

# ASBESTOS

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Have a meeting or talk to everyone at work about asbestos. Not here. Not anywhere.



Invite everyone to JOIN APHEDA and complete a supporter sign



Use this checklist and contact APHEDA staff for information or support.



Workplace Name

Our workplace contact person's name

Mobile:

Email:

## We have

- + held a meeting in our workplace to talk about Asbestos. Not here. Not anywhere.
- + invited everyone to join and given out Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA membership forms.
- + returned completed member forms to APHEDA.
- + all made our supporter signs and taken a photo.
- + Shared on social media using #NotHereNotAnywhere or returned it to the APHEDA office (office@apheda.org.au)
- + taken a collective photo and shared it and sent it to APHEDA (office@apheda.org.au)

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## WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

**We know asbestos kills but still all around the world people are exposed.**

In Australia, asbestos is totally banned. It was a long, hard fight against a powerful industry, but we got there. We all know asbestos continues to do its deadly damage.

Australian unionists know what it takes to struggle and win asbestos bans. We also know we have to be vigilant – despite import bans, asbestos is still getting into Australia – in construction materials, in mechanical parts, in school science kits, and recently, traces were found in children's crayons. We know the fight for victims is ongoing.

Across South East Asia hundreds of thousands of tonnes of raw asbestos are imported.

Asbestos is used to make building products, roof-tiles, machine parts and specialist fabrics for clothing.

The workers in the factories are exposed, the communities surrounding the factories are exposed, families are exposed - their roof-tiles are made with asbestos, building workers are exposed, and every time asbestos is disturbed more and more people are potentially exposed. The cost in human life is incalculable.

In Vietnam, there is progress toward a ban but the work ahead to organise for eradication is extensive.

In Cambodia, as construction sites pop up all over the place, lowly paid building and construction workers are exposed to asbestos dust from cheap cladding. There is much work to do.

In Indonesia there are twenty-six factories, each with more than 100 workers, producing products with asbestos. The industry in Indonesia directly exposes in excess of 7000 workers. These workers and their communities are largely unaware of the damage caused by exposure to asbestos. The owners of these factories are profiting from workers who don't know the risks to themselves, their families and communities.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The World Health Organisation says that the only way to see an end to asbestos related disease is to see asbestos eradicated globally. While asbestos is used anywhere – it is a risk everywhere.

Union Aid-Abroad-APHEDA is building a movement of people in Australia to support movements in South East Asia to work towards asbestos bans and eradication. Asbestos. Not here. Not anywhere.

In Vietnam, we are continuing to support VN-BAN a local network of organisations who are organising to see asbestos eradicated. We have supported asbestos programs in Vietnam for a number of years and, despite the concerted efforts of the powerful asbestos lobby, we now have government support for a ban by 2020.

In Cambodia, we are looking to scale-up our involvement in campaigns and organising around asbestos.

We are looking for opportunities to support local unions and movements in Burma, Laos and wherever asbestos is used and people are exposed.



And right now, in Indonesia, we are supporting a new partner, LION. LION's vision is that all Indonesians can work without fear of injury or illness from their jobs because workplace health and safety hazards are understood and recognised by all.

Just like the Australian union movement and the World Health Organisation, LION wants to see asbestos banned in Indonesia and everywhere.

LION is coordinating a worker-led campaign to take the industry on, beginning in the industry's very own

factories. With solidarity from workers in Australia, LION will put an organiser into every one of these 26 asbestos factories – they will build awareness and they will build union power.

LION is also working with health professionals, and environmental and community organisations to build a network powerful enough for the Indonesian people to demand that asbestos is banned from their workplaces and communities.

## WHO ARE WE?

**Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA is the global solidarity organisation of the Australian union movement.**

We are a movement of people in Australia who help build powerful labour and social movements.

We rely on APHEDA members to make monthly contributions and to take action in support of projects and campaigns that make a real difference in the lives of working people and communities all around the world.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Join APHEDA** – your contributions make a big difference and APHEDA members are ready and willing to take action to support global asbestos bans.

Take Action Today – make a solidarity sign and share using #NotHereNotAnywhere (you can download these at [www.apheda.org.au/asbestos](http://www.apheda.org.au/asbestos))

Get resources and an action pack to spread the word at: [www.apheda.org.au/asbestos](http://www.apheda.org.au/asbestos)

**Contact us for support to spread the word and build the campaign or with questions.**  
[office@apheda.org.au](mailto:office@apheda.org.au)

## JOIN Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION:

\$15    \$30    \$50    \$100   Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ (min.\$15)

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By signing this Direct Debit request you acknowledge having read and endorsed the terms and conditions governing the debit arrangements between you and APHEDA Inc. as set out at <http://www.apheda.org.au/site/privacy.html>.

**Donations to Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA are tax deductible.**

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