



AUSTRALIAN AID INTERNATIONAL



# Australian Aid International Ltd

## Annual Report 2009

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## **Mission**

The mission of Australian Aid International (AAI) is to mitigate the double burden of poverty and poor access to quality health care in regions where the health systems have either collapsed or are in crisis through the provision of emergency medical care, general and public health services and humanitarian assistance programs.

AAI's goal is for this right to be realised in some of the most remote and dangerous regions in the world where underserved and vulnerable populations may not ordinarily enjoy assistance from governments or other international organisations.

## **CEO's Report**

2009 has been another successful year for AAI in the delivery of international medical relief and humanitarian programs to the underserved in need of assistance as a result of natural disasters and complex emergencies.

This year saw the second anniversary of the highly successful partnership with Oilex Ltd in the implementation of its medical outreach program on Atauro Island in Timor- Leste. This program has now been paused and AAI is currently looking to reinvigorate this program in conjunction with the Ministry of Health. The Thai-Burma border region also gained focus with the conduct of the war trauma surgery courses to Karen medics some held in highly dangerous however, necessary locations.

The strength of AAI in both providing and maintaining such an effective capability has and will always be the commitment and energy of its staff, volunteers and supporters. Quality people are the medium through which AAI delivers the highest level of humanitarian assistance and programming and it is very privileged to engage some the best and most experienced people in the sector.

The AAI management team forms the backbone of its current organisational structure and drives its most significant initiatives. Its volunteers, both local and international, bring with them a unique set of skills and competencies and a common desire to "make a difference" to the less fortunate. AAI's valuable work would, of course, not be possible without the generosity and support of its donors (organisational, individual and corporate) and also its Advisory Board who play both an active and representational role.

2009 also saw the further enhancement of AAI's professionalism in the NGO sector with the and the conduct of a number of training programs and in particular the successful Disaster Risk Reduction program on behalf of AusAid and the Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network . AAI will build on these achievements during 2010.

AAI's strives to become recognised internationally as a humanitarian leader with a reputation for providing relief and assistance well outside the scope and capability of similar organisations and to effectively complement and augment the international humanitarian community in the delivery of outcomes anywhere in the world.

Thank you all once again for your support during 2009 and your continued commitment to the humanitarian imperative.

Marc Preston  
CEO

## Global Programs

During Jun 2008 – Jul 2009 AAI continued to implement longer term programs in Indonesia, Timor-Leste and on the Thai-Burma Border. In terms of international disasters AAI were very fortunate during this period as there were no disasters of significance that required an emergency response from AAI.

### Timor-Leste

AAI's long term association with Oilex LTD in corporate social responsibility in Timor-Leste providing long term rural healthcare projects in some of the most remote areas of the country was completed this year. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) AAI support the District Health Services (DHS) in the provision healthcare to remote communities would have the most positive impact on decreasing mortality and morbidity and reducing the strain on the already struggling and under-resourced healthcare system.



*AAI staff providing outreach mobile medical healthcare services and health education to remote communities on Atauro Island*

AAI provided community and primary healthcare to the people on Atauro Island. By providing basic health services, AAI ensured that those members in the community with preventable health problems were treated early on in the disease process and thus reduce the number of seriously ill and referable patients who otherwise end up in the already struggling healthcare service of the in Timor-Leste.

Although funding from AAI's major sponsor has finished this year AAI still have a 5 year healthcare project to plan for Atauro Island. The goal of this project is to support and strengthen the DHS in filling gaps in healthcare provision and promoting a healthy environment through health promotion activities. AAI promotes a social justice approach to healthcare by assisting with a sustainable health service and capacity building of local healthcare professionals. It is AAI's aim that these healthcare professionals will be able to meet the health needs of the population and fill gaps in healthcare services without the need of further international assistance in the future. Since the completion of funding AAI have been in negotiations with the Timor-Leste Ministry of Health for continued funding of the project to ensure that AAI's project plan can be completed.

AAI also completed a number of safe water purification projects to remote communities in Timor-Leste where an absence of safe drinking water was having detrimental affects on the health of the communities. This projects where completed on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme, the SkyJuice Foundation, and various private donors..



*Safe water purification projects in remote communities in Timor-Leste*

At the request of the Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network(ADRRN) [www.adrrn.net](http://www.adrrn.net), in collaboration of AusAID, AAI conducted a Disaster Risk Reduction Workshop for Timorese Government officials, local and international NGO's in Dili. The workshop was facilitated by Dom Bowen, AAI's Information and Security Manager.



*Workshop facilitator, Dom Bowen, AAI's Information and Security Manager and successful course participants*

## **Thai-Burma Border**

AAI continued to work on the Thai-Burma Border implementing the Landmine Surgical Trauma Course to Burmese medics within Thailand. AAI have been a long term contributor to the course and provide training management and medical expertise in partnership with the Global Health Access Program (GHAP). The Trauma Management Training Courses (TMTC) was conducted in various locations along the Thailand-Burma Border in February this year in consultation with the Karen Department of Health and Welfare (KDHW), and in partnership with the GHAP organization.



*AAI Medical volunteer providing training to Karen Medics on the TMTC*

The TMTC commenced in 2002 with the aim of training medical teams who could quickly get to the site of injured victims, resuscitate them and perform life saving procedures before transporting the patient to a referral clinic for further treatment and care. Since the inception of the medical professionals have conducted medical training through theoretical lessons, role-playing, practical workshops, simulation models and surgical labs.

