

DISTRICT 9350
DISASTER RESPONSE
USD25 000

2026

Project Value Summary

Project — Club	Value
After the Storm, Hope Returned to the Classroom — Rotary Club of George	R10 000,00
A Safer Place to Learn and Play — Rotary Club of Helderberg	R6 877,00
Shelter Restored After the Storm — Rotary Club of Greyton	R26 376,46
When the Floodwaters Rose, Rotary Responded — Rotary Club of Swellendam	R10 000,00
Restoring Roofs, Rebuilding Hope in Cavalla Dorp — Rotaract Club of Waterfront	R43 000,00
Restoring Water, Renewing Hope at Avondale Primary — Rotary Club of Atlantis	R39 000,00
A Safe Haven Restored — Sandy's Eden, Worcester — Rotary Club of Worcester	R45 000,00
Back to School, Back to Hope — Rotary Club of Bellville	R10 000,00
From 67 Minutes to 54 Boxes of Hope — Rotary Club of Waterfront	R40 000,00
Goudini Rugby Club Bathroom Repairs — Rotary Club of Worcester	R16 519,66
From Flood Risk to Renewed Resilience — Rotary Club of Paarl	R25 000,00
Rebuilding Hope in Golden Valley — Rotary Club of George	R59 997,21
Restoring a Place Where Young Leaders Grow — Rotary Club of Bellville	R10 000,00
Sandy's Eden — Hygiene Supplies — Rotary Club of Worcester	R12 129,42
Kliprivier Wastewater Works Clean-up — Rotary Club of Swellendam	R40 000,00
Strive to Read Flood Relief — Rotary Club of Worcester	R10 000,00
Suurbraak Roof Relief — Rotary Club of Swellendam	R22 895,44
Total value of all projects	R426 795,19

After the Storm, Hope Returned to the Classroom

Rotary Club of George

George Rotary Club turns a District 9350 relief grant into school essentials for flood-affected learners

PEOPLE OF ACTION • PRACTICAL RELIEF • LASTING DIGNITY

When Floodwaters Took the Basics

Flooding and storm damage in George did more than damage homes and a local school. For affected families, it also swept away the everyday essentials children need to learn with confidence: school uniforms, books and stationery.

Recognising the urgency, the Rotary Club of George stepped forward with a focused relief project for the Golden Valley community. With support from a R10 000 District Flood Relief Grant, the club replaced key school items and helped learners return to class equipped, included and ready to continue their education.

Project Impact at a Glance

Project	Community	Grant	Local Partner
Replacement of school uniforms, books and stationery	Golden Valley, George	R10 000	ELPIDA

From Grant to Ground-Level Action

The funding was put directly to work. A total of R1 636,34 was spent on books, while R8 363,66 was used at PEP Stores for school-related essentials, bringing total expenditure to the full R10 000 grant amount.

How the Grant Was Spent

Item or Supplier	Amount	Purpose
Books	R1 636,34	Replacing learning materials lost during the flooding
PEP Stores	R8 363,66	School uniforms and related essentials
Total funds expended	R10 000,00	Full District Relief Grant utilised

A Partnership That Found the Families Who Needed Help Most

Local knowledge made the response more precise. ELPIDA assisted the club in identifying families most in need, helping ensure that support reached those facing the greatest disruption after the flooding.

More Than Supplies — A Return to Dignity

A uniform helps a child feel that they belong. A book opens the door to learning. A pen and notebook allow a learner to participate rather than watch from the sidelines. By replacing what the storm had taken, this project restored more than possessions: it restored routine, dignity and possibility.

When disaster interrupts education, timely action can place hope back into a learner's hands.

District 9350 in Action

This George Rotary Club project shows what focused grant funding, trusted local partnerships and practical service can achieve. Every rand was translated into essentials for schoolchildren—and every item carried the same message: your community sees you, supports you and believes in your future.

Project reporting certified on 4 August 2026 by John Arvanitakis, Rotarian and Public Image Director, George Rotary Club.

A Safer Place to Learn and Play

Rotary Club of Helderberg

District 9350 flood-relief funding supports the Bizweni Centre

By the Rotary Club of Helderberg

HELDERBERG, WESTERN CAPE — A District 9350 flood-relief grant has helped the Rotary Club of Helderberg complete an important repair at the Bizweni Centre, a facility that provides care and education for children with physical and intellectual disabilities while also offering guidance and support to their parents.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Beneficiary	Bizweni Centre
Grant	R6 877
Project	Repair of the children's shaded play area

Restoring a Vital Outdoor Space

The R6 877 grant was used to supply and install a new timber pole and repair the shade cloth covering the children's play area. The work addressed damage to a space that is central to the centre's daily activities, helping to restore a more protected environment where children can play, learn and take part in outdoor programmes.

