

Help ADRA to be
 **ALWAYS READY**
 **ALWAYS THERE**
in times of disaster

*'There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
All these are the beginning of birth pains.'* - Jesus

In Matthew 24, Jesus tells us that famine, earthquake and other disasters will increase. It's not the way God wanted the world to be – but times of emergency are an opportunity for us to serve others and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

What is the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering?

The Disaster and Famine Relief Offering is an annual offering collected in Adventist churches around the world to ensure the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is able to respond immediately when disaster strikes. In Australia and New Zealand, this offering takes place on the second Sabbath in February.

How will the funds be used?

With an extensive global presence, and a strong network of projects, op shops and volunteers across Australia, ADRA can respond quickly to disasters, providing for people's immediate needs, while also empowering them to rebuild their lives after the disaster has passed.

The money collected during the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering will help ensure there are funds immediately available for ADRA to respond to disasters as they occur. This includes providing essential items such as cash assistance, food parcels, hygiene packs, shelter kits and water filtration devices, while also helping communities recover in the longer-term, and be better prepared for future disasters.

How can we support the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering?

Support the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering by:

- Giving a donation during the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering collection in Adventist Churches through your church's usual means
 - o If using the Adventist eGiving website at egiving.org.au or egiving.org.nz or on the eGiving App, select the **ADRA Disaster & Famine Relief** fund.
- Donating directly to ADRA Australia
 - o Online at www.adra.org.au/respond
 - o Calling 1800 242 372
 - o Sending a cheque or money order to ADRA Australia PO Box 129 Wahroonga NSW 2076

Disasters are an opportunity for us as individuals, and as a global Adventist Church, to connect deeply and meaningfully with our communities – and to show in love and action that we are there and ready to help those who need it most. Thank you for helping people affected by disaster. For more information and offering resources visit www.adra.org.au/respond

