

Clean water reaches almost 150,000 in Vietnam, but more help is needed

Jesuit Mission Australia, in partnership with the Vietnam Province of the Society of Jesus, is providing safe, affordable drinking water and hope to thousands of vulnerable families in Central Vietnam.

For many communities in Central Vietnam, access to clean water is a daily struggle. Industrial pollution has contaminated the oceans, wiping out livelihoods in fishing communities, while poor agricultural practices have contaminated freshwater sources. As a result, families are forced to choose between purchasing expensive bottled water or risking their health by drinking unsafe water, leading to serious illnesses such as stomach ulcers, kidney disease, and even cancer.

Since 2020, Jesuit Mission has partnered with the Vietnamese Province to install Reverse Osmosis Ultraviolet (RO UV) clean water stations in villages throughout Central Vietnam. These high-tech filtration systems provide sustainable, long-term access to safe drinking water, maintained by local communities.

“Thanks to our generous supporters in Australia, the Vietnam Water Project has already provided clean water to over 149,000 people. However, with hundreds of thousands still at risk, the need for support remains urgent,” said Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission.

Without reliable access to clean water, entire generations of Central Vietnam families will remain trapped in a cycle of poverty.

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The impact of these water stations extends beyond just health benefits. In Quang Binh province, 66-year-old Lanh no longer spends half her income on bottled water, allowing her to afford essential food and medicine. While Lanh and her husband once earned a living as rice farmers, he is now unable to work due to illness. They had relied on whatever income their two adult children could send to support them until now.

For young mother Nga, the water station is more than just a source of clean water—it has become a place of connection and support, *“I love the community spirit and coming together to talk and share experiences with one another.”*

Jesuit Mission invites Australians to support this life-changing initiative. Donations to the Vietnam Water Project will provide safe water to those in need, ensuring a future where no family has to choose between drinking water and survival.

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Caption: Nga and her daughter in front of the new water station.



Caption: Nga and her daughter collecting clean, safe drinking water for their family.



Caption: Lanh with her water jugs, now paying just 5 cents for four days of clean water.

Supporting Links:

Vietnam Water Project Donation Page
<https://jesuitmission.org.au/vietnam-water>



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Jesuit Mission Australia works in over 10 countries across Asia and Africa to uphold the innate dignity of people living with the effects of poverty, especially the most marginalised and vulnerable. Funds from our supporters:

- Break cycles of poverty through teaching and education
- Protect the health of communities by providing medical care and programs that improve access to clean water and toilets
- Develop independent, sustainable communities through livelihood training and income-generating projects
- Provide vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion and advocacy
- Support refugees in crisis
- Enable effective disaster response and relief.