

Scouts Australia

Tied in Friendship, United in Hope

Support Scouts in Myanmar and Thailand



On March 28, 2025, devastating earthquakes struck Myanmar and Thailand, causing widespread damage and hardship including to local Scout Groups. Many lost access to their Halls, equipment and programs that provide vital support and connection for young people.

In response, the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) issued a global appeal, calling on Scouts around the world to help our friends in need.

This badge is not for uniform wear, but it has been created as a way for Scouts and supporters in Australia to contribute. Featuring the scarves of Scouts Australia, Myanmar and Thailand tied in friendship, it represents unity, compassion and hope. By purchasing this badge, you're showing solidarity and helping raise funds that will go directly to support the recovery and rebuilding of Scouting in Myanmar and Thailand.

Scouts support Scouts

Because we are tied in friendship and united in hope

Turn Support into Action | Create a Special Interest Area Project

While purchasing the badge helps raise much needed funds, there's also an opportunity to take it further by linking this initiative to the Achievement Pathways through a Special Interest Area (SIA) project.

By designing an SIA project, your Unit can take meaningful action, develop skills and deepen understanding of global citizenship and disaster recovery.

Here are some project ideas across the six SIA categories

Creating a Better World

Organise a fundraiser or awareness campaign to support Scouts in Myanmar and Thailand. Share the real stories of affected Scout Groups and inspire others in your community to contribute to global Scouting recovery efforts.

Growth & Development

Learn about how young people lead and serve during disasters. Interview Leaders or connect with international Scouts (if possible) and explore how resilience and leadership help rebuild communities after crisis.

Arts & Literature

Create a powerful visual or written piece a video, photo series, art display, or zine that shares the story of the earthquakes, the response from the Scouting community and the strength of friendship across nations.

STEM & Innovation

Research how earthquakes impact infrastructure in Myanmar and Thailand and how science and innovation play a role in rebuilding. Create a model or interactive exhibit that explains how Scouts can help prepare for or respond to disasters.

Adventure & Sport

Host a physical challenge with purpose like a sponsored hike or endurance event to raise funds for Scouts who've lost access to their halls and gear. Include activities that symbolise the challenges faced by youth affected by disasters.

Environment

Explore the environmental impact of the earthquake in affected regions landslides, water supply, damaged ecosystems. Create a project or local action plan that promotes sustainable recovery and supports the wellbeing of both people and the planet.