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ALPA provides aid in Cyclone Lam Recovery

ALPA's staff have made a huge contribution in preparation and clean-up in the wake of tropical cyclone Lam. At Ramingining and Milingimbi communities, RJCP crews assisted in evacuating people to shelters, providing information campaigns, and clearing communities in the lead up to the cyclone.

In the wake of cyclone Lam, ALPA has initially responded with a huge effort to provide assistance to these communities. Below is a brief summary of ALPA's response in the wake of the cyclone:

- Within 6 hours of the storm passing stores were open and delivering food aid, with our generators ensuring food security.
- Within 12 hours we had additional support personnel on the ground to assist in Milingimbi, Galiwin'ku and Ramingining
- Within 24 hours we had given \$120,000 of food aid.
- Within 36 hours we had communications back up and trading almost as normal
- Within 72 hours all stores had mains power and water back thanks to Power Water corp.
- Our Staff at Milingimbi and Ramingining RJCP have given huge efforts in the aftermath, cleaning up the community and assisting wherever they can.

All of ALPA's Yolngu staff showed up for work, even with their houses damaged and having had no sleep. All our managers worked around the clock to keep the places going. Everyone at Ramingining, Milingimbi, Galiwin'ku and Gapuwiyak, provided a truly magnificent effort. ALPA was also assisted with huge support from our staff in Darwin as well as our suppliers, that made the speedy recovery effort possible for people in the field. Thanks to Toll Marine, IG, G&R Wills, Hardy Aviation, and Schweppes who assisted in making this initial recovery effort possible.

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