

WEEK 4 DISASTER RESPONSE FUND

Historically, Rotary has focused on providing long-term solutions to humanitarian needs around the world. But many Rotarians wanted to be able to help when disasters arise.

In response to emergency relief, The Rotary Foundation recently established a new support fund to receive contributions for disasters that strike around the world. Entitled the **Rotary Disaster Response Fund**, RI staff in Programs and Grants will reach out to the affected areas and their districts to assess the need and desire for funding. Upon a qualified response - much like a district grant - the affected district will be awarded funding in increments of up to \$25,000, consulting the TRF chair as needed. Only districts in the affected country may request a grant. These districts can apply for more than one grant, and should some of the allocation not be used – the funds will be returned to the Disaster Fund. Should requests exceed available funds, the General Secretary of RI will triage requests until additional funds are available.

This new fund enables Rotarians to make donations in response to disasters around the world through The Rotary Foundation.