



**Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. – Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability**  
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**(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT) IMPORTANT: Each participant must have a signed "Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability" form on file each time they volunteer. Please print all information in blanks provided.**

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_

by (Volunteer Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(the "Volunteer") in favour of Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd , a non-government organisation existing under the laws of the State of New South Wales, Australia, its affiliated organisations in other nations, its directors, officers, employees and agents. I, the Volunteer, desire to work as a RAWCS Volunteer and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer with the RAWCS Volunteer Program. I understand that the activities may include but are not limited to, travelling to and from other countries, travelling to and from other cities and towns, consuming food and living in accommodations available or provided in the foreign country(ies), working in offices and institutions, constructing and/or rehabilitating buildings and other non construction-related activities or working on special projects. I hereby freely and voluntarily, without duress, execute this Release under the following terms:

**1. Waiver and Release.** I, the Volunteer, release and forever discharge and hold harmless RAWCS Ltd. and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from my work for RAWCS Project Volunteers. I understand and acknowledge that this Release discharges RAWCS Ltd. from any liability or claim that I, the Volunteer, may have against RAWCS Ltd. with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from my participation in the RAWCS Project Volunteer Program. I also understand that RAWCS Ltd. does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness, death or property damage (see insurance requirements below).

**2. Insurance.** I, the Volunteer, understand that, except as otherwise agreed to by RAWCS Ltd. in writing; all Volunteers undertaking programs of RAWCS Project Volunteers are covered under existing Rotary Insurance policies maintained by individual Districts and administered by their District Insurance Officers. I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the Volunteer to take out additional insurance cover to indemnify myself against any additional loss or damage that I may suffer that may not be covered under the Rotary Insurance policy. If I the Volunteer elect not to apply for additional insurance cover I do so at my own risk and RAWCS is not liable for any loss or damage arising.

**3. Medical Treatment.** Except as otherwise agreed to by RAWCS in writing, I hereby release and forever discharge RAWCS Ltd. from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with an emergency during my time with the RAWCS Project Volunteer Program.

**4. Assumption of the Risk.** I understand that my time with RAWCS may include activities that may be hazardous to me, including, but not limited to, construction activities, loading and unloading heavy equipment and materials, and local transportation to and from the work sites. I recognize and understand that my time with RAWCS may, in some situations, involve inherently dangerous activities. I also understand that in addition to consuming local foods and living in accommodations which are available in the country(ies) visited, I may be travelling to and from locations which pose risks from terrorism, war, insurrection or criminal activities. I also understand that, in order to protect its employees and volunteers in all countries around the world, it is RAWCS Ltd's policy that it will not pay ransom or make any other payments in order to secure the release of hostages. I hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in these activities and release RAWCS Ltd. from all liability for injury, illness, death or property damage resulting from the activities of my time with the RAWCS Project Volunteer Program.

**5. Termination by RAWCS.** I understand that the Team Leader of the Project and/or the Project Coordinator reserve the right to instruct me the Volunteer to return to Australia and/or leave the Project where in his/her absolute opinion I am not performing my duties in a proper manner, or my presence is disruptive and contrary to what is expected of a Volunteer on a Rotary project, or I engage in any act that is contrary to the laws and customs of the area in which the Project is being conducted or the team leader becomes concerned about the health or safety of me the Volunteer.

**6. Photographic Release.** I grant and convey unto RAWCS all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by RAWCS during my work for the Project Volunteer Program including but not limited to any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

**7. Other.** I expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of New South Wales, Australia, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New South Wales. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

To express my understanding of this release, I sign here with a witness

Volunteer Signature.....Date.....

Witness (Print Name).....

Witness Signature.....Date.....