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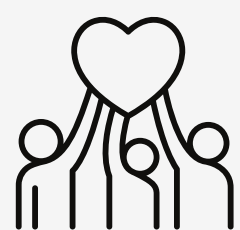
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MOVE PROGRAMME



Mercy Relief is relaunching its **Mercy Overseas Volunteer Expedition (MOVE)** to engage corporate entities in first-hand experiences of sustainability projects in disaster-affected communities. Through MOVE, corporate partners provide their employees with an opportunity to actively participate in meaningful CSR efforts, foster team building, skills development, and a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by disaster-affected communities.



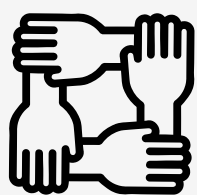
Community Engagement

Participants will work alongside Mercy Relief's dedicated team to engage with local communities and understand their needs, challenges, and aspirations. This interaction will promote cross-cultural exchange and empathy.



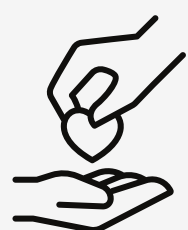
Sustainable Projects

Participants will have the opportunity to contribute their skills and knowledge to support ongoing sustainability projects especially in areas such as water and sanitation, shelter, education, or livelihood development.



Team Building

The MOVE expedition will serve as an exceptional team-building experience, fostering camaraderie, trust, and cooperation among participants making it a truly memorable and impactful journey.



Fundraising (Optional)

In the spirit of giving back, participants may consider engaging in fundraising initiatives to support Mercy Relief's projects in the visited community. This will not only provide crucial financial assistance but also create a sense of shared purpose among employees.

To explore further and curate a customised programme, please email Manager, CORE at danny.koh@mercyrelief.org or call 6332-6320.

OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES TEAM

Q: What is your role in International Programmes?

Khairul: We work with the local partners in the affected areas to provide immediate and appropriate assistance to those affected by the disasters. We also implement longer term sustainable programmes to help them recover from the disaster and empower the community in disaster management.



Khairul Massuan
Senior Manager, International Programmes

Q: What challenges do you face in your role, and how do you overcome them?



Melissa: In my role as a humanitarian, I encounter challenges in managing diverse expectations for post-disaster projects. To address this, I emphasize creative communication, active listening, and building strong relationships with team members and our overseas ground partners. These strategies help us overcome obstacles and achieve impactful outcomes.

Melissa Chew
Executive, International Programmes

Q: Who or what inspired you to become involved in humanitarian work?

Khairul: My parents are my source of inspiration. From young, they taught me on showing compassion to those in need through their daily actions. This piques my interest in community affairs especially in helping the disadvantaged groups.

Melissa: I realised my purpose and passion in making a difference in the marginalised and vulnerable at the age of 15 during my school's Community Involvement Programme in helping the elderly.

