



From the desk of the Chairman

As 2018 draws to a close I want to quickly bring you up to date with what we are doing with funds raised by our Kerala Floods and Indonesia Disaster appeals.

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### **Kerala:**

In partnership with Disaster Aid Canada, and in conjunction with Rotary District 3211 in India, we are supplying family-size, Sawyer water filters to those in need of a safe water supply.

More than 300 filters and large buckets have been acquired in India and are in the course of being distributed to those in need under the local supervision of PDG Scaria Jose and DG E.K. Luke (Rotary District 3211).

The local agent of the supplier for such water filters, Sri Medha Technologies, has also been incredibly helpful and proactive in assisting us get the aid to Kerala.

Our Kerala appeal is now closed, and we thank everyone who



supported it.

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Palu, Indonesia:

After several weeks of face to face negotiations by our colleagues in Disaster Aid Australia with the Indonesian authorities, we were able to start a joint deployment to Palu to provide and install water filters, and distribute Family Survival Kits (FSK) and additional tents.

The FSKs and tents came from Disaster Aid Malaysia, and the water filters, this time SkyHydrants of various sizes, from Disaster Aid Australia and ourselves.

The first volunteers to form our Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) set out from Australia on November 23. After a two-day handover period, December 6 and 7, the UK DART volunteers continued the deployment by themselves. They are due to return home just before Christmas.

Further updates, with more details of the work being undertaken can be found on our website.

Our Indonesia Disaster appeal will close sometime soon but, again, we are grateful for the support received to date.

Robert