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DonateLife Resources Launched

DonateLife resources are now available to support decision-making about organ and tissue donation in 18 languages.

Assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash and Minister for Human Services Marise Payne today launched a new suite of resources about organ and tissue donation.

Minister Nash said: “The translated DonateLife resources will meet a need in the community for in-language information about organ and tissue donation. We know that Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are less likely to have discussed or decided about organ and tissue donation.”

“The resources will assist in overcoming language barriers to support all Australians to make and register their donation decision on the Australian Organ Donor Register, and more importantly to understand the organ and tissue donation process. The resources will provide support to families who suddenly find themselves in the traumatic situation of the death of a loved one and the potential for agreeing to organ and tissue donation.”

The resources include the DonateLife brochure, which provides information on the importance of decision-making and family discussion about donation decisions as well as a registration form for the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR).

To support donor families, the in-language ‘Understanding Death and Donation’ booklet will assist with understanding the donation process and support decision-making about their loved one becoming an organ and tissue donor. The ‘In Reflection’ booklet provides information for donor families in dealing with the grieving process.

The in-language resources are the latest initiative of the Organ and Tissue Authority’s (OTA) ‘DonateLife...the greatest gift’ community education campaign. The campaign, conducted in consultation with religious and community leaders, facilitates access to culturally appropriate and in-language resources for diverse faith and cultural communities in Australia. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection provided funding for the translations through a grants round.

Minister Payne said: “I encourage every Australian to make a decision about organ and tissue donation, and to record that decision on the Australian Organ Donor Register. The availability of in-language DonateLife resources is an important step towards overcoming language as a barrier to registering and discussing donation decisions.”

“It is essential that we reach out to all communities on the topic of organ and tissue donation. People from all walks of life depend on organ and tissue donations regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion or language.”

The new resources will be showcased today at a special conference in Melbourne hosted by the Australian Multicultural Foundation, and sponsored by the OTA through a Community Awareness Grant. The Death, Dying and Grieving – A Cultural Perspective conference focuses on issues surrounding death, dying and grieving for culturally and linguistically diverse communities, including organ and tissue donation.

The resources are now available in 18 languages: Arabic, Chinese (traditional), Greek, Hindi, Italian, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Dinka, Somali, Dari, Punjabi, Indonesian (Bahasa), Macedonian, Serbian and Croatian.

The resources are available online at the [DonateLife website](#)

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