



Disaster Relief

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 Albania residents who witnessed firsthand unfathomable destruction when an earthquake rattled

the country's capital and surrounding areas. Where once stood homes, businesses, schools, and places of worship and play, now lay rubble. Also among the ruins? Once pristine countryside villages and hope for the future.

Committed to restoring the well-being of their fellow countrymen, and with a US\$10,000 Emergency grant

from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions and Leos mobilized quickly to deliver relief to those living through their darkest hours.

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"Hundreds were injured. Fellow Lions from numerous clubs in Albania came together to work alongside the residents, many who'd been forced to abandon their damaged homes and were feeling afraid and insecure," said Past International Director and project coordinator Elisabeth Haderer. "We gave aid in the form of milk, water, and other emergency needs to hundreds of families in villages greatly damaged from the earth's shifting. Perhaps most importantly, we provided hope for a better life."



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Natural Disaster Knows No Borders

Spanning 10 million kilometers+, the European continent is vast, its terrain varying east to west, north to south. Despite diverse geography and topography, Europe's natural disasters are largely flood- and storm-related, earthquakes like that in Albania and other natural disasters less common. An overview of European disasters and their impacts during a near-28-year period looks like this^{2,3}:

Natural disasters:

1,200

Number impacted:

>33M

Annual average: 1,139,022

Fatalities:

121,644

Annual average: 4,195

Economic damage:

~US\$267M

Annual average: 9,204,101

A closer look at reveals these sobering statistics^{4,5}:

Floods



% of disasters: **26.3**

Economic impact: **>US\$91B**

Storms



% of disasters: **25.5**

Economic impact: **>US\$75B**

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



90% of all
natural disasters
are water-related⁶

25.3 million

people are displaced each year
by sudden disasters⁷



Annual economic
losses are estimated at

US\$250B-US\$300B⁸

LCIF AND LIONS

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a **390% increase in natural disasters globally⁹**. 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 long-term
reconstruction after
large-scale natural
disasters¹⁰

SOURCES/NOTE: ^{1,6,7,8}United Nations; ^{2,4}PreventionWeb; ^{3,5,9}International Disaster Database; ¹⁰awarded at discretion of Lions international president and LCIF chairperson; grant limits subject to change



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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.

Disaster relief is just one cause area supported by *LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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