom Powell, the Founder of Red Dust Healing, a cultural healing program developed from an Indigenous perspective, had already been working with a team of 'Deadly Dads' on the NSW South Coast before the bushfires last year. Tom is training local communities to facilitate their own workshops during widespread drought, economic instability and the impact of COVID-19.

"People are struggling with a lot of anxiety, fear and trauma. Trauma is like the smoke of the bushfire and so you can be affected by smoke inhalation but the real issue is dealing with it," Tom says. *"If you don't put out the fire the smoke will reappear. And the underlying factor to all that is dealing with people's rejection, with their abuse,*

neglect, abandonment, the domestic violence the grief and loss."

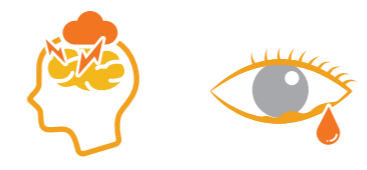
Through your support, Tom's groundbreaking program has reached thousands of people since Caritas Australia started partnering with him in 2011.

Recognising the need for an initiative based on traditional healing practices, Tom has conducted cultural healing workshops with over 17,000 people in Australia and overseas.

"I believe if the problem lies in the community so too does the answer. If you train up local people, who better than to be delivering this than those that come from there or are living there," Tom concludes.

The Red Dust Healing program covers:

- Suicide prevention and support;
- Indigenous history and the impacts of colonialism;
- Education and employment;
- Housing issues, meetings and community contribution;
- Drug and alcohol abuse;
- Family violence, grievance and loss;
- Stress and mental health issues;



promote justice and support communities as they build their own futures."

Together with our First Australian Partners, Caritas Australia has developed an exciting new strategy for the coming years. We will focus on continuing to build strong, two-way partnerships that fosters learning and exchange between Caritas Australia and First Australian-led organisations.

We welcome Stephanie Lalor as the newly-appointed Manager of First Australians Program. Her passion for her work is what enables her to work alongside First Australian partners and communities with a focus on supporting First-Australian led solutions.

"I have had the privilege of working alongside many committed, dedicated and inspiring individuals and groups, keen to



Stephanie Lalor (far left) pictured with Caroline Preston, CEO Kirsty Robertson and Patrice Moriarty at a first Australian programs event this year. Photo: Caritas Australia.

You can help programs like this by becoming a Caritas Neighbour. Visit caritas.org.au/neighbours to learn more.



REBUILDING AFTER A TYPHOON

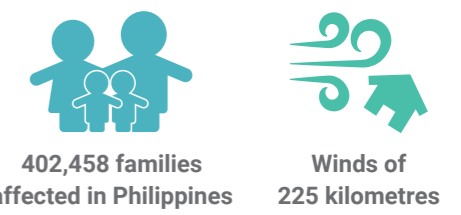
PHILIPPINES



Your support enables our partners on the ground to distribute emergency food and medical supplies as typhoon season continues to unfold across South East Asia. Photo: NASSA/Caritas Philippines.

In the Philippines, a country prone to intense weather events, typhoon season is devastating entire communities. Super Typhoon Goni, the most powerful storm of 2020, whipped across the eastern Philippines with tremendous force, destroying or damaging houses and villages across the country.

A staggering 402,458 families were affected across the Philippines, with the powerful winds of 225 kilometres destroying infrastructure in five regions and across 183 municipalities.



This came just a week after Typhoon Molave killed over 100 people when it arrived in Vietnam, and days after Typhoon Quinta also made landfall on October 27.

Cambodia also experienced heavy flooding in late 2020, impacting over 100,000 families.



Amongst the most vulnerable are the Manide Indigenous people who live in Camarines Norte, a province located in the Bicol Region of Luzon, Philippines.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Caritas Australia's partners on the ground, including the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc (SPACFI), NASSA/Caritas Philippines and Caritas Caceres, have pre-positioned food packs ready for distribution to the most affected parishes. Hot meals, rice, noodles and canned goods have been provided to communities across the Philippines.

Looking to the future, Fr. Antonio Labiao, Executive Director of Caritas partner, NASSA, says that one of the most immediate priorities is rebuilding or repairing homes for thousands of families.

"The program includes shelter and livelihood projects," Fr. Labiao said.

Your support of the Caritas Australia Asia Regional Appeal allows us to stand with communities before, during and after emergencies. Visit caritas.org.au/asia to find out more.

The impact of Typhoon season on the Manide people

Through your support, we are working with the Manide community, an Indigenous minority who live in Camarines Norte, a province located in the Bicol Region of Luzon. Your support enables the Manide and other vulnerable communities to access education programs, health care and government services, as well as to increase their employment opportunities.

