## ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD Rotary Donations in Kind



Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray VIC 3012

## Who receives the clothing donated?

Clothing is distributed as part of various Rotary club projects to many different parts of the world, based on established need. In the past 19 years, the Store has processed 35,000m<sup>3</sup> of donated goods and shipped 578 containers to 32 countries. Many of the containers contained clothing. DIK support 200+ Victorian Rotary clubs who select a project and raise the funds to support it. Any Rotary club can request material, supplied on the condition that will be given to someone in genuine need for free.



Club projects establish wish-lists for the goods they require, and DIK will endeavour to match. DIK volunteers sort the goods and match them to the wish-lists or pack and catalogue them as stock for future projects. In some cases, large quantities of the one item may be allocated to a specific project, but regularly items are mixed. Most of the developing countries supported do not need the total size range donated or have the same climatic conditions as Australia. Prepacked clothing is sorted by gender, age, size and climate. Clothing is usually shipped in pallet-loads, not individual items.

Australian company names on a jacket can sometimes become a fashion label overseas, or a monogram on a shirt can turn into branding for a local football team. The recipients enjoying the warmth and comfort of their new clothes in all seasons and are not concerned about any errors in specification or colour.

DIK cannot always record where exactly a specific clothing donation has been directed. However, they can guarantee that the items are sent to those communities in genuine need who greatly value the donor's kindness.

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