

Project Save Our Surf



Join Project Save Our Surf in Bringing Clean Water to Children in Vietnam

Project Save Our Surf (PSOS) is partnering with the Vietnamese Social and Labor Board and the SOS Children's Villages to improve the lives of children by providing access to clean, safe water—and we need your help to make this happen.

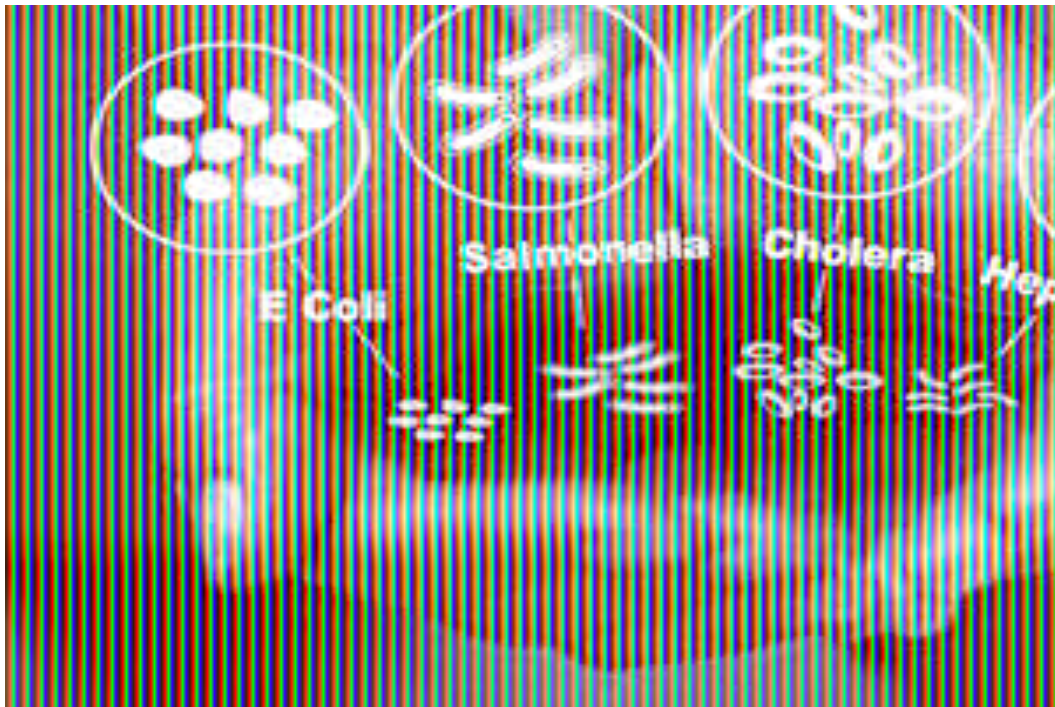
This fall, PSOS Vice President Karon Pardue and PSOS Ambassador Mary Osborne traveled to the Ben Tre orphanage and nearby villages, installing water filters to protect children, families, and the SOS Children's Villages from waterborne illnesses.

About SOS Children's Villages Vietnam

The SOS Children's Villages Vietnam is a child development organization that supports orphaned and vulnerable children. With 13 Villages across the country and one orphanage under construction, each facility provides a family environment, with 15 to 25 homes in each Village. Each home supports up to 50 children, cared for by a dedicated "house mom."

In total, the Villages have provided care for over 3,500 children. However, due to limited capacity, many children remain in poor households. The Social and Labor Board works alongside the Villages to support them, offering monthly allowances of \$6–\$7 to help children with essential needs and schooling.

Bringing Clean Water to Remote Villages



E. Coli, salmonella, cholera, and hepatitis are just a few dangerous bacteria and viruses commonly found in contaminated water. These pathogens pose serious health risks, especially to children, leading to preventable illnesses with access to clean, safe water.

Our team in Ben Tre traveled hours from the SOS orphanage to reach remote villages and provide clean water. Many villages are inaccessible by vehicle, reachable only on foot, and PSOS was the first American team to visit them.

Water is often sourced from local rivers and wells in these communities, but it's not always safe. Families boil water in an attempt to purify it, yet it remains unsafe for consumption. This is where PSOS makes a critical difference: the water filters we install provide clean, potable water safe for drinking and cooking—no boiling required.

The Urgent Need

Did you know that every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness? 90% of the 30,000 weekly deaths from unsafe water and unhygienic living conditions occur in children under five years old. Diarrhea, a preventable condition, is the second leading cause of death among children in this age group, claiming more lives than malaria, AIDS, and measles combined.

The World Wide Health Organization reports that improving water supply, sanitation, and hygiene can prevent over 3.6% of the global disease burden.

Our Solution

The PSOS water filtration system provides clean, safe water without the need for boiling. Each MPV filter is efficient, cost-effective, and easy to maintain, serving up to 100 people daily and lasting for years. Over its lifetime, one filter can deliver one million gallons of clean water.

Here's How You Can Help:

1. Take the Pledge: "I BELIEVE"

I pledge to take a stand against unsafe water conditions. I will commit to doing my part by creating a fundraising page and helping raise money for clean, safe water for the children of Vietnam.

2. Click on the orange button on the right and create your fundraising page. It's simple and easy—set your goal, customize the look, and invite your network!

The funds raised will support the installation of water filters for ten families, 14 orphanages, and two villages, preventing waterborne illnesses and ensuring access to clean water.