

The Need

For over 30 years Rotary New Zealand's Emergency Response Kit has been providing immediate relief to our Pacific Island neighbours in times of earthquake, cyclone or tsunami, through the efforts of Rotary volunteers.



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The cost of each Emergency Response Kit is \$600. You may donate more or less than this amount - it will still be applied to the Rotary New Zealand Emergency Response Kit Program

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The Emergency Response Kit

A New Zealand initiative for
Pacific Emergencies



Rotary New Zealand World Community Service

Why an Emergency Response Kit?

Over 30 years ago some far sighted New Zealand Rotarians were struck by the need of our Pacific neighbours for emergency assistance following tropical cyclones and other natural disasters.

The most pressing need identified was for a kit of emergency materials which could enable a family to survive the immediate results of flood, tsunami or earthquake, until their home could be re-occupied. It had to be light enough to be transported by air quickly to the emergency scene, and from there distributed by Rotarians with local assistance.

Now, a national Emergency Response Kit programme is co-ordinated by Rotary New Zealand through RNZWCS Limited. Kits are stored centrally, ready for immediate dispatch to the next Pacific Island country in need of assistance.

What does it hold?

The box holds over 60 items likely to be needed by a family in an emergency situation. For protection, it includes two weatherproof tarpaulins which can be used to create immediate temporary shelter using the hammer and nails provided. A folding shovel assists with trenching and ground works.

Food is the key and a fishing kit and hunting knife are provided. Also a machete for wood gathering, a cooking grate and Bombay pot in which meals can be prepared. Bowls and mugs for serving come too.

As many families lose all of their possessions the kit provides basic clothing and underwear for family members and bed covers to maintain warmth. Also included are a medical pack of essentials such as water purifying tablets, soap, pain killers and antiseptic cream.

The Emergency Response Kit is packed in a 78 litre plastic container, which when emptied, can be fitted with a tap included, and used to treat drinking water for family use

How can you help?

Every year Rotary New Zealand despatches hundreds of the Emergency Response Kits to countries around the Pacific. Our aim is to work with local Rotary Clubs in each affected country to be the first to provide emergency response on site after a disaster hits.

The contents and averaged freight requirement for each kit cost around \$600. Rotary New Zealand seeks the support of the general public and Rotary clubs and to assist in funding the purchase of the materials and freighting of Emergency Response Kits.

Because Rotary New Zealand World Community Service is a Registered Charity, donations for Emergency Response Kits are able to be claimed by donors for income tax rebate purposes.

Please fill out the form overleaf and send your donation by cheque or direct credit for \$600 for a full box or a lesser amount should you chose.

