

For over 45 years  
Rotary New Zealand's  
**Emergency  
Response Kits**  
have been providing  
immediate relief to  
our pacific island  
neighbours in times of  
cyclone, devastating  
flood, tsunami or  
earthquake, through  
the efforts of Rotary  
volunteers and  
supporters.



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### Emergency Response Kits (ERK)

Rotary New Zealand World Community Service

The value of each Emergency Response Kit is approximately \$600. All donations, whatever the amount will be used for the Rotary New Zealand ERK programme.

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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE KIT

A New Zealand initiative  
for Pacific Emergencies



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World Community Service**

## Rotary's Emergency Response Kits

Each year, Rotary New Zealand volunteers buy the stock and assemble hundreds of kits which are then pre-positioned throughout the Pacific. The kits are ready for immediate distribution after a disaster as soon it is safe to do so. Rotary New Zealand (RNZWCS Limited) manages the process.



**Since 2009, a total of 10,886 ERKs have been purchased and packed responding to eighteen devastating cyclones and flooding and one tsunami.**

Prepositioned stock is stored in Auckland, Fiji (Suva, Lautoka and Labasa), Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands and Vanuatu (Port Vila and Santo).

**Rotary partners with Pacific Island governments through their National Disaster Management Organisations (NDMO) who coordinate relief efforts in each country. That way the Emergency Response Kits are distributed to those most in need.**

Rotary works where appropriate with local Non-Government Organisations (NGO's) to provide transportation, personnel and volunteers to ensure the kits are distributed in a timely manner.

Stock prepositioned in the Pacific is monitored for all countries by a Rotarian appointed ERK Manager based in Fiji.



One recipient from Fiji visiting a Rotary information booth in Auckland some years later was reported to have said:

**"I was not a Rotarian but when my family desperately needed help after disastrous flooding in Fiji, Rotary gave us one of these ERK's - that's why I wanted to join Rotary and became a Rotarian."**



For more information, including the history and development of ERKs, go to <https://www.rnzwcs.org>

## How you can assist

The container and contents together with storage and freight costs are valued at approximately \$600. Rotary New Zealand relies on the financial support from Rotarians in New Zealand and worldwide as well as the general public and donor organisations to ensure this essential programme continues to respond to those most vulnerable following a disaster.



Through its forward planning, Rotary ensures there is sufficient stock prepositioned in the Pacific Islands to cater for an urgent response as well as stock on hand to replace those deployed following a disaster. The growing frequency and severity of cyclones in the Pacific means there is an ongoing requirement for ERKs. We need funds now for that purpose.

Rotary New Zealand (RNZWCS Limited) is a registered charity enabling donors in New Zealand to claim a tax credit.

**The form overleaf lists the various ways you can donate, please complete the form, scan and send via email when you make a donation.**