Recent statistical analysis from the GHAP organisation and the KDHW indicates that of the victims who are alive when the trauma medics arrive, there is a 90 percent survival rate for land mine victims and an 82 percent survival rate for gun-shot victims.

## **Indonesia**

In Indonesia AAI have been focusing on project planning in areas of water and sanitation, livelihoods and Disaster Risk Reduction. AAI are also continually improving our emergency response capabilities for our Indonesia program. Our Java office remains the regional headquarters for AAI and is integral for emergency responses within South-East Asia region.

## **Advisory Board**

Francis Galbally  
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Michael Hyde

## **Directors**

### **Chief Executive Officer.**

Marc Preston, is a qualified lawyer with over 20 years commercial experience as both a legal practitioner and businessman. He is also a consultant in Crisis Leadership and Disaster Management and has assisted government instrumentalities and corporations in implementing crisis management strategies. Marc has travelled extensively throughout the Asia and Asian Pacific regions and has been involved in many of the major humanitarian emergencies of this decade.

### **Director of Operations.**

Frank Tyler, has been involved in humanitarian aid for over 18 years in numerous disaster and conflict zones around the world including the Middle East, Balkans, Africa, Asia and South East Asia. His experience ranges from emergency relief to post conflict development in both natural and manmade disasters, specialising in health programs to underserved communities. He is well known for establishing successful relief programs in some of the most remote and dangerous regions in the world.

Frank has a Masters of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Bachelor of Health Science, Nursing, Certificates in Aviation, Underwater Medicine, Training, and Assessment, a Diploma in Building Surveying and various diplomas' and certificates in project and operational management.

### **Director**

Michael Carr is a partner with Mason Sier Turnbull, Lawyers and conducts a broad commercial practice with a focus on advising on major sale and purchase of land and business transactions for public and large private corporate. He has acted on behalf of clients in relation to Initial Public Offerings and capital raisings generally.

## **Management**

### **Executive Director**

Marina Tyler, has a Masters degree in Forced Migration, Asylum and Refugees and a post graduate degree in International Social Development. Marina is a full time public servant working in refugee settlement. She also has a long history in volunteering with Australian community based organisations. Internationally, Marina has worked with a number of NGOs. Marina has worked with the Kosovar refugees in Northern Albania and in Kosovar with the returnees. Marina has also spent a substantial amount of time post Tsunami as a manager in Banda Aceh, Indonesia with a medical aid organisation. She has also been involved with Burmese refugees on the Thai-Burma border and has worked in Thailand on a number of consultancies.

### **Global Medical Director**

Larry Stock MD, FACEP is an American Emergency Medicine Physician with many years of humanitarian aid experience. Dr Stock has extensive experience in teaching/training, leading/organising, and practicing Emergency Field Medicine, in man made and natural disasters. Dr Stock holds a number of senior positions including Diplomat and Examiner on the American Board of Emergency Medicine, Clinical Associate Professor at UCLA School of Medicine, Assistant Medical Director, Emergency Department at Antelope Valley Hospital and Attending Physician, Emergency Department, Harbor UCLA Medical Centre. Larry's extensive International Emergency Medicine experience includes operations in; Bosnia, Albania, Kosovo, Thai Burma Boarder, Liberia, Sri Lanka, Kashmir/Pakistan, and Burma.

### **Deputy Director of Operations**

James Judge, is a full time public servant with a Commonwealth Government Agency. James' relief experience includes advising as a Management Consultant in Indonesia after the Tsunami, Team Leader for AAI's Pakistan emergency mission, AAI's Country Manager for the Java Earthquake program and Country Representative for AAI in Timor-Leste.

### **International Security and Information Manager**

Dominic Bowen has a Masters Degree of International Security Studies, focussing particularly on human security in developing nations and conflict areas. He provides a clear and insightful perspective to AAI operations and has been instrumental in establishing strong links with various government and non government agencies. Whilst validating AAI's work in Kashmir in 2005, Dominic also provided important reportage to co-coordinating authorities within the region and overseas. In mid-2006 he was the Country Coordinator for AAI's Indonesian Operations whilst many rehabilitative and reconstruction projects were being undertaken. Since then Dominic has been involved in various humanitarian projects in Iraq, Thailand, Tonga, the Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste.

### **International Program Manager**

Nathan Mullins, is a security and training consultant and former police officer and provides security consulting in the Middle East. Nathan has deployed, as the Team Leader for AAI's Disaster Assessment and Response Team to many of AAI's international emergency response programs including; the Pakistan/Kashmir earthquake, Timor-Leste crisis and the Burma Cyclone. Nathan also works on the Thai-Burma Boarder in AAI's medical and educational projects and in Indonesia with AAI's reconstruction and Disaster Risk Reduction Project. As International Project Manager Nathan travels extensively between AAI's international operations and Australian Headquarters.

### **Public Relations Officer and Information Technician**

Paul Piaia, is a Project Manager for a web design company who has been part of AAI's Disaster Assessment and Response Teams to Pakistan and Timor-Leste. Paul was responsible for compiling village assessments, drawing maps of the area and assisting AAI's medical teams. Paul now volunteers his time in promotion and media liaison duties.

### **Statement of Financial Performance**

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### **Auditors Report**

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**Marc Preston**  
**CEO**

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