

Member Engagement and Volunteer Activities for Church Groups

Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) is a proud for-purpose organisation with a vision to positively impact the lives of women, girls and newborns around the world.

BKFA's mission to enable a safe pregnancy and clean childbirth environments is achieved through the provision of basic medical supplies (birthing kits) and education programs for pregnant women in developing countries.

In partnership with over 19,000 Australian volunteers, our maternal and newborn health initiatives transform the lives of over 400,000 women and their babies each year.

The activity of fundraising and assembling birthing kits is a wonderful way to bring church members and the wider community together for a day of purpose and connection; working locally to deliver a global impact for vulnerable women and their babies.

BKFA's birthing kit program and community development initiatives in Uganda and Ethiopia focus on:

- Women's empowerment
- Women, girls and children
- Maternal and newborn health
- Education
- Enterprise (micro business)
- Innovation
- Sustainability

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Who are we?

BKFA is dedicated to providing a clean and safe birthing environment for women in developing countries with the goal of eliminating maternal and newborn death and disease at the time of birth. We do this by raising funds for birthing kits and allocating them to international field partners who distribute kits on our behalf to women in need.

What is the problem?

It is estimated that over 300,000 women and 2.5 million babies die annually in child birth, many from preventable infections. We assist women in the most challenging of situations – those who for reasons of isolation, cultural choice or lack of financial resources, are forced to give birth at home without adequate resources. By providing these women with the kit, they have the tools to give birth safely and reduce post-birth infection for themselves and their baby.

What is a birthing kit?

A kit contains six essential items endorsed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to use when a delivery occurs at home. Items include a plastic birthing sheet, soap, disposable gloves, a scalpel blade, string cords and gauze. All of this for \$5 – that's less than the cost of a cup of coffee!



BKFA has partnered with over 100,000 Australians to create and distribute 2 million clean birthing kits worldwide.

BKFA invites your community to join with us to deliver hope to vulnerable women.



| Ways to help | What is involved | Benefits for your congregation |
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| Pack Birthing Kits at your Church Hosting a kit making event within your Church offers a wonderful platform for members to come together and make a global impact, helping thousands of mothers and newborns in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. | Hands on-volunteering experience for 2-4 hours at your Church (dependent on the number of kits) Ideal activity before or after services or as a special community event to welcome new members All kit supplies, promotional materials, instructions and logistics are provided by BKFA | Community focused activity that brings people together Help attract new members All funds raised are tax deductible Supports global outreach BOOK AN EVENT |
| General Fundraising Raise funds on behalf of BKFA to support our kit distribution program and community development projects. BKFA is a registered charity and has multiple donation methods available to accept funds including credit card, EFT and PayPal. | Donate to BKFA to celebrate the birth of a new baby within your congregation. Raise funds to commemorate special days such as International Women's Day, World Health Day, International Day of charity etc. | Opportunity to engage Church members in fundraising for global initiatives Guest speakers are available (subject to availability) All funds donated are tax deductible DONATE TO BKFA |
| Legacy gifts (Bequest) to BKFA Invite your members to learn about BKFA's Bequest program | BKFA has an established Bequest program and an information pack for anyone interested in finding out more | FIND OUT MORE |
| Thank you for your interest | in supporting the work of BKFA. | To find out more please contact: |

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