Although modest in scale, the project demonstrates the direct difference that responsive Rotary funding can make. By focusing resources on a practical and clearly identified need, the grant strengthened the centre's ability to continue serving children and families in its care.

Transparent Use of Funds

The full grant amount of R6 877 was allocated to the repair project, with the expenditure recorded in the club's project report. The funding was transferred for the benefit of the Bizweni Centre, and the Rotary Club of Helderberg confirmed that the grant was used in accordance with the approved guidelines.

"This project is a practical example of Rotary turning District support into a safer, more usable space for children."

The Rotary Club of Helderberg extends its appreciation to District 9350 for making the work possible and to the Bizweni Centre for its ongoing commitment to children with disabilities and their families. Projects such as this show how collaboration, careful stewardship and timely action can create meaningful community impact.

Project completed through the District 9350 Flood Relief Grant programme, 2026.

Shelter Restored After the Storm

Rotary Club of Greyton

Greyton Rotary turns District 9350 disaster relief funding into a safe new roof for a vulnerable resident

GREYTON | DISTRICT 9350 DISASTER RELIEF

When a severe storm tore through the Sonderend River Valley on 11 May 2026, it left a trail of fallen trees, damaged roofs and destroyed informal homes. Greyton Rotary responded immediately, working alongside the Greyton Red Cross, the Genadendal Transformation Committee and the local ward councillor to help affected residents find temporary accommodation and food.

When District disaster relief funding became available, the partners identified a particularly urgent case: Patsy Phillips, a 70-year-old resident whose home had been struck by a large pine tree. The impact caused severe damage to the ageing asbestos roof, leaving the house unsafe and creating a complex repair challenge.

A Safe, Compliant Solution

Because asbestos may only be handled by an appropriately registered contractor, part of the District support was used for the safe removal and disposal of the damaged roof sheets. Once the hazardous material had been cleared, Greyton Rotarians helped install new roof beams, screws and corrugated iron sheeting—restoring a secure roof over Patsy’s home.

This project is a practical example of Rotary at its best: local knowledge, trusted partnerships and District support coming together when a neighbour needed help most.

Project Snapshot

District relief grants received	R26 376,46
Project expenditure	R26 334,51
Key partners	Greyton Red Cross; Genadendal Transformation Committee; local ward councillor
Outcome	Hazardous asbestos safely removed and a new corrugated iron roof installed

District 9350's support enabled Greyton Rotary to move quickly from emergency response to lasting recovery. More than a repaired roof, the project restored safety, dignity and peace of mind to a member of the community.

Submitted by the Rotary Club of Greyton for the District 9350 newsletter.

WHEN THE FLOODWATERS ROSE, ROTARY RESPONDED

Rotary Club of Swellendam

Thirty mattresses bring immediate relief—and readiness for the next emergency—in Swellendam

By the Rotary Club of Swellendam

A NIGHT THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

On 11 May 2026, severe storms tore through the Swellendam region, destroying homes in rural communities and forcing residents into emergency accommodation in schools and community halls. For families who had lost almost everything, even the most basic comforts suddenly mattered enormously.

The Swellendam Municipality opened its Disaster Relief Store to provide essential supplies. But one critical item had run out: mattresses. With immediate needs still pressing—and future emergencies always possible—the shortage called for swift, practical action.

R10 000. THIRTY MATTRESSES. REAL RELIEF.

The Rotary Club of Swellendam used a R10 000 District Flood Relief Grant to purchase 30 single mattresses for the Municipality's Disaster Relief Store. The mattresses will be distributed to people severely affected by the floods, while also rebuilding emergency stock for future disasters.

PROJECT IMPACT AT A GLANCE

DISTRICT GRANT	MATTRESSES	DELIVERY
R10 000	30 single	Free of charge

PARTNERSHIP THAT STRETCHED EVERY RAND

A-Z Wholesalers strengthened the project by supplying the mattresses at a discounted price and delivering them to the Municipality free of charge. That support ensured the full grant could go directly towards relief.

RELIEF PARTNERS IN ACTION

PARTNER	CONTRIBUTION
Rotary Club of Swellendam	Identified the need and directed District relief funding to the purchase.
Swellendam Municipality	Stores and distributes mattresses to flood-affected residents.
A-Z Wholesalers	Supplied discounted mattresses and provided free delivery.

MORE THAN A PLACE TO SLEEP

A mattress may appear simple, but in the aftermath of disaster it offers dignity, rest and a small measure of stability. This project shows what Rotary does best: identifies an urgent local need, brings partners together and turns available resources into tangible help.

When disaster strips away the familiar, practical compassion helps a community begin again.

