Disaster Relief

There in the face of adversity

We see the effects of devastation every day. Sometimes, we live them. So it is for Australians, who’ve witnessed firsthand unfathomable destruction wrought by angry bush fires consuming seemingly everything that lay in their paths. Dozens of lives, more than 1,500 homes, and millions of pristine acres have fallen prey.

With fires reaching historic levels of destruction, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been there, supporting Lions serving their communities alongside members of local emergency services and fire brigades. LCIF grant funds of US$353,000 have purchased water tanks and much-needed items providing relief.

“I’ve never witnessed anything like these fires in 77 summers here,” said Past International President Barry Palmer. “Their destruction, their speed. People were forced into the ocean to escape the flames and fireballs. Devastating situations like this is exactly why our global foundation is so important. LCIF comes to the fore in challenging times, linking us together. Disaster struck my home country…this time. Someday, it will happen elsewhere in the world, and LCIF will be there too. I’m very grateful for that.”

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AUSTRALIA
LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs. Disaster relief is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

Disaster Strikes at Home

**CANBERRA BUSHFIRES**
- Destroyed homes: 500
- Live lost: 4
- Estimated damage: $300M

**QUEENSLAND CYCLONE**
- Category: 5
- Winds: 290km/h
- Natural disaster zone declared
- Estimated damage: $1.5B

**VICTORIA BUSHFIRES**
- Deaths: 173
- Homes destroyed: 2,000+
- Displaced: 7,500

**QUEENSLAND FLOODS**
- Live lost: 33
- Homes ruined: 28,000
- Financial toll: $4B

**WILDFIRES**
- Acres charred: ~18M
- Homes destroyed: 3,000
- New South Wales
- Air quality: 11X hazardous
- Sydney

**THAT’S AUSTRALIA. GLOBALLY, NATURAL DISASTER LOOKS LIKE THIS:**

90% of all natural disasters are water-related.
25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters.
Annual economic losses are estimated at US$250B-US$300B.

**LCIF AND LIONS**
Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a 390% increase in natural disasters globally. LCIF and Lions have been there. To date, LCIF has awarded US$134 million for disaster relief worldwide through:

**PREPAREDNESS GRANTS**
- support preparing for future relief efforts
- UP TO US$10,000

**EMERGENCY GRANTS**
- support immediate and mid-term needs
- US$5,000 - US$10,000

**COMMUNITY RECOVERY GRANTS**
- support short-term cleanup and repair
- UP TO US$20,000

**MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANTS**
- fund reconstruction after large-scale natural disasters

**SOURCES/NOTE:** United Nations; ABC; Australian Government; Timetoast Timelines; BBC; Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience; CNN; International Disaster Database; awarded at discretion of Lions International president and LCIF chairperson; grant limits subject to change

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