25.3 million people are displaced each year by disasters.¹

FLORENCE MEETS GOLIATH

When Hurricane Florence pummeled already-soaked southeast North Carolina with 26+ inches of punishing rain, residents of the economically disadvantaged area quickly learned returning to “normal” takes time. It takes backbreaking hard work. It takes money.

Some things just aren’t in abundance for this area.

Lions – so often there in the wake of natural disaster and who know the realities of restoring dignity and “real life” – got right to work using a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) US$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant.

“Everyone was suffering post Florence. Kids needed warm coats, shoes, school uniforms and supplies. Everyone needed food,” said Past District Governor George Holston. “Lions were determined to be bigger and stronger than Florence. With the grant, we continue transforming the lives of children attending two schools, one of which provides vulnerable students with services promoting physical, emotional, and social development.”

LCIF grants help Lions restore everyday life for victims of natural disaster. “With our remaining funds, we continue creating the next chapter in this story of hope,” said Holston.
Many of us can’t imagine losing everything. But being victimized by natural disaster is the reality for someone’s family, someone’s friend, someone’s neighbor.

**Natural Disaster Knows No Borders**

**LCIF and Lions: Funding Service, Delivering Solutions**

The 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/Notes:**

1. United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination
2. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
3. International Disaster Database
4. Awarded at discretion of Lions International president and LCIF chairperson; grants limits subject to change

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**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:**

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