Through decisive action by the Rotary Club of Swellendam, District 9350 funding has become comfort today—and preparedness

Restoring Roofs, Rebuilding Hope in Cavalla Dorp

Rotaract Club of Waterfront

Waterfront Rotaract turns a District Flood Relief Grant into safer homes and renewed dignity in Steenberg

By the Rotaract Club of Waterfront

In Cavalla Dorp, Steenberg, a secure roof means far more than shelter. It means children can sleep without rain entering their home, older residents can move through safer spaces, and families can face winter with greater confidence. Through its Cavalla Dorp Restoration Project, the Rotaract Club of Waterfront helped turn that need into practical, lasting action.

Supported by a R43 000 District Flood Relief Grant, the project focused on households living with damaged roofs, weakened flooring and a shortage of basic household essentials. The club and its partners repaired roofs, strengthened unsafe areas and distributed hygiene and household supplies—restoring not only homes, but also dignity and hope.

Partnership Made the Difference

Chev's Kitchen coordinated the project from planning through implementation. The organisation secured approval from the City of Cape Town's Informal Settlements Department, completed pre-assessments to identify the households in greatest need, and managed on-site safety and security.

The Cindy Foundation provided vital local knowledge and trusted connections within Cavalla Dorp. By introducing the project team to community leaders and residents, the foundation helped build trust and ensured that the work responded sensitively to local needs.

Grant in Action

Project investment	Amount
Building supplies	R19 855.00
Labour	R10 000.00
Hygiene packs and household supplies	R9 451.90
Transport and logistics	R3 203.74
Banking fees	R485.16
Total spent	R42 995.80

The careful use of the grant ensured that almost the full allocation went directly towards materials, labour, essential supplies and the logistics required to deliver the work safely.

A Legacy Beyond the Repairs

The impact will continue beyond the homes reached during the initial project. Inspired by the collaboration and advocacy surrounding the work, the Cindy Foundation has committed to supporting repairs and improvements for additional homes in the settlement.

“This project shows what becomes possible when Rotary resources, local knowledge and committed volunteers come together around a shared purpose.”

For the Rotaract Club of Waterfront, the Cavalla Dorp Restoration Project is a powerful reminder that service is most effective when it is rooted in partnership, practical action and respect for the community. One repaired roof at a time, the project has helped create safer homes—and renewed belief in what collective action can achieve.

Project coordinated by Chevano Frans, Past President and Projects
Coordinator, Rotaract Club of Waterfront.

Restoring Water, Renewing Hope at Avondale Primary

Rotary Club of Atlantis

Rotary Club of Atlantis turns a District 9350 Flood Relief Grant into lasting support for a vital school feeding garden

ATLANTIS – When flood damage threatened the school garden at Avondale Primary, the impact reached far beyond damaged equipment. The garden helps supply fresh produce to a feeding scheme serving almost half of the school's more than 1,200 learners. Restoring its water supply was therefore an urgent investment in food security, learning and community resilience.

A practical response to flood damage

With support from a R39,000 District Flood Relief Grant, the Rotary Club of Atlantis set out to restore the garden's ability to irrigate reliably. The project provided two borehole pumps, a submersible motor, a cable joint and two 5,000-litre water tanks, together with installation and labour.

The Atlantis Tuinbou Vereniging played an important supporting role. Its members helped assess the damage, identify what was needed and install the new equipment, charging only for labour. This local partnership helped turn grant funding into a practical, fit-for-purpose response.

Funding translated into impact

Recorded project expenditure totalled R39,258.99. More importantly, the work restored essential water infrastructure for a garden that contributes to the school's feeding programme. For learners who depend on that programme, the project supports more than a garden: it strengthens access to nutritious food and helps the school continue caring for its community.

Rotary in action

This project shows how District support, club leadership and community expertise can come together after a disaster to deliver sustainable results. By acting quickly and investing in durable water infrastructure, the Rotary Club of Atlantis has helped Avondale Primary rebuild an important source of nourishment and hope.

Small infrastructure can create a wide ripple of impact—one garden, one feeding scheme and hundreds of learners at a time.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Project	Avondale Primary Flood Disaster Relief
Lead club	Rotary Club of Atlantis
Community partner	Atlantis Tuinbou Vereniging
District relief grant	R39,000

A Safe Haven Restored Sandy's Eden, Worcester

Rotary Club of Worcester

Rotary Club of Worcester turns District flood-relief funding into practical protection for rescued animals.

