

# ROTARY NEW ZEALAND WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE



## NEWS in BRIEF

October 2020

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS (ERKs)

#### 2020 Packing 1,000 ERKs in Auckland



For 35 years from 28 October 1985, Rotary New Zealand has been providing Humanitarian Support to Pacific Countries with Emergency Kits. During the past 2 months, combined efforts of Rotary Clubs across Auckland have packed 1,000 Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) which are now on their way for prepositioning in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu in preparation for the forthcoming Cyclone Season. Both Tonga and the Cook Islands have prepositioned stocks in readiness also. Thanks to Goodman Property Trust for providing warehouse facilities and to Jenner Worldwide Freight Ltd for transportation. [Ref. 308](#)



Rotary works collaboratively with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in each Pacific country and due to limited resources partners with locally based International NGO's who provide secure storage and when the need arises, they ensure distribution is undertaken to the most vulnerable in a timely manner. Following Cyclone Harold in April 2020, Rotary in Fiji was supported by a number of local NGO's in addition to the Fiji Defense Forces. In Tonga MORDI a local NGO mobilised local businesses and communities and in Vanuatu, the NDMO took responsibility. Often cyclones strike islands and territories in Pacific countries where there is no Rotary Club and therefore are reliant on the wider community.

#### Fiji – Cyclone Harold – Defense Force Support



### COVID – 19 – ROTARY NEPAL



Nepal has just one ventilator for 114,000 people as there are only 263 working ventilator machines in the country. According to research by the World Health Organization (WHO), out of 100 reported cases of COVID-19, 80 can be treated at home, 15 need hospitalisation and the remaining 5 need a ventilator. Dhulikhel Hospital, is one of the Covid-19 hospitals assigned by Nepal Government and their third largest medical institution with more than 20 outreach centres. It has 10 ventilators, 4 for paediatrics, 4 for critical care and 2 for acute respiratory infection dedicated for Covid cases. Dhulikhel Hospital has requested the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel to support 4 additional ventilators, 2 for adult & 2 for children. [Ref. 777](#)

### SCHOLARSHIPS ROTARY CLUB OF TAVEUNI



The Rotary Club of Taveuni has reassessed its community response and has determined that one of its two priorities is to continue providing Scholarships to disadvantaged children. For the 2020 school year, they funded 160 scholarships of \$250 each, a total of \$40,000. For 2021 there has been an increase in applications due to Covid - 19

and the resulting massive downturn in employment in the tourist industry. The club would like to be able to provide 200 scholarships but has funding shortfall of \$30,000. Ref. 015

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)  
ROTARY PACIFIC WATER FOR LIFE**



Rotary New Zealand World Community Service and Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation (RPWFL) have partnered for 12 years on rural Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities. RPWFL has constructed over 300 rural water supply projects and is a leading provider of WASH infrastructure. It has brought innovative simple, cost effective, environmentally friendly and resilient technologies to Fiji. Access to reliable safe water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene awareness, for Fiji's rural community is a pressing need. 44.1 % of Fiji's people reside in rural areas. TC Harold prompted an increase of dengue, leptospirosis and typhoid. COVID-19 continues to threaten. Rural people's access to clean and safe water in adequate quantity stands at 58%, and to centralized sewage treatment at 0%. 58% use private flush toilets, with wastewater often discharged untreated. 23% use pour flush, leaving 19% relying on traditional latrines. Most rural communities do not have the capacity or resources to upgrade rural water and sanitation infrastructure. Ref. 402

**DIK – DONATIONS IN KIND**

**Christchurch Rotarians about to close the doors on a filled Container bound for Samoa**



Christchurch Rotary Clubs have sent 22 Containers to the Pacific countries in recent years and plan to send at least 3 more this Rotary year. Educational and health equipment are priorities with particular emphasis on supporting those with disability. Rotorua Passport has recently taken up the challenge and their first container will go to Fiji. Ref. 304

**MANGO TREE CENTRE**

**Mango Tree Centre for the Disabled, Tonga take delivery of wheelchairs ex Christchurch Rotary**



Mango Tree Centre supports 1,000 disabled people and is giving dignity to those that are most vulnerable. The disabled are very much neglected in Tonga and receive no financial support from Govt. Many families with severely disabled members live in deplorable conditions. Ref. 004

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PACIFIC COUNTRIES 308 (Multi Club)

NEPAL - COVID – 19 VENTILATORS  
777 (Dhulikhel)

FIJI – SCHOLARSHIPS  
ROTARY CLUB OF TAVEUNI  
015 (Tavenui)

FIJI – ROTARY PACIFIC WATER FOR LIFE  
402 (Suva North)

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PACIFIC - DONATIONS IN KIND  
304 (Multi Club)

- Freight Fund

TONGA – MANGO TREE CENTRE  
004 (Nuku'alofa)

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