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Rotary Donations In Kind

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Donations In Kind Activity Report - RAWCS Southern Region August 2021

Containers Shipped 2020 -21

20' container units

District	Club Container	Units	Store	Units
9800	Timor Leste	2	Timor Leste	30
	Sri Lanka	8	Congo	2
	Cambodia	2		
	Somaliland	8		
9790	Solomon Islands	2		
Interstate	Sri Lanka	4		
Total YTD		26		32

The previous year we shipped 25 Club and 51 Store container units, but the above is not a true comparison as 4 containers / 6 container units have been packed and ready to be shipped for some time. There are also 11 containers in the queue, to be shipped as soon as we have the space to prepare and a confirmed shipping date.

As last reported shipping goods has become more challenging. Shipping is slowing down, ports are being bi-passed and containers bookings on ships are being cancelled. This has significantly reduced our capacity, as any delay in shipping prevents us working on other projects. It also limits the amount of donations we can accept.

The costs have also risen dramatically. In December, 40' containers were reasonably easy to obtain and cost \$3,500 to buy; today if you can get one it's \$7,750. Shipping costs and additional charges continue to rise. It is also difficult to book containers.

The uncertainty is also affecting Club projects, as it influences their planning. Some of the shipments are designed to be utilized by Project Teams who will visit the country to unload. They can no longer plan their travel because of Covid19.

RAWCS Southern Region we look forward to the Districts supplying details for this year's DIK Representatives and look forward to learning about each District's plans to raise awareness and to encourage their Clubs to be more involved in local and overseas projects that utilize the goods available from DIK Stores. As we do each year offer to run a training program for them.

Promotion Our new video is on our website at the top of the home page. We had excellent coverage at the Multi District Conference with our video as a major feature and a display. Sadly the attendance was poor.

We were barely mentioned at the D9800 Assembly International Breakout session, but received excellent coverage in the Environmental Sustainability session. We don't know what happened in the other Districts.

I believe that we will get a greater increase in awareness and support by promoting DIK as an Environmental Sustainably operation as well as Local and International Projects. We are encouraging all District RAWCS Teams to talk to their Environmental Sustainably Committees if they have one and to work together to promote the opportunities that DIK offers their Clubs.

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