FLOOD RELIEF • ANIMAL WELFARE • PEOPLE OF ACTION

From flood damage to lasting security

When the May floods tore through Worcester, they left more than damaged structures behind. At Sandy's Eden animal shelter, the cattle enclosure was badly compromised—putting the safety and secure containment of animals in the shelter's care at risk. Sandy's Eden provides refuge and care for abandoned, neglected and rescued animals, including cattle. After the floods of 11 May 2026, replacing the damaged enclosure became an urgent welfare priority. With a R45 000 District Flood Relief Grant, the Rotary Club of Worcester moved quickly from concern to action. The full grant funded a new 7 m × 7 m galvanised cattle enclosure, constructed on site by Crous Sweiswerke. The completed structure has restored a safe, secure environment for the cattle and strengthened the shelter's ability to continue its work. Vulnerable animals are once again protected, allowing their carers to focus on rehabilitation rather than emergency containment.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

CLUB	Rotary Club of Worcester
BENEFICIARY	Sandy's Eden animal shelter
DISTRICT SUPPORT	R45 000 Flood Relief Grant
THE RESULT	A secure 7 m × 7 m galvanised cattle enclosure

R45 000 invested in safety and care

“Local knowledge. Timely District support. A clear and lasting community benefit.”

Submitted by the Rotary Club of Worcester for the District 9350 newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO HOPE

Rotary Club of Bellville

Bellville Rotary turns a D9350 flood-relief grant into uniforms, stationery and a fresh start for Rawsonville learners

DISTRICT 9350 • COMMUNITY IMPACT

WHEN THE WATER ROSE, ROTARY RESPONDED

Floods devastated the Rawsonville community, leaving families facing the sudden loss of homes, clothing and everyday essentials. For schoolchildren, the damage also threatened something vital: the chance to return to class with dignity and the supplies needed to learn.

The Rotary Club of Bellville stepped in with practical, immediate support. A R10 000 District Flood Relief Grant was used to replace school uniforms and provide stationery, helping affected learners resume their education as quickly as possible.

EVERY RAND PUT TO WORK

RELIEF ITEM	INVESTMENT
School clothing	R9 116,37
Stationery	R883,63
Total grant invested	R10 000,00

MORE THAN A UNIFORM

A school uniform is more than clothing. It restores confidence, belonging and routine. A pen and exercise book are more than stationery; they reconnect a learner with possibility. By directing every rand to essential items, Bellville Rotary transformed emergency funding into visible, meaningful relief.

In the aftermath of disaster, swift and focused action can help a child take the next step forward.

PEOPLE OF ACTION — WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

This project reflects Rotary at its best: listening to an urgent community need, responding responsibly and turning compassion into action. The Rotary Club of Bellville's support gave Rawsonville learners more than replacements for what the floods had taken—it gave them a pathway back to the classroom and renewed hope for the days ahead.

Project delivered by the Rotary Club of Bellville with support from the D9350 District Flood Relief Grant.

FROM 67 MINUTES TO 54 BOXES OF HOPE

Rotary Club of Waterfront

How Rotary Waterfront, the V&A Waterfront and The Salvation Army turned partnership into practical flood and fire relief

When winter emergencies hit vulnerable Cape Town communities, District 9350's spirit of action moved quickly—from grant funding to packed boxes, warm beanies and essential supplies.

WHEN THE STORM PASSES, THE NEED REMAINS

Across the Cape Flats, many households already face the daily pressure of unemployment and limited incomes. Floods and fires deepen that vulnerability in an instant, leaving families without food, toiletries and basic household necessities. The Rotary Club of Waterfront responded through the District Flood Relief Grant 2026, directing practical support to communities in the Greater Cape Town area.

PARTNERSHIP DOUBLED THE POWER OF THE GRANT

A R20 000 District Flood Relief Grant became the foundation for a larger response. The V&A Waterfront contributed a further R20 000 and invited Rotary Waterfront to take part in its Nelson Mandela activation at Merchant House on 17 July. Together, the partners transformed R40 000 into non-perishable food, hygiene products and sanitary items for families facing hardship.

67 MINUTES. MANY HANDS. REAL RELIEF.

Staff and volunteers used their Mandela Day service time to pack 54 boxes of essential goods. The activity offered more than a symbolic gesture: every item was selected, packed and prepared for delivery to households identified as being in need.

RELIEF AT A GLANCE

Measure	Result
Mandela Day service	67 minutes
Relief boxes packed	54 boxes
Winter beanies knitted	50 beanies
Total resources mobilised	R40 000

FROM MERCHANT HOUSE TO FAMILIES IN NEED

The Salvation Army collected the boxes from Merchant House and took responsibility for distribution through its community networks. This partnership connected Rotary funding and volunteer energy with an organisation experienced in getting emergency food and hygiene supplies to vulnerable households.

WARMTH, ONE STITCH AT A TIME

The response extended beyond the packed relief boxes. Answering The Salvation Army's call for winter beanies, residents of Quadrant Gardens knitted 50 beanies—small, personal acts of care that will help bring warmth and dignity during the coldest months.

EVERY RAND ACCOUNTED FOR. EVERY PARTNER COUNTED ON.

