

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# Tetra Pak and Partners Deliver the First Model House under the Green Shelter Project to a Disaster Victim

**Bangkok (3 April 2023)** — Tetra Pak, a world-leading processing and packaging solutions company, donated a house built from recycled beverage cartons to a disaster victim at Song Phi Nong District, Suphan Buri. The donation ceremony was organised under the The Green Shelter Project for Friends in Need (of "Pa") Volunteers Foundation, a project initiated by Tetra Pak (Thailand) Limited.

This house donation became possible with the help of the key founding partners: Friends in Need (of "Pa") Volunteers Foundation, Thai Red Cross Society; the Relief and Community Health Bureau, Thai Red Cross Society, Department of Environmental Quality Promotion under Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, BJC Big C Group, as well as Central Pattana Public Company Limited and Bangchak Corporation Public Company Limited who joined the project last year to support the expansion of drop-off points for used beverage cartons. BEC World Public Company Limited (Channel 3) and 360 Degree Entertainment (TV 360 news) also participated in the communication and public relations support for the project to build public awareness and participation across the country.

The Green Shelter Project aims at encouraging the collection of used beverage cartons and recycling them to create new construction materials such as roof sheet, fiber cement board, wall board, door frames, and window frames. These materials are then provided to help building new homes for the victims of natural disasters and to help those in need. The Green Shelter Project continues the success of the Green Roof Project which was implemented for 10 years until 2022. In its current iteration the Green Shelter Project's Phase I is set to run until 31 August 2025.

Among the partners who joined the house donation ceremony were the Committee and General Manager of Friends in Need (of "Pa") Volunteers Foundation, representative of the Office of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Suphan Buri Governor, the 9th Engineering Battalion of Surasi Military Camp, Bankum Subdistrict Administrative Organization, and other agencies from the networks of The Green Shelter Project. During the ceremony the representatives talked about the origins of The Green Shelter Project and its goals, as well as the mission of each participating agency. The partners delivered house construction materials including 32 roof sheets, 19 wall boards, 15 fiber cement boards, 2 door frames and 1 window frame to a disaster victim at Bangkum Subdistrict, Song Phi Nong District, Suphanburi.

**Mr. Dhitiwat Wongwannakul, Committee and General Manager of Friends in Need (of "Pa") Volunteers Foundation, Thai Red Cross Society said:** "The Foundation has been running for 28 years with the mission to help disaster victims in an effective and sustainable manner. This project could not have been implemented without the support from different sectors, especially from the network of The Green Shelter Project which includes the 9th

Engineering Battalion and the 9th Infantry Division HQ, who are responsible for this disaster relief area and of course this project is only possible thanks to the volunteers who collected the beverage cartons".

"Tetra Pak is honored to be part of this house donation initiative which helps to provide relief for those who are affected by the disaster" **said Mr. Patinya Silsupadol, Head of Sustainability Tetra Pak (Thailand) Limited** "We hope that our Green Shelter Project will promote the recycling of used beverage cartons into valuable materials. By recycling used cartons we make less impact on the environment by not only putting them in landfills, but also make a real difference by helping those who need help the most."

"I would like to thank every agency who helped reconstruct my home. Previously, we faced many hardships whenever we were affected by floods, and today I am amazed by the fact that used milk cartons can build me a new home. I am grateful for this help and will never forget the support we got," said **Mr. Aumnart Tedthong, a disaster victim** who received the model house.

With a total of 14 major partners and endorsers including Eco-Friendly Thai Company Limited, Recycoex Company Limited, Advanced Mat Company Limited, and M.B.J. Enterprise Company Limited, and Fiber Pattana Company Limited, The Green Shelter project aims to collect 10 million used beverage cartons this year. Individuals interested in donating used beverage cartons to the project can do so at 'drop-off' stations at all Big C Super Centers nationwide and some of piloting Bangchak gas station in Bangkok, as well as Central Department Stores and affiliated office buildings piloting at 18 locations in Bangkok and nearby. Please visit <u>https://bit.ly/3PFgrcZ</u> for more information.

Please check out the Green Shelter project at <u>www.Facebook.com/Thaigreenshelter</u> on how to become a project volunteer. For more information, please contact the project call center at 02 -747-8881 or email <u>info.greenshelter.thailand@gmail.com</u>

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