Tzu Chi’s relief action to the drought situation in Vietnam

Ben Tre Province in Vietnam suffered a severe drought the whole year, leading the residents of two communities to lack access to clean water. Since July of this year, volunteers of Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation have begun to distribute 500 horizontal water towers to help them.

Tzu Chi volunteers once again came to An Hiep area of Ben Tre Province after their first water tower distribution here in mid-July. The 117 water towers that are placed on the sports ground of this junior high school are the gifts to local residents from Tzu Chi.

Chen Ta Yu, one of Tzu Chi volunteers, said that: 「We hope by distributing water towers to local residents, we can help improve their quality of drinking water and life.」

Water Tower Distribution in Vietnam
July 14 An Hiep : 133
July 30 An Duc : 250
Aug.12 An Hiep : 117
Total 500

Last year, Ben Tre Province suffered a severe drought, leading local residents to experience crop failure and the lack of tap water. After learning the news from local government, the volunteers have begun to distribute water towers since July of this year. In total, 500 families from two communities have received help.

Do Minh Duc, Vice chairman of Ben Tre Province Friendship Assoc., shared that: 「I want to congratulate the residents on behalf of Ben Tre Province's Friendship Association. With the safe water containers, we can ensure your safety when you use water. All of the residents should cherish and protect this meaningful gift from Tzu Chi.」

In consideration of the convenience for cleaning, the volunteers distributed horizontal water towers to the residents, including those who live in the offshore island. The volunteers deliver water towers to them by boat.
Le Van Chien, An Hiep people’s committee chairman, said that: 「On behalf of my community, I sincerely thank Tzu Chi and each unit for helping the residents in An Hiep. I hope in the future, Tzu Chi can once again work with local government to help other impoverished residents.」

After receiving water towers, the residents finally showed smiles on their faces, which also relieves their worries.