The Rotary Club of Waterfront reported expenditure of R20 111,05 against the District grant allocation, with procurement and payment records retained for accountability. Combined with the V&A Waterfront contribution, the project demonstrates how transparent grant stewardship and trusted local partnerships can multiply impact.

When Rotary connects resources, willing hands and reliable partners, 67 minutes can become relief that lasts far beyond a single day.

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

Partner	Contribution and role
District 9350	R20 000 Flood Relief Grant
V&A Waterfront	R20 000 contribution and Mandela Day staff activation
Rotary Club of Waterfront	Procurement, coordination and packing of essential supplies
The Salvation Army	Collection and distribution to identified households
Quadrant Gardens residents	Knitted 50 winter beanies

THIS IS PEOPLE OF ACTION

For District 9350, the message is clear: responsive service begins by listening, grows through collaboration and succeeds through delivery. Rotary Waterfront's flood and fire relief initiative is a practical example of what becomes possible when clubs act decisively and invite others to serve alongside them.

Submitted by the Rotary Club of Waterfront, District 9350.

FROM FLOOD DAMAGE TO FRESH HOPE HOW ROTARY RESTORED DIGNITY AT GOUDINI RUGBY CLUB

Rotary Club of Worcester

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WHEN THE FLOODS HIT, ROTARY STEPPED IN

When the floods of 11 May 2026 damaged the bathroom facilities at Goudini Rugby Club, the loss reached far beyond bricks, pipes and fittings. This community club, situated on a farm outside Rawsonville, is run entirely by members who are farm workers with limited incomes and no independent funding or financial reserves.

The damaged wall panels, plumbing fixtures and associated fittings left an important gathering place in urgent need of repair. For the community that relies on the club, restoring the bathroom meant restoring a basic facility—and protecting a valued space for sport, connection and belonging.

A GRANT THAT WENT STRAIGHT TO WORK

The Rotary Club of Worcester used a District Flood Relief Grant of R16 519,66 to fund the complete repair. Every rand was directed to the materials and skilled work required to make the facility usable again.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Project	Goudini Rugby Club Bathroom Repairs
Rotary club	Rotary Club of Worcester
Location	Farm outside Rawsonville
Relief grant	R16 519,66
Primary benefit	Safe, restored bathroom facilities for the farm-worker community

THE NUMBERS BEHIND THE IMPACT

Expense category	What it covered	Amount
Building materials	Door panel, adhesive, drywall screws, glazing putty, hardboard, gypsum cornice and glass	R2 244,62
Plumbing materials	Basin, toilet suite, PVC pipes, fittings, taps, connectors, bends and valves	R4 525,04
Labour and transport	Bathroom repair work and contractor transport	R9 750,00
TOTAL PROJECT SPEND		R16 519,66

Bright Ideas Solar Energy & Building Solutions sourced the materials from Agrimark Rawsonville and Plumblink Worcester Express, and completed the repair work. The club paid the full invoiced amount directly to the contractor.

MORE THAN A BATHROOM

This project is a powerful reminder that Rotary's impact is often felt through practical, timely action. A repaired bathroom may appear modest on paper, but for the farm-worker community that depends on Goudini Rugby Club, it means dignity, safety and a clubhouse ready to serve its members once more.

When disaster damages a community space, Rotary helps rebuild the foundations of belonging.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF—VISIBLE, LOCAL, LASTING

Through decisive support from District 9350 and careful implementation by the Rotary Club of Worcester, flood relief became a completed project with a clear and lasting benefit. It is Rotary in action: identifying a need, mobilising resources and delivering hope where it matters most.

Submitted for the D9350 newsletter by the Rotary Club of Worcester

FROM FLOOD RISK TO RENEWED RESILIENCE

Rotary Club of Paarl

District 9350 relief funding helps protect homes in Paarl's Drommedaris informal settlement

ROTARY IN ACTION | COMMUNITY RESILIENCE | PRACTICAL IMPACT WHEN THE WATER RISES, ROTARY RESPONDS

For families living in the Drommedaris informal settlement in Paarl, severe flooding created an urgent threat. Water flowing down from the mountainside collected in the low-lying area between Drommedaris Road and the railway line, placing homes at risk and leaving residents vulnerable to the next heavy rainfall.

With support from the District Flood Relief Grant 2026, the Rotary Club of Paarl moved quickly to help strengthen the affected area and reduce the danger of future flooding.

A PRACTICAL BARRIER AGAINST FUTURE FLOODS

The solution was direct, durable and locally appropriate: milling material, also known as tar chips, was supplied, delivered and compacted across the affected sections. By raising and stabilising the ground, the intervention helps limit the flow of water towards residents' homes and creates greater protection for the community.