Ate Piday, Program Officer for the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc (SPACFI) says that the storm season has flattened many homes in the Manide community, destroying crops and farm buildings for housing animals.

"People are in need of temporary shelters, they also need clean water, food, kitchenware and hygiene kits" says Ate. "They don't have any functional power and communications. The Manide and other vulnerable families are appealing for support and assistance from the good people of Australia."



Caritas Australia's partners on the ground are distributing emergency food and medical supplies as typhoon season continues to unfold across South East Asia. Photo: NASSA/Caritas Philippines.

OUR COMMUNITY

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STEP UP FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

Benjamin Woolf is a student of social work at the University of Western Sydney and a passionate supporter and advocate for the work of Caritas Australia.

After serving as a youth ministry coordinator at All Saints Catholic Parish in Liverpool, Western Sydney, Ben joined Caritas Australia as a Youth Engagement volunteer.

"I support the work of Caritas Australia because I desire a world where we come together as one church, one family, one faith to show love as Jesus showed us," Ben says.

Ben puts his faith into action by promoting Caritas to his university friends at stalls during O-Week and through the parish network at All Saints

Liverpool who gives generously to Project Compassion.

He believes that we are all deeply connected to each other and can make the world a more just place, especially for the marginalised.

"We are one human family because we were created in God's image, each with our own unique qualities, and the dignity which is found in each of us originates from God himself," Ben says.

Scripture says that 'good news is like cold water to a weary soul,' (Proverbs 25:25), so thank you Ben for sharing the inspiring news of community-empowerment all over the world!

Benjamin Woolf, Caritas Australia Youth Engagement Volunteer, is putting his 'compassion into action' by celebrating the work of Caritas in his community. Photo: Caritas Australia.



ST PAUL'S PUT 'PEDAL TO THE METAL' FOR THOSE IN GREATEST NEED

In September 2020, the staff of St Paul's Primary School in Darwin, along with students, parents and friends joined together for the annual Caritas K's bike ride.

For Religious Education Coordinator Rochelle De-La-Mare, this event was an

opportunity for the students at St Paul's to reflect on the plight of others.

"As well as donating the money, it is an opportunity for students to stop and think about the millions of people across the world who everyday have to travel many kilometres to fetch water, obtain

food, get to school or markets, or simply to survive."

Thank you St Paul's student body for all that you do in support of the most vulnerable people in the world.



Photo: St Paul's Primary School, Darwin.

ART AND JUSTICE COME TOGETHER IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The 2020 Angelico Art Exhibition went online this year as a 3D virtual tour for family and friends of Western Australia's Catholic primary and secondary schools. This exhibition recognises outstanding creativity and we congratulate Athena who won the Caritas Australia Trophy for "the value of intangible memories."

Paul Reid, Caritas Australia's Social and Ecological Justice Animator for WA & SA, announced the award and it was presented by Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia. *"Athena's artwork was an incredibly creative piece that really encapsulated the 2020 'Go Further Together' theme,"* says Paul Reid.

Thank you Athena for your extraordinary leadership and commitment to social justice!



Caption: Athena's artwork is a shining example of social justice in Western Australia. Photo: Paul Reid, Caritas Australia.

CONNECTED TO HIS PAST AND BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

11-year-old Brooklyn, ran a raffle fundraiser for Caritas Australia as a part of his Citizen Award Project at Darling Range Sports College in Western Australia. The Citizen Award encourages students to protect the environment and be active in the community. The Award is given to an upstanding citizen who serves the wider community with his life. Brooklyn kicked his goal of \$300 'out of the park', raffling away a bag of treats (pictured) to the highest bidder and donating \$830 to Caritas Australia's work with poor communities globally.

For Brooklyn and his family, a sense of heritage and purpose is one of the main reasons for his unique connection to Caritas Australia.

"My mum's family is from Cambodia,

I have been there with her and I am inspired by the work Caritas Australia does in helping kids have enough food and education," Brooklyn says.

"I wanted to give other kids the same privileges as me, like being able to go to the kitchen and drink water."

Brooklyn's mum, Gemma, described the way that his heritage affected his understanding of social justice. *"We have so many people in our community from a refugee background. Brooklyn's Cambodian heritage a point of pride. In this project, he reflected on his family life, where he stands as a person and where he stands as a citizen."*

Incredible effort, Brooklyn! Thank you for drawing on your heritage to educate and empower others facing dire poverty.



11-year-old Brooklyn's Cambodian heritage has inspired his connection to Caritas Australia's work across South-East Asia. Photo: Gemma Teale.



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- \$27 a month** could give women access to training in new techniques and organic farming practices.
- \$51 a month** could provide seeds for families in the Democratic Republic of Congo to start sustainable farming activities.
- \$100 a month** could train midwives and provide the equipment needed to assist women and babies in Bangladesh.

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