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The New Zealand Disaster Fund helps us support communities to respond to, recover from, and prepare for disasters and emergencies in Aotearoa New Zealand.

How we're helping in Tairāwhiti

We responded in Tairāwhiti during the floods, helping run Civil Defence Centres and community hubs, deploying our specialist Red Cross people to provide psychological support and practical help, and working alongside other agencies on door-to-door needs assessments.

We're now helping in Tairāwhiti with:

- Our **Response and Recovery Programme**, providing goods and materials such as generators, first aid kits, satellite phones, dehumidifiers, water blasters, clean-up kits, and household items. We're also providing free psychological first aid training and replacing emergency response items such as bedding and stretchers.
- Our **Partnership Grants Programme**, which distributes grants to community organisations. Supporting these organisations helps make sure response and recovery work is community-led and meets local needs.

Responding to recent red weather warnings

In June, two of disaster welfare and support team members, Stuart and Lilian, flew to Gisborne to join our NZDF Regional Project Manager Phil on the ground responding to new flooding in the region. Lilian and Stuart spent the weekend helping in the Civil Defence Centre, providing psychosocial first aid and assisting whānau with food, clothing, and linking with other agencies. The team also delivered items to rural Te Karaka, where surface level flooding occurred. Our thoughts are with the people of Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay as they recover from another severe weather event.



Funds for Tairāwhiti farmers

A \$50,000 grant to the Gisborne Tairāwhiti Farming Recovery Fund will contribute to giving heavily affected farmers payments of \$2,000 to help ease the costs of repair and recovery. The extended isolation Tairāwhiti faced with roads cut off after Cyclone Gabrielle has meant on top of the immediate damage farmers also grappled with complex decisions involving transport logistics, animal welfare, and feed stock reserves. Using a combination of needs assessment data with community knowledge within the farming network, the Gisborne Tairāwhiti Farming Recovery Fund is identifying and approaching 50 farmers most in need.

Taking care of tamariki

Barnados initiatives to help children affected by the cyclone have received a boost from the New Zealand Disaster Fund. A \$30,000 grant supports their efforts for kids in Tairāwhiti. These have included distributing backpacks full of essential items like torches, hygiene products, radios, and first aid kits when power and communications were down, as well as food vouchers for whānau and a "beds and teds" initiative to replace beds and toys and return a sense of normalcy for kids displaced to temporary accommodation. Barnados have also received a \$65,918 grant for mental health and wellbeing programmes to support children affected by the cyclone and flooding.

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Through the New Zealand Disaster Fund, we are enabling community groups, charities and other entities to continue essential recovery work across affected areas. Organisations financially supported in Tairāwhiti include:

- Barnados New Zealand – survival kits and food vouchers for families in Tairāwhiti – \$30,000
- Gisborne District Council – emergency response stretchers – \$65,520
- Gisborne Tairāwhiti Farming Recovery Fund (Matai Medical Institute) – easing repair and recovery costs for farmers – \$50,000
- Hikurangi Enterprises – providing temporary accommodation – \$6,000
- Life Education Trust – Life Education programmes in Tairāwhiti and Wairoa for primary and intermediate schools, kura and some secondary schools – \$16,000
- Ngāti Pāhauwera Incorporated Society – repair weir and damaged water supply – \$50,000
- Puketawai Marae – replacement of destroyed resources – \$98,930
- Tairāwhiti Marae – clean-up and replacement of resources at Hinemaurea Marae, Rangatira Marae, Takipu Marae, and Te Wainui Marae – \$245,500
- Tairāwhiti Multicultural Council – food parcels and basic needs support for families in Gisborne – \$37,000
- Tiniroto Community and Te Reinga Marae – septic tank cleaning – \$20,432
- Toha Foundry Limited – community recovery fundings – \$120,000

We have also given grants to organisations for work across multiple regions, including Tairāwhiti:

- Babystart Charitable Trust – infant and maternal care packages for affected families Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti – \$16,000
- Buttabeen Motivation (BBM) – food parcels across all affected areas – \$100,000
- Barnados New Zealand – supporting mental wellbeing of affected children across all affected areas – \$65,918
- Convoy of Hope – accommodation and short-term housing while families rebuild and repair their homes in Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti – \$105,000
- Debt Relief Foundation – increase capacity to respond to affected communities across all affected areas – \$70,000
- Heart Psychological Assessment & Treatment Services Ltd/ HEART Collective – professional mental health and wellbeing support across all affected areas – \$50,000
- Kindness Collective Foundation – winter clothing, food, toiletries, whiteware, baby essentials, and school uniforms across all affected areas – \$100,000
- KiwiHarvest – food support across all affected areas – \$50,000
- Love Soup Charitable Trust – purchasing food and supplies for those that are directly impacted or helping with the cleanup in Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti – \$28,987
- Mana Mentoring Youth & Community Trust – helping whanau deal with mental health challenges across all affected areas – \$50,000
- Meat the Need – supplying goods 'at cost' across all affected areas – \$50,000
- Ngaa Hapu Hauora o Waiariki Discretionary Trust – essential household items such as food, health and welfare, cleanup supplies, and emergency housing advocacy in Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti – \$40,000
- Nga Purapura Watene Mauri O Te Roopu Kotahi Inc – food parcels, household care packs, hygiene kits, access to temporary water across all affected areas – \$50,000
- NZ Limited Licence Ltd – community clean up Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti – \$45,000
- Paw Justice Charitable Trust – freighting costs for delivering pet food across all affected areas – \$5,000
- Student Volunteer Army – disaster response related expenses across all affected areas – \$100,000
- The Nest Collective NZ Charitable Trust – baby essentials across all affected areas – \$35,000
- The Salvation Army – purchase of food products for food parcels across all affected areas – \$94,500

Note: Figures provided are as accurate as possible given the rapid nature of grant allocation. Figures may change slightly in our annual reporting as we complete our audit process.