PARTNERSHIP TURNS FUNDING INTO ACTION

The project was strengthened by close cooperation with Drakenstein Municipality. Municipal officials assessed the flood impact, opened communication with the Department of Road Maintenance, and helped connect the project with suppliers responsible for materials, delivery and compaction services.

“R25 000. One focused intervention. A safer foundation for vulnerable homes.”

EVERY RAND DIRECTED TO RELIEF

The full R25 000 District Relief Grant was used for the supply of milling material and the associated delivery and compaction services. This focused use of funding demonstrates how a targeted Rotary grant can translate quickly into visible, practical change.

MORE THAN ROADWORK — A MEASURE OF HOPE

For the people of Drommedaris, this project is about more than compacted material. It is about safer homes, stronger neighbourhoods and the reassurance that community partners are ready to act when disaster strikes.

The initiative reflects the best of Rotary: listening to a clear need, mobilising trusted partners and directing resources where they can make an immediate difference. As District 9350 continues to respond to communities affected by extreme weather, the Drommedaris project stands as a powerful example of service that is timely, accountable and built to last.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Lead club:	Rotary Club of Paarl
Community:	Drommedaris informal settlement
Grant:	R25 000
Intervention:	Supply, delivery and compaction of milling material
Municipal partner:	Drakenstein Municipality

Prepared for the District 9350 newsletter from the 2026 District Flood Relief Grant project report.

Rebuilding Hope in Golden Valley

Rotary Club of George

District 9350 flood relief helps three Blanco families return home

ROTARY IN ACTION

When severe weather struck the George region in May, three families in Golden Valley, Blanco, lost their homes and were left without secure shelter. A District 9350 Flood Relief Grant enabled the Rotary Club of George to turn an urgent need into practical, lasting assistance.

Working with ELPIDA, a George-based community support project, the club helped fund the rebuilding of all three family homes. ELPIDA identified the households most in need and managed the construction work, while Rotary provided the financial support required to purchase building materials.

Three homes rebuilt. Three families supported. One community moving forward.

A Grant with Measurable Impact

The project received a District Relief Grant of R59 997,21. A total of R59 879,04 was spent on building materials, ensuring that almost the entire grant went directly into reconstruction. The result is more than bricks, timber and roofing: it is the restoration of safety, stability and dignity for families affected by the disaster.

This project demonstrates the power of Rotary partnerships. By combining District resources, local club leadership and ELPIDA's community knowledge, assistance reached the right families quickly and translated into visible progress on the ground.

The Rotary Club of George thanks District 9350 for making this response possible and recognises everyone who helped rebuild these homes. It is a

compelling example of Rotary's commitment to creating hope through service—especially when communities need it most.

Submitted by the Rotary Club of George

Restoring a Place Where Young Leaders Grow

Rotary Club of Bellville

Bellville Rotary puts a flood-damaged youth camp back on the path to recovery

District 9350 Flood Relief Grant 2026

When severe flooding swept through a youth camp regularly used for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camps, it left more than water damage in its wake. Essential infrastructure was washed away, and the venue that helps young people build confidence, leadership and friendships could no longer operate as intended.

The Rotary Club of Bellville responded with practical, focused action. With support from a R10 000 District 9350 Flood Relief Grant, the club funded a contractor to rebuild the camp's damaged pump station—an essential step towards restoring the site and making it operational again.

A targeted repair with lasting value

The full grant amount was directed to the pump-station rebuild. By concentrating the funding on a critical piece of infrastructure, the project addressed an immediate need while protecting the camp's longer-term role as a venue for youth development.

Restoring the camp means restoring opportunities for young people to discover their potential through RYLA.

Service where it matters most

This project shows what effective relief funding can achieve: a clearly identified need, a direct response and responsible use of every rand. It also

demonstrates the value of Rotary's district network, where clubs can move quickly to safeguard community assets after a disaster.

For Bellville Rotary, repairing the pump station was more than a construction job. It was an investment in the future of a venue that brings emerging leaders together and gives them space to learn, connect and grow.

Project at a glance

Rotary club	Rotary Club of Bellville
Project	Repair of a flood-damaged youth camp
District grant	R10 000
Work completed	Rebuilding of the damaged pump station
Community value	Supports the recovery of a camp used for biannual RYLA programmes

Submitted for the D9350 newsletter by the Rotary Club of Bellville

WHEN THE FLOODS CAME, ROTARY BROUGHT CLEANLINESS, CARE AND HOPE

Rotary Club of Worcester

District 9350 relief helps Sandy's Eden restore safe, hygienic care for vulnerable animals

Rotary Club of Worcester | District Flood Relief Grant 2026

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Project	Sandy's Eden – Hygiene Supplies
Lead club	Rotary Club of Worcester
Beneficiary	Sandy's Eden animal shelter, Worcester
Relief focus	Replacing essential hygiene, cleaning and sanitation supplies after the floods of 11 May 2026

A SHELTER HIT AT ITS MOST VULNERABLE

When severe flooding struck Worcester on 11 May 2026, Sandy's Eden was among the local organisations directly affected. The animal shelter provides refuge and daily care for abandoned, neglected and rescued animals—but the flooding damaged facilities and swept away essential hygiene and cleaning supplies.

