

Message from Rotary Foundation 2022-23 Chair Ian Riseley

"Dear Rotarians

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary continually takes action to help communities in need.

We want you all to know that The Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to support

immediate relief efforts in Pakistan and Ukraine. In Pakistan, a severe monsoon season has caused devastating floods and affected millions of people. In Ukraine, the ongoing war has led to a continued humanitarian crisis. We'll begin fundraising efforts soon to finance disaster response grants from these funds.

The Pakistan Flood Response Fund will help communities recover from the disaster that displaced people and destroyed crops. It will accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, until 31 December 2023 and distribute grants until 30 June 2024 or until the funds are spent. Any unused money will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund.

The Ukraine Response Fund will also accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, to support grants for districts affected by the war. It will operate on the same schedule as the Pakistan fund, accepting donations until 31 December 2023 and awarding grants until 30 June 2024 or until the money is spent. Any unused funds will also be transferred to the Disaster Response Fund."

Clubs or individual Rotarians in District 9999 who wish to contribute to either of these Response Funds should transfer their funds to the District Westpac account 03 0903 0613828 000 with their name or Club name, their member ID if an individual, and either "Pakistan" or "Ukraine" in the details fields.

Gifts to the Ukraine Response Fund and Pakistan Flood Response Fund count towards a donor's total cumulative giving and also factor into Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and Arch Klumph Society recognition, but not towards SHARE or DDF, ie these contributions are separate from your normal Club Foundation fundraising. Please address any questions to DRFC Joan Kiernan at joan.kiernan@queenstownnz.net.

