

25.3 million people are displaced each year by disasters¹

THERE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY



We see the effects of devastation every day. Sometimes, we live them. Such was the case for residents of southwestern Japan, who witnessed firsthand unfathomable destruction wrought by

relentless downpours and the most devastating – and deadly – flooding in nearly 40 years. Among the ruins? The Mabi-cho Library in northwestern Kurashiki, an integral part of the community serving young and old alike.

Learning of the devastation, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) quickly awarded US\$300.000 in "We wanted to make a mobile library available to the community."

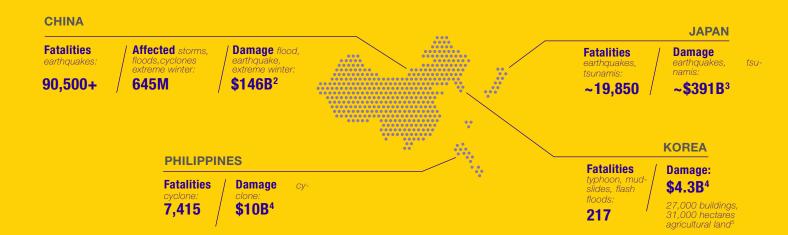
Disaster grant funding, helping meet residents' immediate needs. But longer-term needs – like the library – also needed addressing.

"More than 90 percent of the books were destroyed, and a new library will take years to build. We wanted to make a mobile library available to the community," said one Lion. "With additional grant funding from LCIF, we purchased a truck, fit it with shelving, and bought a collection of books." Today, the mobile unit circulates in Mabi-cho, visiting the area's numerous schools and temporary housing communities, and serving as a prelude to a new library structure that will come in time.





Natural Disaster Knows No Borders



THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, NATURAL DISASTER LOOKS LIKE THIS:





Annual economic losses are estimated at

US\$250-US\$300 billion⁸

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a **390% increase in natural disasters globally**⁹. LCIF and Lions have been there. To date, LCIF has awarded US\$134 million for disaster relief worldwide through:



SOURCES/NOTE: 1,8,7,8 United Nations; 2,3,4,2000-2018, Asian Development Bank, International Disaster Database; 5 Asian Disaster Reduction Center; 9 International Disaster Database; 10 awarded 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.

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