A Fundraising Project of
Banyule Community Health

What is Raaso?

Raaso is the Somali region of Ethiopia and is occupied by over 300,000 displaced persons. There is currently no infrastructure - electricity, clean water, education or health facilities. No aid agencies or non-government organizations service the area; the only assistance the people of Raaso receive is minimal food deliveries from the Ethiopian Government. A 50-kilo bag of rice or wheat is expected to feed 10 people for six months. **This equates to just 27 grams of rice per person per day.** Needless to say, people are starving and many die from preventable diseases which have been all but eradicated in developed nations. The average life expectancy is less than 45 years.

The Hospital Project

The Somali community of Melbourne has been empowered by making the decision to help the people of Raaso on a large scale, by building a hospital. **The Somali community of Melbourne raised over $25,000, a remarkable achievement for a small community who face their own difficulties.** Banyule Community Health, located in West Heidelberg, recognised that by being empowered, there would be positive health implications for the Somali Community which they service. Therefore, the Board of Management at Banyule Community Health is pleased to support this project and provide office space, advice and administer the funds for the project.

Support of the Ethiopian Government

The Ethiopian Government is highly supportive of Abdalla Ahmed and his volunteers' efforts to help the people of Raaso and has pledged to staff the hospital if a hospital is able to be built through donated means.

How You Can Help

Donations can be made by cash, cheque or credit card. Donations over $2.00 are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued to you. Cheques should be made payable to Banyule Community Health Raaso Project. If you would prefer to donate by credit card, please complete the slip below.

I wish to make a donation of $_____ to the Raaso Relief Rehabilitation & Development Organisation Inc.

Please charge my (please tick)

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On behalf of the people of Raaso

Thank you