



**Birthing Kit
Foundation**
Australia



Student Volunteering and Engagement Program

Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) is an Australian for purpose organisation dedicated to improving health outcomes for vulnerable women and babies around the world.

Through our birthing kit assembly program, BKFA offers a unique, hands-on volunteer experience for students and the opportunity for them to make a positive global impact.

Students will gain an understanding of the health challenges women in developing countries face when giving birth to their babies and the opportunity to reflect and act on behalf of those less fortunate.

Our kit-making program can link to learning themes such as:

- Maternal and Newborn Health
- Women's Education and Empowerment
- International Relations
- Community Development
- Health & Wellbeing
- Global Social Justice
- Civics/Humanities



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 our 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.

Since 2006, BKFA has partnered with over 100,000 Australians to create and distribute 2 million clean birthing kits worldwide.

Get your school involved – it's easy!

Type of Engagement:	What is involved:	Benefits to school:
<p>Fundraise & Pack Kits Student Volunteering Invite students and staff to fundraise and pack birthing kits for BKFA. Kit components are supplied in minimum quantities of 200 and kits are valued at \$5 each. Also presents an opportunity to connect with a local community group, e.g Rotary, Church etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School fundraising prior to the event, made easy via mycause online portal • Hands on-activity for 2+ hrs • BKFA provides all kit supplies, promotional materials, instructions and logistics and the engagement program which can be delivered by the teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community impact (local and global reach) • All funds raised over \$2 are tax deductible • Supports student learning, volunteering and school curriculum
<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a casual clothes day • Organise a bake sale • Donate proceeds from a school event • Fundraise to commemorate special days such as International Women's Day, World Health Day or International Day of Charity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to engage students and teachers in community fundraising • All funds donated over \$2 are tax deductible
<p>Workplace Giving Invite your teachers to learn more about BKFA's workplace giving program or promote BKFA as a charity of choice for your school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BKFA has an established workplace giving program including sign-up forms and an information pack • BKFA is registered with Good2Give, a trusted online provider for workplace giving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports workplace giving • Builds an internal culture of philanthropy • All donations over \$2 are tax deductible

 **BOOK NOW!**

Thank you for your interest in supporting the work of BKFA. To find out more about how your school can get involved, please visit our website www.bkfa.org.au/get-involved or contact:

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