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Brisbane LifeFlight's gift for sick Mongolian kids

Brisbane LifeFlight has donated boxes of out-of-date medical supplies to help a Griffith University-led project training EMS and aeromedical services in Mongolia.

And there was a surprise gift buried in bandages.

The Roadside to Nationwide Mongolian EMS and Disasters Program, based in the university's Centre for Social and Cultural Research, delivered training to more than 70 doctors, nurses and fighters last month with the aid of the LifeFlight supplies.

Most cherished, however, were an additional surprise of comfort toys for young patients – a welcome gift for the Mongolia medics crewing three helicopters on operations across the country where ambulance services are very limited.

Project leader Dr Hamish McLean said support from LifeFlight was a life saver for the project made up of volunteer paramedics from Australia, PNG, Canada and the US and funded by The World Health Organisation.

Clinical Director Duncan McConnell said the donated medical supplies ensured training was delivered as realistically as possible.

"The Mongolian aeromedical unit was established in 2022 and since then has been tasked numerous times to critically-ill patients - including children - in remote locations," he said.

The flight paramedic who delivered the training, Danny Nayman, from Duke Life Flight in North Carolina, said his Mongolian counterparts were highly skilled and very close to being equal to many similar services internationally.

The Griffith University project started in 2017 and has since delivered training and operational support and advice to build the country's capacity in a major incident.

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Pic 1: A surprise package from Brisbane LifeFlight: Mongolia flight medics with Danny Nayman, from Duke Life Flight, in the US, and Griffith University project leader Dr Hamish McLean.



Pic 2: Clinical director Duncan McConnell happily accepts the donation from Brisbane LifeFlight's Nurse Manager Michelle Black. Buried inside one box were comfort toys for young Mongolian patients.