

This woman is part of the community receiving assistance through ACCI supported project COME Uganda.

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Cambodia: supporting Children in Families



New Projects

The original design of 'family' is to be a safe, loving and positive environment for children to grow up in.

This theory underlies the work of new ACCI project partners, 'Children in Families', based in Cambodia. This project believes in helping children who are unable to live with their birth parent by facilitating long-term care within the structure of a local, healthy family unit.

Reasons that children can no longer reside with their own family include abandonment, being orphaned, and risk of trafficking or abuse.

The Children in Families model provides a proactive response to the needs of children at risk by positioning them in a secure family environment.

Through this ACCI supported project, foster families are assisted with education, training and on-going support to cater to the individual

needs of children.

Rather than relying on institutions that may remove children from local community and culture, this model gives children the opportunity to thrive where they truly belong.

Australian individuals and churches have the opportunity to support this project through the following avenues:

- Sponsorship of \$38 per month can empower a care-giving family for a whole year.
- A donation of as little as \$25 can go towards one child's medical support.
- Project support is an option for churches with a generous budget, which brings great benefit to multiple families.

You can email info@acci.org.au to start supporting Children in Families.

above: Cambodian families are being equipped to provide long-term care and support to children in need through the project 'Children in Families'.

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PSALM 68:5-6
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above: One of the Hospital CELPA entrances, based in Eastern Congo. Photo courtesy of Mitchell Varlow.

Democratic Republic of Congo: Helping Hospital CELPA

Community Development

Nabintu was born with a deformed hand in a village where she had no access to medical help.

She is now 15 years old, and has lived all her life in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In a country like the DRC, disability can impact one's ability to earn a living and dramatically reduce the quality (and often duration) of life. In these circumstances even if medical attention was to become available it is hardly affordable.

However, at Hospital CELPA, subsidised surgery was able to correct Nabintu's hand giving her greater mobility and function. The total cost to change Nabintu's life was only AU\$160.

ACCIR is excited to welcome aboard a new project partnership with Hospital CELPA. This relationship is helping to connect local Australian churches with the hospital to address poverty, facilitate affordable healthcare

and enable further training and skills for locals.

The partnership has been born out of the experiences of a few Australians from a local ACC church. In their travels throughout DRC, they met the Hospital CELPA staff and saw their desire to provide a more effective service, and also saw the great need within the local community.

This ignited a passion in the Australian visitors to serve the community in the DRC, not just during their visit, but through a long-term partnership that would link their home church to this hospital and community.

The impact of basic healthcare, as well as the availability of more advanced medical treatment, has had a dramatic impact on the community and individual lives, as Nabintu's experience shows us.

In 2011, Australia was placed in top 3 most prosperous countries in the Human Development Index (HDI), while the DRC is in the bottom 3 (UNDP HDI, 2011).

The country has experienced a tumultuous history of colonization, clanship rivalry and civil war. Major health concerns remain today, particularly related to disability and maternal health (UNDP HDI, 2011).

Support from Australian churches will continue to strengthen the capacity of the CELPA hospital by providing better access to affordable primary health services, improving the quality of service and providing training for the medical staff. The project aims to improve basic health conditions of the people in Eastern Congo (South Kivu) and increase their use of primary health care services.

If one church in Australia can empower an entire community by resourcing a hospital, how much more can the church body achieve as we work together to heal the sick, feed the hungry and transform lives by our generosity.

We have so much to give (and coincidentally gain) through our love, finances, prayer and heart for others.



Laos: Clean Water in the Wake of Floods

Disaster Relief

Central and southern Laos has just suffered a period of extreme flooding, with World Vision estimating approximately 250,000 people affected.

ACC International Relief has field workers in Laos, permanently based in a region that was badly affected - many houses were flooded and rice crops damaged.

“The biggest issue facing people here has been a lack of access to clean water, as village wells have been flooded, and latrines are overflowing. Many people in this region have lost access to water sources altogether,” explain ACC IR workers.

In response, ACC International Relief has provided finance to support essential services to families throughout the region. This support has contributed to the provision of 100 water filters, giving clean water access to approximately 600 people.

“One elderly man told us that he had never before seen this level of flooding” report ACCIR field workers.

“The worst affected village that we assisted is normally about 40 minutes away, but since the flooding it has taken us approximately 3 hours each way - 2 hours via vehicle and an additional 1 hour by boat.”

“We were also able to support World Vision’s flood relief and project efforts with an additional 3000 filters across three provinces in southern Laos.”

In some of these villages, the only water supply had been through the local river, which is usually very dirty, especially during periods of flood.

The water filters supplied were used to effectively treat the stream water and the villagers have reported that whereas the water was previously dirty, now their water is very clean. They are very happy with the results.

above: ACCIR field workers have been able to deliver over 3,000 water filters across 3 provinces in Southern Laos.

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Laos Project Support

If you or your church would like to contribute to the ongoing development work in Laos, please consider making a donation.

Project activities have been reaching an increased number of people - over 9,500 to date. Hygiene training and education are run in conjunction with the provision of water filters, and are proving to be highly effective at transforming the health of local communities.

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Our focus is to:

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Support – We provide pastoral care and support structures for our field workers in their country of service.

Synergy – ACC IM endeavours to work in synergy with the local church to help them effectively be a world changing church.

If you would like to get involved or find out further information on any of our initiatives, we would love to hear from you! Just give us a call, or email info@acci.org.au



ACC International Relief is the Aid and Development arm of the Australian Christian Churches. Our core activities are:

Child Sponsorship – Providing sponsorship to children in need with food, healthcare, education and other necessities.

Community Development – We believe in addressing the issues of poverty and injustice, and offer projects that bring change to entire communities.

Disaster Relief – We provide immediate support in the wake of natural disasters, both in Australia and abroad in developing countries.

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