

## DISASTER ACTION FUND

## 2025 IMPACT REPORT

**Thank you for partnering with us in 2025 so our local Partners can save lives before, during and after disasters strike.**

Of all the disasters that occurred last year, floods affected the greatest number of people and accounted for the greatest number of deaths.<sup>1</sup> As many communities in Australia have experienced, floods are devastating events that impact the livelihoods, health, and functioning of whole communities. Their catastrophic effect is exacerbated drastically when communities are already grappling with poverty. Our neighbours in Indonesia often experience this acutely as one in four Indonesians live in high-risk flood zones, and 40 million of those at risk are living in poverty!<sup>2</sup>



## HOPE IN THE MUD

Eighty-five year-old Dian has lived through many disasters but the major flood that hit Central Java, Indonesia, in March last year affected her deeply.<sup>3</sup> The waters swept away most of her belongings and submerged her house, which then became inundated with mud.

During past floods Dian said, 'we could only stay silent and hold back our fear.' So, she was astonished when youth volunteers from our Partner, the local Baptist Church, appeared to help clear the mud filling her home! They provided her with a pack of clothing, toiletries, food, and blankets, and invited her to join a psychosocial support group run by our Partner's volunteers.

**'The young volunteers were a beacon of hope. We felt seen, heard, and appreciated. The activities they brought really helped us manage feelings of fear, anger, and sadness.'**

Our Christian Partner's support groups have been so effective at reducing isolation, anxiety, and health problems that Dian plans to ask local health workers to continue the groups! 'We want to keep gathering, sharing stories, and visiting others who cannot leave their homes. It makes us excited, and we feel that we are not alone.' **Your generous donations to the Disaster Action Fund are having a lasting impact and helping foster resilient communities like Dian's!**



Women lining up to receive packs of essential items from church members.

## A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR IMPACT

**The Disaster Action Fund supports many other risk reduction, resilience and recovery efforts in addition to flood responses. Here is a snapshot of your impact during FY2025:**

**15,373 PEOPLE**

including **2,359 children**, were directly assisted ensuring a faster recovery and return to work and school.

**9,712 PEOPLE**

received packs of essential items, including clothing and toiletries, to keep families healthy and warm.

**5,534 PEOPLE**

were provided with food to prevent malnutrition and disease.

# THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO BRING HOPE TO THOSE IMPACTED BY FLOODS THIS YEAR!



Floods destroyed our houses, crops, and animals. But God is good and provided us with the food packages through Baptist World Aid's local partner (pictured).

—Rina (Bangladesh)



We were unable to turn towards anyone for help but were deeply relieved when the local Church informed us that we would receive flood response relief. We not only received relief items but also love.

—Sunaram (India)



We live in a slum area prone to flooding whenever it rains. During these times, our lives come to a standstill. Thanks to your generosity, the dry rations were a lifeline for us. Words cannot fully express my heartfelt appreciation for the difference you've made. You've given us more than food; you've given us strength to face another day.

—Kumara (Sri Lanka)

THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING THE  
DISASTER ACTION FUND!

Your donations helped to bring hope and essential assistance to communities affected by disaster.

<sup>1</sup> [The Emergency Events Database](#)

<sup>2</sup> [World Bank Group](#)

<sup>3</sup> [This flood impacted 70 villages and over 131,700 residents. E3S Web Conferences](#)



## PLEASE PRAY WITH US THAT:

God's people would be beacons of hope for those who are disproportionately affected by disasters due to poverty, age, gender, or disability.

Our Christian Partners would have wisdom and strength as they work with people who have endured devastation caused by flooding.

Communities can develop skills and have adequate resources to protect themselves against the impact of future disasters.

**Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

—JOHN 1:3-5