



Cyclone Pam Fundraising Appeal for \$18,000

As the President of the Australian South Sea Islanders NSW State Alliance ('ASS/NSWSA') over the past few weeks we have been negotiating on behalf of our ASSI community to secure urgent support required by the devastated people of Vanuatu. As you all know, most islanders have lost everything due to the severe impact of cyclone Pam. These are the same islands from which our ancestors were from during the Blackbirding years. www.assipj.com.au

We have already acquired: \$648,000.00 in-kind support

1. Donated resources from disaster relief organizations (valued at \$600,000.00 – these are the items that are critical for people requiring food and shelter and include polly ropes, heavy duty tarpaulins, bagged rice, canned beans, tropical weight blankets, heavy duty industrial cloth, rolls insul bubble-100 for roofing, 20 ltr buckets, drinking water, rice collection bags, plastic reusable drinking cups, cotton sheets, pasta, plastic cutlery, Qantas crockery, new clothes, (tbc cabbage seeds, shovels, hammers, nails,).
2. Six shipping containers (six 40 foot hi cube containers) which have been offered without charge valued at \$48,000.00.

A final budget includes figures from Australia and Vanuatu ports where we urgently need to raise **\$AU18,000.00** for;

Local cartage of six containers prior to departure and post return. In Vanuatu we require dedicated manpower, storage, ground and water transport ensuring distribution and a quick turn around for the donated containers to get back to Australia without incurring layover or cleaning fees.

The Vanuatu Government Ministers of Climate Change, Lands/Resources and Customs are on board to assist with our plans to deliver resources by ship to the islands. Scand International shipping's project manager is also offering assistance to ensure all legalities and protocols are met in this process.

Where are we as of 20th March 2015

All six containers are confirmed, resources are in storage, relevant paperwork completed and the voyage dates are scheduled /available in the immediate.

Departure dates: 30/3/2015 and 15/4/15 and 24/4/15

We now need to raise the funds.



Partners:

ASSI community organisations and members, Overseas Disaster Resources (ODR, Alexandria), Adventist Clinics Group (Vanuatu), Neptune Shipping Co and Sydney Care.

Donations to date (confirmed):

Neptune Shipping Co – 6 x 40ft containers and Sea freight
Vanuatu Government – waived duty, taxes, fumigation fees
Overseas Disaster Resources – AU 600,000.00 resources/aide
Overseas Disaster Resources - 20 volunteer staff to fill containers
ASSI.PJ administration and community liaison/project management
Scand International shipping project manager
Container (example image which will be x 6)
<http://tasbulk.com.au/shipping-containers/40-ft-containers/8-products/12-tasbulk-40-ft-high-cube-container>

Payments can be made to the below bank account. In order to receive a receipt please email or post your deposit slip to the below contacts. Cheque's are also receivable via post.

Electronic transfers or cash deposits can be made to:

Name of Account:

Australian South Sea Islanders (Port Jackson) Pty Ltd

Name of Bank:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 062020 Account: 10251466

Overseas deposits SWIFT code: CTBAAU25

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Other fundraising options: original/authentic, significant works by artists, community leader and activists:

Shireen Malamoo © "Plantation Creek series"

As a descendant of Tongoa Vanuatu Shireen is reminiscent of the stoic people she met on her homelands in the 1970's who have lost virtually everything.

Shireen now 79 years was compelled to donate a series precious works that depict her memoirs of growing up in Ayr North Queensland which was home for many who were blackbirded from Vanuatu in the 1800's to work relentlessly on the sugar cane fields.

'My painting is melting pot for my spiritual estate ... the Aboriginal, the Kanak and the European. At the same time it sings up the women of my tribal ancestry. Their belief in culture and their ingenuity gave us the solid groundwork that allowed us to adapt to the European world without losing our self respect ... my paintings are a homage to them and to the men who supported them'. Malamoo continues, 'My art depicts the political and spiritual experiences of my life ... the figures are the spirit people of those who came before us ... they're invisible presences all around us but larger than life ... some from the past are of people in trauma; some like those in the community around here ... others are heroic, symbolic of courage and vision for Aboriginal and Vanuatu empowerment'. Malamoo was the fifth child in a family of 11 children. She was born in 1936 and lived in the town camp in the Birrigubba Lands of Plantation Creek in Ayr in Queensland.

- Purchase of donated artworks to Vanuatu appeal by Shireen Malamoo (pricing from \$3,000 upwards) three paintings and 1 is framed with glass – postage and handling are an addition to the donation.

Bio

<http://www.robertasykesfoundation.com/shireen-malamoo.html>

Example of other works:

<http://frame88.com.au/gallery88/?p=285>

Plantation
Creek 1



Plantation
Creek 2