

Japanese Disaster

I am sure you are all equally shocked with the news of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. I could have never imagined that I would be traveling home from Christchurch, where I witnessed devastation, only to now experience the extraordinary dimension of this disaster.

Lions, we respond immediately, alongside our fellow Lions of Japan. Within hours of the disaster, Lions Clubs International Foundation committed over US\$1.25 million, or 100 million Japanese Yen, for immediate relief for Japan. This includes a major catastrophe grant, six emergency grants and designated donations from Lions worldwide. We have also established a designated fund for Lions to directly support this disaster.

But, I appeal to you - we need to do more. You know firsthand that in the case of disasters, we Lions are committed for as long as it takes. "We Serve" does not stop at a community or country border but extends to every corner where there is need. Our hands are building bridges for a better tomorrow.

Lions, I ask for your help in making the hope for a brighter tomorrow for those who so urgently need from us. The most immediate way to give hope is through a designated donation to LCIF.

Your financial support of Your Foundation for earthquake and tsunami relief is critical to meeting the immediate and long term needs of the most vulnerable families. Please consider supporting LCIF for this initiative and being a part of building that bridge of hope for those who are suffering. Visit www.lcif.org/donate to make your donation today.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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