

NEW ZEALAND DISASTER FUND



The Fund is split into three programmes.

Response and Recovery Programme

This programme supported our immediate emergency response on the ground and is now helping communities recover by providing goods, services, and people.

It includes:

- New Zealand Red Cross response: Helping run Civil Defence Centres and community hubs to provide people with a safe place during these weather events. Deploying our specialist Red Cross people to provide psychological support and practical help to those who were displaced from their homes and to work alongside other agencies on door-to-door needs assessments. Providing free psychological first aid training in affected communities.
- Equipment: Providing goods and materials to support communities including generators, first aid kits, satellite phones, dehumidifiers, water blasters, clean-up kits, and household items. Restocking emergency response items such as bedding and stretchers in Civil Defence Centres.

Partnership Grants Programme

This programme distributes grants to community organisations that are helping those affected. Needs change quickly and vary across different communities. Supporting these organisations helps make sure response and recovery work is community-led, meets local needs, and isn't duplicated. Grants must benefit communities or groups, not individuals.

We are supporting groups doing things like:

- Providing food and temporary accommodation
- Replacing clothing, bedding, and other essentials
- Providing financial support to individuals and whānau
- Supporting volunteer clean-up and repair efforts with equipment, food, transportation, and coordination
- Restoring access to things like water supply, power, septic tanks, and communications
- Providing mental health services and community connectedness activities
- Repairing and restoring community hubs, marae, and other common facilities

Investment Programme

This programme will provide funding to help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from future emergencies and disasters as the impacts of climate change grow.

It aims to make a difference in the months and years ahead and includes things like:

- Equipment and resources that can support communities in future emergencies or disasters
- Providing training to build readiness and resilience within communities
- Supporting community preparedness programmes



WE'RE HERE FOR GOOD

At New Zealand Red Cross, our mission is clear: to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilising the power of humanity and enhancing community resilience.

The New Zealand Disaster Fund helps us support communities to respond to, recover from, and prepare for disasters and emergencies in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Making a difference

Thanks to an outpouring of generosity from New Zealanders, the New Zealand Disaster Fund has so far received over \$25 million in donations to help communities recover after Cyclone Gabrielle and the early 2023 severe weather events.

We're providing goods, services, and people to support affected communities. We're also providing cash grants to local groups so communities can lead their own recovery and repair and clean up homes, offer temporary shelter, provide mental health support, and meet basic needs such as food and clothing.

Our commitment

One hundred percent of all donations to the New Zealand Disaster Fund (including any interest earned) will be spent supporting affected communities.

We aim to commit most funds by August – six months from when Cyclone Gabrielle occurred – with all the funds committed by February 2024. Our focus is to provide funding where there are no other funding sources available.

Looking to the future

The road to full recovery will be long and costly, requiring billions of dollars and taking years. While the New Zealand Disaster Fund forms just a small part of this larger effort, its significance cannot be understated. We are proud to share our progress and committed to transparency. Our website has details of how funds are being spent and regular updates on how your support is helping.

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