



District 9350 Disaster Action Team

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is apparent that natural disasters are rapidly becoming normal in our District and the events of the last week are a good example of such an occurrence. These often cover exceptionally large areas of the District and affect communities which are in the areas of influence of multiple Rotary Clubs.

As you know, District 9350 does not undertake projects at District level, these are the responsibility of the various Rotary Clubs in or near the affected communities. However, District can assist by applying for a Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Grant of US\$25,000 and can help to coordinate the distribution of assets and efforts among the Rotary Clubs involved in major and widespread disasters when requested.

To that end, DG Pam and DGE Anton are establishing a District Disaster Action Team for just this purpose. The District will be applying for a RI Disaster Relief Grant for the current events which have been declared a national disaster by the government. Once established, the Disaster Action Team will be the focus for Rotary Clubs in the District to which to send requests for support and function as a focal point from which to coordinate the activities of those clubs in the District which wish to assist.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the District Disaster Action Team, please contact stephen@youngsholt.co.za Representatives from clubs in the George, Worcester, Cape Peninsular and Northern Cape areas as well as Namibia and Angola would be welcome.

In the meantime, please send your request for assistance in your area to IPDG Stephen Young, who will distribute it on ClubRunner to all the clubs who may be able to assist. If damage occurred in a specific area with multiple clubs, we recommend that one club take leadership and put a team together with the other clubs in the area to coordinate the assistance.

Yours in Rotary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Rawbone".

DG PAM RAWBONE

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