Disaster Relief

THERE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

We see the effects of devastation every day. Sometimes, we live them. Such was the case for those in the path of New Zealand's Kaikoura earthquake, which announced itself shortly after midnight, disturbing far more than simply the night's sleep. By the time the 7.8 magnitude quake had spent its energy, it had created a 160km rupture that shredded State Highway 1, swallowed homes, triggered tsunami warnings, dislodged railways, induced massive landslides, stole lives.

It was two minutes of sheer terror for the South Island. It was also the exact type of call Lions answer in the face of adversity. With a US$10,000 Emergency grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions mobilized immediate relief for those whose lives had quite literally been rattled and lay in ruins.

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“People felt lost, powerless, and hopeless,” said Past District Governor Leo Danz, who knows Lions are so often among the first to arrive with food, water, and other life-sustaining needs. “When devastation hits elsewhere, we feel empathy. When it hits home, we feel grateful for Lions’ and LCIF’s help in restoring dignity to everyday life.”

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**Disaster Strikes at Home**

**That’s New Zealand. 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: 1,2,3United Nations; 4Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience; 5The Guardian; 6International Disaster Database; 7awarded at discretion of Lions International president and LCIF chairperson; grant limits subject to change

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