Without reliable sanitation products, the shelter faced an urgent challenge: how to maintain safe, healthy conditions for every animal in its care while recovering from the disaster.

R10 000 THAT WENT STRAIGHT TO WORK

Through the District 9350 Flood Relief Grant, the Rotary Club of Worcester directed R10 000 towards replenishing the shelter's most critical cleaning and sanitation supplies. The purchases included large-volume disinfectants, antiseptic liquid soap, pine gel, all-purpose cleaner and laundry powder—practical essentials that enabled Sandy's Eden to restore its daily hygiene routines.

"In disaster response, dignity is often restored through the essentials: clean spaces, safe routines and the ability to care well."

HOW THE FUNDS WERE USED

Supply	Qty	Cost
F10 General Farm Disinfectant 25L	1	R1 925,57
F10 SC Disinfectant 25L	1	R8 247,67
F10 Antiseptic Liquid Soap 5L	2	R1 331,22
Dux Mulidet 1000 5L	1	R99,99
Ekhaya Pine Gel 5L	1	R189,99
Dux All Purpose Cleaner Lemon 5L	1	R109,99
Kleen Eezy Laundry Powder Hi-Foam 10kg	1	R224,99
Total expenditure		R12 129,42

FOUR CLUBS, ONE PURPOSE

The project demonstrates the strength of Rotary collaboration. Contributions from the Rotary Clubs of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Claremont helped the Rotary Club of Worcester cover the amount above the District grant. Total expenditure reached R12 129,42, ensuring that the shelter received the full range of products needed for day-to-day cleaning, disinfection and animal care.

ROTARY PARTNERSHIP

Club	Contribution to the response
Rotary Club of Worcester	Led the project, procured the supplies and delivered support to Sandy's Eden.
Rotary Club of Paarl	Contributed funds that helped cover the R2 129,42 spent above the District Relief Grant.
Rotary Club of Stellenbosch	
Rotary Club of Claremont	

MORE THAN SUPPLIES—A SAFER FRESH START

For Sandy's Eden, this intervention was about far more than replacing stock. It restored the shelter's capacity to protect animal health, maintain clean facilities and continue its compassionate work at a difficult time.

For District 9350, it is a powerful example of Rotary at its best: clubs responding quickly, pooling resources and turning generosity into direct, measurable community impact.

WHEN COMMUNITIES ARE TESTED, ROTARY RESPONDS.

WHEN THE FLOODS RECEDED, ROTARY STEPPED IN

Rotary Club of Swellendam

Swellendam Rotarians help restore a critical wastewater facility after May's devastating storms

One storm. One urgent need. One community determined to recover.

When severe storms struck Swellendam on 11 May 2026, the damage extended far beyond flooded roads and fallen trees. At the Kliprivier Wastewater Works, branches, organic material and storm debris accumulated across the site, threatening the effective operation of infrastructure that the community relies on every day.

THE TASK WAS CLEAR: GET THE WATERWORKS MOVING AGAIN

Municipal teams had the equipment and technical expertise to respond, but the scale of the storm damage stretched available budgets. Across Swellendam and Railton, urgent needs competed for attention: damaged infrastructure, clogged waterways, emergency housing and widespread clearing.

The Swellendam Municipality identified the wastewater works as a priority. Clearing the site was not simply a clean-up exercise; it was a practical step towards restoring reliable municipal services and protecting public health.

R40 000 TURNED INTO ACTION

With support from a District Flood Relief Grant, the Rotary Club of Swellendam was able to help close the funding gap. Rode Transport & Maintenance worked alongside the municipality to remove fallen trees, branches and accumulated organic material from the Kliprivier site.

The project spent R39 850 of the R40 000 grant on the clean-up—directing virtually every rand towards the work on the ground.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

District Grant	Project Spend	Funds Applied
R40 000	R39 850	99.6%

One critical municipal wastewater facility cleared

PARTNERSHIP THAT CLEARED A PATH FORWARD

Rotary’s role was focused and effective: listen to the municipality, respond to a clearly defined need and mobilise relief funding quickly. The municipality brought local knowledge and oversight; the contractor brought the capacity to tackle the debris; and Rotary helped make the intervention possible.

R40 000 grant | R39 850 spent | One critical municipal facility cleared

PARTNERS IN ACTION

Partner	Contribution
Rotary Club of Swellendam	Mobilised District relief funding and supported the priority response.
Swellendam Municipality	Identified the urgent site, provided local knowledge and oversight.
Rode Transport & Maintenance	Removed fallen trees, branches and accumulated organic material.

FROM DEBRIS TO RECOVERY

Disaster response is often measured in dramatic moments. Yet recovery also depends on the less visible work: clearing access, restoring essential systems and helping local authorities regain momentum. At Kliprivier, removing storm debris was one of those vital steps.

This project shows what District support can achieve when local insight, trusted partnerships and decisive action come together. For the Rotary Club of Swellendam, the result was more than a cleared site—it was a practical contribution to resilience, service continuity and community recovery.

When nature tested Swellendam, Rotary helped the community clear a path forward.

WHEN THE FLOODS TOOK THEIR BOOKS, ROTARY RESTORED HOPE

Rotary Club of Worcester

Strive to Read Flood Relief | Rotary Club of Worcester

In Rawsonville, the May 2026 floods swept away more than school supplies. They disrupted routines, damaged learning materials and placed another obstacle in front of local learners. The Rotary Club of Worcester responded with practical help—and a clear message: education must continue.

PROJECT COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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Strive to Read Flood Relief	Rawsonville learners	Books, stationery, art supplies and equipment replaced
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LEARNING INTERRUPTED. ACTION DELIVERED.

Heavy flooding on 11 and 12 May 2026 damaged or destroyed exercise books, art supplies, stationery and educational equipment used by learners in the Rawsonville community. Through the Strive to Read Flood Relief initiative, replacement materials were supplied directly to Strive to Read for distribution to the learners who needed them.

R10 000 TURNED INTO TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

ITEM PURCHASED	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT
Educational books	Bargain Books Worcester	R5 117,40
Educational stationery and equipment	Bidvest Waltons Worcester	R4 886,98
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		R10 004,38

DISTRICT RELIEF GRANT		R10 000,00
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Every rand of the grant—and a little more—reached the heart of the need.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP. LASTING IMPACT.

The strength of the response lay in its simplicity and collaboration. Strive to Read received the donated materials directly and took responsibility for placing them in the hands of its learners. Rotary provided the resources; a trusted community partner ensured that support reached the right desks.

When disaster removes the tools of learning, Rotary helps put possibility back into every schoolbag.

SERVICE THAT KEEPS THE PAGE TURNING

This project is a powerful example of responsive service across District 9350: identify an urgent need, mobilise resources and act with accountability. For the learners of Rawsonville, the result is tangible—fresh books, renewed supplies and the chance to keep learning after the waters receded.

Submitted for the D9350 newsletter by the Rotary Club of Worcester.

WHEN THE ROOFS BLEW AWAY, ROTARY STEPPED IN

Rotary Club of Swellendam

Swellendam Rotarians turn a District 9350 flood-relief grant into shelter for Suurbraak families

By the Rotary Club of Swellendam

A NIGHT OF WIND. A COMMUNITY LEFT EXPOSED.

On 11 May 2026, violent winds tore through the Nieuwe Tariefe informal settlement in Suurbraak. In one section of the settlement, almost every household lost its roof. Sheets of zinc were carried more than a kilometre away, leaving families and their belongings exposed to rain and the elements.

When residents went in search of the roofing, much of it was mangled beyond use. Some material had also been taken, cut up and sold as scrap. The need was immediate and practical: families required safe, roofed spaces as quickly as possible.

FROM GRANT TO GROUND: HELP THAT ARRIVED

With support from a District 9350 Relief Grant, the Rotary Club of Swellendam secured the materials needed to restore shelter: treated poles, structural pine, corrugated Aluzinc roofing sheets, timber screws and nails.

Boltman Trusses strengthened the response by supplying the materials at a discounted price and delivering them to the settlement free of charge. That partnership helped ensure that the grant could go further and that the materials reached residents without delay.

R22 895.08. EVERY RAND TURNED INTO SHELTER.

The project used R22 895.08 of the R22 895.44 grant. The purchase included 30 treated poles, 50 lengths of structural pine, 66 corrugated roofing sheets,

260 roofing screws and 100 wire nails – a focused package of essentials chosen to help residents rebuild roofed areas over their homes.

In disaster response, speed matters – but so do local knowledge, trusted partnerships and practical action.

PEOPLE OF ACTION, WHEN ACTION MATTERS MOST

This project is a clear example of Rotary service at its most direct. A community faced sudden loss; a local club understood the need; District support unlocked resources; and a committed supplier helped turn funding into materials on the ground.

For families in Nieuwe Tariefe, those materials meant more than timber and zinc. They meant a measure of protection, dignity and hope after the storm.

Project completed by the Rotary Club of Swellendam and certified on 30 June 2026.