

## Australian Embassy helps Sister Joan with her milk run project



The Australian Embassy Bangkok recently provided funding for Sister Joan's milk run project. Sister Joan, a religious Sister from the Western Australian Congregation of Presentation Sisters, has been working in Bangkok's Klong Toey slum area since 1991. Her tireless efforts focus on helping community members with their basic needs through the provision of food, education and healthcare.

The funding of Baht 120,000, made available through the Australian Embassy Discretionary Fund, helped Sister Joan to supply milk formula for over 120 babies through her fortnightly milk run project.

"Without the supply of nutritious food for the babies in their very first year, it is difficult for them to grow up healthy both physically and mentally," said Sister Joan.

In the past the Australian Embassy has also provided funding to Sister Joan for her Education Project. This project helps to supply children with school uniforms, bags and books to assist them with receiving an education.

The Australian Embassy Discretionary Fund is part of Australia's overseas development assistance program. The emphasis of the program is on alleviating basic humanitarian hardship through small grants to community groups and NGO's engaged in development activities in Thailand on a not-for-profit basis. For information on the Fund, please visit [www.thailand.embassy.gov.au/bkok/DAP0708.html](http://www.thailand.embassy.gov.au/bkok/DAP0708.html)

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