



MERCY WORKS

Walking Together.
Changing Lives.



"The rainbow serpent coming around its community to protect and guide our ancestors on a bright path" is printed with permission by Ashleigh Warrington, a Wiradjuri woman and mum at the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation Mums and Bubs group, supported by Mercy Works.

We pay our respects to the Dharug People whose lands Mercy Works stands. This was, is and always will be Aboriginal land.

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WHO ARE WE?

- Mercy Works is the **development arm** of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea.
- Our **mission** is inspired by Catherine McAuley's vision of change for the poor and disadvantaged.
- Our head office is in Sydney, with locations across Australia & Papua New Guinea.
- We receive no government funding. We are financed by donations from Sisters of Mercy, charitable trusts and foundations, corporates, schools, community groups, and individuals.
- We are a **registered charity** and a member of ACFID (Australian Council for International Development).

OUR VISION

Walking Together. Changing Lives. We partner with the most vulnerable to develop opportunity, dignity and self-reliance.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Kiunga
West Papuan Refugees

- Food security
- Income generation
- Water sanitation & hygiene
- Early childhood education
- Capacity building

Simbu Highlands

- Life and technical skills training
- Community self-help groups
- Savings and loans program
- Livelihood and capacity building
- Issues awareness via radio
- Prisoner & family support

TIMOR-LESTE

Maucatar, Cova Lima

- Mobile health clinic to remote villages
- Clean water - water tanks
- Income generation
- Self help groups
- Capacity building

THE PHILIPPINES

Bicol Region

Healing & Empowerment of Women & Children through:

- Personalised interventions,
- Livelihood opportunities and
- Strengthened community support.

AUSTRALIA

Refugees & Asylum Seekers

- **Mercy Connect**
NSW, VIC, and WA
Learning support for students and adults.
- **MPOWER**
Western Sydney, NSW
Mentoring Sudanese youth transitioning to tertiary ed.
- **Romero Centre**
Brisbane, QLD
Skills and employment training

AUSTRALIA

Indigenous

- **Staying Strong and Deadly**
Mt. Druitt, NSW.
Mums and Bubs Group
Baabayn Aboriginal Corp.
- **Jtunga Wattjara**
(Family Together)
Adelaide, SA
Pre and post prison release support for Indigenous women.
First Nations advocacy for women at risk of losing their children to Child Protection.
- **Yaanyjii Ngalan**
(Walking Together)
Bowraville, NSW
St Mary's Primary School
Indigenous mentorship and cultural connection.
- **Nellei Jerring**
(Join and Unite).
West Melbourne and Western VIC
Koori Youth Leadership
Western Bulldogs Community Foundation

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please help the most vulnerable to break the cycle of poverty. Raise Funds. Volunteer. [DONATE NOW.](#)

WHAT WE DO?

We support vulnerable people and their communities to transform their futures through sustainable development projects in Australia, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, and Timor-Leste.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

KIUNGA - West Papuan refugees in remote villages.

Food Security

- Promote new farming techniques and access to farm inputs to increase crop production.

Income Generation

- Skills training and access to start-up capital to improve capacities to engage in livelihood activities.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene

- Increase access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation information and facilities in vulnerable communities.

Early Childhood Learning

- Informal education for children aged 3-6 years.

Support & Capacity Building

- Capacity building for leaders to improve community governance and mobilisation.

SIMBU Highlands

Skills Training in Small Enterprise Development

- Training includes financial management, small business management and marketing.

Technical Skills Training

- Training includes animal husbandry, good farming practices, downstream processing, food technology/safe food preservation, baking, cooking and sewing.

Crop Production

- Agricultural production, income generating activities and establishing/linking rural/urban markets.

Awareness Raising

- Awareness raising activities on issues that matter to the communities through pre-recorded messages played on the radio or during community meetings.

Barawagi Prison

- Regular visits and skills training of prisoners to aid rehabilitation.

THE PHILIPPINES

Healing and Empowerment of Women and Children, Bicol.

- Healing, resiliency and empowerment of 135 survivors and individuals at risk of gender-based violence (GBV).
- Sustainable livelihood training and livelihood support through skills training, vocational support and small capital grants to start businesses.
- Increased GBV and strengthened GBV response (i.e. identify, respond and provide immediate help to victims) in four communities through 45 trained local advocates.

TIMOR-LESTE

Health and Women Empowerment Program, Maucatar.

- Community-based health care in remote villages including rapid lab tests.
- Nutrition, communicable diseases (e.g. STDs, HIV, AIDS) and hygiene education.
- Monitoring and support for severely malnourished children (<5 years of age).
- Installation of water tanks in two schools to improve hygiene and sanitation.
- Skills training to enable economic development.
- Establishment of self-help groups to support women engaged in income generating activities.

AUSTRALIA

Mercy Connect Program - NSW, VIC & WA.

- Academic support of asylum seeker & refugee school students and adult literacy classes.

MPower - Western Sydney, NSW.

- Mentorship program for young Sudanese men and women forging pathways to tertiary education and meaningful employment.

Romero Centre - Gateways to Employment, Brisbane, QLD.

- Aims to increase social inclusion and access to employment for asylum seekers & refugees. Special emphasis on women.
- Peer mentoring by bilingual/bicultural tutors who have lived experience of seeking asylum.

Staying Strong & Deadly- Baabayn Aboriginal Corp., Mt. Druitt, NSW.

- Funding childcare worker who leads the Indigenous young Mums and Bubs group.
- Supports 40, three-hour weekly sessions in Early Education and Care for 10-20 children and mums.
- Improves mental health, self-confidence and connections.

Jtunga Wattyjarra (Family Together), Adelaide, SA.

- Pre and post prison-release outreach program for Aboriginal women. Rehabilitation and reconnection to family and community.
- Provides support and advice to Aboriginal women who may be at risk of having their baby removed by Child Protection Authorities.
- Advocates with the Department of Child Protection for prioritising placement of Indigenous children with kin where possible.

Yaanyji Ngalan - (Walking Together), Bowraville, NSW.

- Strengthening Indigenous relationship with the Gumbaynggirr community at St Mary's Primary School.
- Building a fire pit in the school's meeting place for Indigenous families.

Nellei Jerring - Join & Unite, West Melbourne and Western VIC.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth program (12-15 year olds). Engages, educates and empowers young participants through connection to community, culture, self identity and leadership.
- 15 schools involved in excursions, elder engagement, Aboriginal speakers and Sport and Life Training over 10 weeks.
- Partnering with the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation.