25.3 million people are displaced each year by disasters

THERE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

We see the effects of devastation every day. Sometimes, we live them. Such was the case for millions of Chiapas, Puebla, and Oaxaca, Mexico, residents, who witnessed firsthand unfathomable destruction as a 7.1 magnitude earthquake rattled the country’s south. As it destroyed homes, schools, businesses, and places of worship and play, the quake also stole hundreds of lives, and hope for the future among those remaining.

Recognizing the need to restore their neighbors’ well-being, Lions looked defeat straight in the eye, developing a plan to help build 10 classrooms in three rural Oaxacan schools. Integral to that plan, which serves some 850 children, is a US$100,000 Designated Disaster grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

“LCIF support to provide stability and build safe and comfortable learning environments has been very beneficial to the region,” said Past International Director Ramiro Vela. “Lions and LCIF do that so often. This time, it was to give children in my home country an opportunity for a better future. I’m grateful our global foundation empowers Lions to do even more.”
Natural Disaster Knows No Borders

FLOODING: COLOMBIA
Lives lost: 300+
Farmland submerged: 1M hectares
Estimated damage: US$5B

FLOODING: PARAGUAY
People affected: 245,000
States of emergency: 8 departments/districts

EARTHQUAKES: MEXICO
September 7: Magnitude 8.1
September 19: Magnitude 7.1
Lives lost: ~315
Financial cost: >US$2B

FIRES: AMAZON
Acres destroyed: ~5 million
Countries affected: Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Paraguay

FLOODING: NORTHERN MEXICO
Rainfall: 336 mm in 24 hours
States of emergency: 18

THAT’S HERE. 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
lcif.org/disasterrelief

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: 1United Nations; 2BBC; 3reliefweb; 4World Vision; 5Insurance Journal; 6CNN; 7FloodList; 8International Disaster Database; 9awarded at discretion of Lions International president and LCIF chairperson; grant limits subject to change

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.

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