

DONATIONS IN KIND

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SUITABLE AND UNSUITABLE GOODS

The role of Donations in Kind (DIK) is to provide humanitarian aid through provision of donated goods. That aid must be effective for the long term and be sustainable.

We focus on Education & Literacy, Health & Wellbeing and Vocational, the goods for distribution need to be in good condition and have a useful life expectancy.

SUITABLE GOODS

EDUCATIONAL & LITERACY

EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Note: To ensure usefulness all equipment with electronics needs to have been certified by a qualified person, have instruction manuals, parts available and have a life expectancy of at least five years.

Books

- Picture books
- Primary School readers
- School Library books
- Exercise books

Stationery/School supplies

- Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, chalk, markers, erasers, cellotape & general school stationery supplies

Desks & Chairs

- Teachers and students, both Primary & High School

Blackboards & Whiteboards

- Wall mounted White boards and Blackboards
- Electronic Whiteboards (see note above)

Computer Equipment – (Maximum age of two years)

- Computers, Monitors, Keyboards (see note above)

Note: Not all Regions will take computer equipment. Computer equipment must a maximum age of two years, must be clean, in good working order with all personal files deleted.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Note: To ensure usefulness all equipment with electronics, including X-ray Machines, Defibrillators, Anaesthetic Machines and Incubators & Blood Pressure monitors and the following listed items need to have been certified by a qualified person, have instruction manuals, parts available and have a life expectancy of at least five years.

Tables

- Operating tables
- Birthing tables
- Obstetrics tables

Theatre lights (see note above)

Humidicribs (see note above)

X-ray Machines (see note above)

Defibrillators (see note above)

Anaesthetic Machines (see note above)

Surgical Instruments

Birthing Kits

- Birthing kits must be complete clean and in sealed packaging.

Medical Consumables

- We will accept a large variety of medical consumables such as Applicator Sticks, Swabs, Cotton Tips, Cotton Wool Balls, Cotton Wool, Bandages, Plasters, Dispensary Equipment, Gloves, Safety Pins, Scrubbing Brushes and Specimen Bags.

Note: To ensure usefulness consumables should have a “Use by Date” of approximately 12 months and must be in unopened sealed packaging.

DENTAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Note: To ensure usefulness all equipment with electronics, including X-ray Units chairs, consoles and handpieces needs to have been certified by a qualified person, have instruction manuals, parts available and have a life expectancy of at least five years.

Dental Chairs & Console units (see note above)

Dental X-ray units (see note above)

Autoclaves (see note above)
Dental Handpieces

Dental Consumables

- We will accept a large variety of Dental consumables such as Saliva Ejectors, Cotton Products, Tissues, Bibs and Tray Liners & Inserts.

Note: Consumables should have a “Use by Date” of approximately 12 months and must be in unopened sealed packaging.

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Note: To ensure usefulness all equipment with electronics, including X-ray Units, Beds, Incubators, Blood Pressure Monitors, needs to have been certified by a qualified person, have instruction manuals, parts available and have a life expectancy of at least five years.

Hospital Beds

- Manually operated beds are preferable for remote areas; electrically operated beds can be placed in a static position and also used.

Mattresses

- Mattresses must be clean and unsoiled with no damages or tears and be in good condition.

Trolleys

Cots

Bedside Tables/Cupboards

Over Bed Units/Tables

Examination Tables

Incubators (see note above)

Blood Pressure Monitors (see note above)

Microscopes

Linen

- Hospital Linen including Sheets, Pillow cases, Mattress protectors and Blankets must be clean, unstained and in good condition.

General equipment

- Stainless Steel equipment is preferred including Bedpans, Urine Bottles and Kidney Dishes, however all general equipment must be in good condition without damage.

Hospital Consumables

- We will accept a large variety of Hospital consumables such as Swabs, Cotton Tips, Cotton Wool Balls, Cotton Wool, Bandages, Plasters, Dressings,

Tapes, Protective Clothing, Disposables, Thermometers, Drapes, Sterilisation, Medication Dispensers, Dishes & Trays and Nursing Aids

Note: To ensure usefulness Consumables should have a “Use by Date” of approximately 12 months and must be in unopened sealed packaging.

DOMICILIARY

Note: Wheelchairs must be complete with good upholstery and with good tyres and wheels. Walkers and Walking Frames, if wheeled type must be complete with good wheels and brakes. Crutches, Commodes and Shower Chairs must be in good condition.

Wheelchairs

Walkers & Walking Frames

Walking Sticks

Crutches

Commodes

Shower Chairs

VOCATIONAL

Note: To ensure usefulness all equipment with electronics, including Sewing Machines, Hand Tools and Portable Machinery needs to have been certified by a qualified person, have instruction manuals, parts available and have a life expectancy of at least five years.

Sewing Machines & Overlockers (see note above)

Material & Cloth

- Bolts of material are preferable, not scrap or remnants.

Sewing Kits

- Cotton & Threads, Needles, Scissors and general sewing items.

Workshop Equipment

- Hand Tools for general Building Works, Carpentry & Metalwork. Tools must be in good condition and complete.

Gardening Tools

- Gardening Tools must be in good condition and complete.

GENERAL ITEMS

Toys

- Toys must be in good condition and complete
- We may not be able to accept “Soft toys in most instances

Musical Instruments

- Musical Instruments must be in good order and condition. We cannot accept large instruments such as Pianos or Organs.
- Electrical Guitars needs to have been certified by a qualified person, have instruction manuals, parts available and have a life expectancy of at least five years.

Sporting Equipment

- Bats, Balls, Racquets, Game sets& Pumps
- Inflatable balls must be sound without leaks.

Filing Cabinets

Book Shelves

Lockers

Building Materials

- New or in good condition, not scrap

Building Hardware

- Hardware including Screws & Nails, Sandpapers, Tapes, Cabinet Hardware. Hardware must be in good condition and not scrap. Screws and nails must be sorted in sizes.

UNSUITABLE GOODS

Disposal of goods and equipment that Donations in Kind cannot use costs money.

The following range of goods/stock in many cases is in breach of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regulations and it is not recommended that these items be accepted.

Foreign countries also have strict guidelines and regulations and these should be referred to in accordance with their requirements. E.g. Clothing is not permitted to be donated to Papua New Guinea as it is considered to undermine the local economy.

RANGE OF GOODS/STOCK NOT REQUIRED

- Severely damaged goods
- Damaged Hospital Beds
- Damaged or dirty hospital mattresses
- Damaged Wheelchairs
- Goods that are irreparable
- Hazardous goods
- Radioactive goods

- Highly sophisticated electronic medical and hospital equipment requiring spare parts, technicians to install and on-going maintenance (Check with Regional Manager/Coordinator if in doubt)
- Pharmaceuticals
- Clothing
- Household furniture such as lounge suites, beds, tables, chairs
- Office furniture
- Oil or solvent based paints
- Aged Computer equipment (older than two years)
- Printers
- Televisions
- Video Recorders/VHS
- Overhead projectors
- Fax machines
- Books – other than educational

For further information or if unsure if the goods you wish to donate can be of value please contact Donations in Kind Regional Managers

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