

# The Need

For over 35 years Rotary New Zealand's **Emergency Response Kit** has been providing immediate relief to our Pacific Island neighbours in times of cyclone, devastating flood, tsunami, or earthquake, through the efforts of Rotary volunteers and supporters.



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## Emergency Response Kit Rotary New Zealand

The value of each Emergency Response Kit is approximately \$600. All donations, what ever the amount, will be used for the Rotary New Zealand Emergency Response Kit programme.

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# Emergency Response Kit

## A New Zealand initiative for Pacific Emergencies



Rotary New Zealand World Community Service

## Why an Emergency Response Kit?

Over 35 years ago forward thinking Rotarians in New Zealand were empowered to assist our Pacific neighbours with emergency assistance at a time when climatic and other natural disaster including cyclone, devastating flood, tsunami or earthquake occurred.

They identified the most immediate needs for a family which could be placed in a container strong enough to be transported by air, sea and land to destinations where local Rotarians and community members could distribute them.

Today, Rotary New Zealand (RNZ WCS Limited) manages and coordinates the Emergency Response Kit programme. Kits are pre-positioned in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu and the Cook Islands. Stock is also retained in New Zealand for immediate transportation by emergency airlifts to other more isolated Pacific countries.

## What does it contain?

The kit contains more than 60 essential items for a family in an emergency situation. It includes two weatherproof tarpaulins for temporary shelter, tools including hammer and nails, and a folding shovel for trenching and ground work.

Whilst the kit contains only non food items, food and water is the key to survival and for that fishing tackle and a hunting knife is included along with a machete for gathering wood, a cooking grate and a bombay pot to prepare food. Bowls, mugs and plates and kitchen essentials are there too. Cleaning implements and products are included to alleviate hygiene and sanitation issues.

The kit contains all manner of clothing for women and girls, men and boys including linen and towels. A medical pack recognises the hygiene and safety requirements of all the family and includes soap, tooth brushes and paste, pain killers, antiseptic cream, bandages and water purification tablets. The Emergency Response Kit container has the capacity for holding 78 litres of water. Gumboots and a wind up rechargeable torch are an added safety in hazardous situations.

Mothers often give birth during emergencies and a birthing kit is contained in the container.

## How you can assist?

Annually, Rotary New Zealand volunteers' purchase the stock and assemble the kits, to allow it to pre position and distribute hundreds of Emergency Response Kits throughout the Pacific. The objective of the programme is to have the stock on hand for immediate distribution as soon as the situation is such that Rotarians and their supporters are able to do so without putting their own lives at risk.

Rotary engages and collaborates with National Disaster Management Organisations that coordinate relief efforts in each country to ensure that the Emergency Response Kits are distributed to those most in need.

The container and contents together with storage and freight costs are valued at approximately \$600. Rotary New Zealand seeks the financial support from Rotarians in New Zealand and worldwide as well as the general public and donor organisations to ensure this essential programme continues to respond to those most vulnerable following a disaster.

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