

'There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

All these are the beginning of birth pains.' - Jesus

In Matthew 24, Jesus tells us that famine, earthquake and other disasters will increase. It's not the way God wanted the world to be – but times of emergency are an opportunity for us to serve others and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

What is the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering?

The Disaster and Famine Relief Offering is an annual offering collected in Adventist churches around the world to ensure the Adventist Development and Relieve Agency (ADRA) is able to respond immediately when disaster strikes. In Australia and New Zealand, this offering takes place on the second Sabbath in February.

How will the funds be used?

With an extensive global presence, ADRA can respond quickly to disasters, providing for people's immediate needs, while also empowering them to rebuild their lives after the disaster has passed.

The money collected during the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering will help ensure there are funds immediately available for ADRA to respond to disasters as they occur. This includes providing essential items such as cash assistance, food parcels, hygiene packs, shelter kits and water filtration devices, while also helping communities recover in the longer-term, and be better prepared for future disasters.

How can we support the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering?

Support the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering by:

- Giving a donation during the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering collection in Adventist Churches through your church's usual means
 - If using the Adventist eGiving website at egiving.org.nz or on the eGiving App, select the ADRA
 Disaster & Famine Relief fund.
- Donating directly to ADRA New Zealand

Online at www.adra.org.nz/respond

- o Calling 0800 499 911
- Depositing via bank transfer. Deposit funds directly into ADRA New Zealand's bank account.

Account Name: ADRA New Zealand
Account Number: 03-0175-0195559-01

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receive a tax receipt.

Disasters are an opportunity for us as individuals, and as a global Adventist Church, to connect deeply and meaningfully with our communities — and to show in love and action that we are there and ready to help those who need it most. Thank you for helping people affected by disaster. For more information and offering resources visit www.adra.org.nz/respond

