

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. So it is for Australians, who've witnessed first-hand unfathomable destruction wrought by angry bush fires consuming

seemingly everything that lay in their paths. Dozens of lives, more than 1,500 homes, and millions of pristine acres have fallen prey.

With fires reaching historic levels of destruction, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been there, supporting Lions serving their "LCIF comes to the fore in challenging times, linking us together."

communities alongside members of local emergency services and fire brigades. LCIF grant funds of US\$353,000 have purchased water tanks and much-needed items providing relief.

"I've never witnessed anything like these fires in 77 summers here," said Past International President Barry Palmer. "Their destruction, their speed. People were forced into the ocean to escape the flames and fireballs. Devastating situations like this is exactly why our global foundation is so important. LCIF comes to the fore in challenging times, linking us together. Disaster struck my home country...this time. Someday, it will happen elsewhere in the world, and LCIF will be there too. I'm very grateful for that."





Disaster Strikes at Home

CANBERRA BUSHFIRES

Destroyed homes: 500
Live lost: 4²
Estimated damage: \$300M³

QUEENSLAND CYCLONE

Category: 5 Winds: 290km/h

Natural disaster zone declared

Estimated damage: \$1.5B4

VICTORIA BUSHFIRES

Deaths: 173

Homes destroyed: 2,000+

Displaced: **7.500**⁵

2010

QUEENSLAND FLOODS

Live lost: 33

Homes ruined: 28.000

Financial toll:

lost revenue mining, agriculture, tourism

2.38B⁶
damage

WILDFIRES

Acres charred:

~18M

Homes destroyed:

3,000 New South Wales

Air quality: 11X hazardous

Sydney⁷

2019-2020

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



90% of all

2006

natural disasters are water-related⁸ 25.3 million

2009

people are displaced each year by sudden disasters⁹ Annual economic losses are estimated at

US\$250B-US\$300B¹⁰

LCIF AND LIONS

2003

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a **390% increase in natural disasters globally**¹¹. 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

lcif.org/disasterrelief

MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANTS

fund reconstruction after large-scale natural disasters¹²

SOURCES/NOTE: 1.8.9.10 United Nations; ²ABC; ³Australian Government; ⁴Timetoast Timelines; ⁵BBC; ⁶Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience; ⁷CNN; ¹¹International Disaster Database; ¹²awarded 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.

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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