



Australia's commitment to humanitarian action and disaster resilience in the Pacific

Australia works with Pacific partners to prepare for, respond to, and recover from crises.

Our humanitarian action is designed to save lives, alleviate suffering and maintain human dignity, as well as strengthen preparedness and build resilience to disasters and climate change.

Australia's support for humanitarian assistance and disaster resilience in the Pacific is longstanding

- Supporting the Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance to **strengthen preparedness and response capabilities** across 14 Pacific island countries
- Contributing to the **Pacific-led Weather Ready Pacific** initiative to develop early warning systems and build resilience against extreme weather
- Enhancing local capability to store and manage critical supplies required in anticipation of, or in the first 48 hours after, a disaster through the **Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Program**
- Maintaining the Humanitarian Logistics Capability, including a large stockpile of **humanitarian emergency relief supplies** at our Brisbane warehouse
- Collaborating with NGOs to **deliver locally led programs** that support disaster preparedness, resilience and response through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership
- **Providing personnel through deployments** of Australian Medical Assistance Teams (AUSMAT), Disaster Assistance Response Teams (DART), power restoration teams and humanitarian technical experts
- Collaborating with **Red Cross National Societies** to strengthen local leadership and community capacity to prepare for, anticipate, respond to and recover from disasters and crises
- Deploying **ADV Reliant in the Pacific**, improving Australia's ability to respond quickly in times of crisis, including through humanitarian assistance and disaster relief delivery
- **Responding to requests for assistance** in times of crisis, deploying personnel, and providing air, land, and maritime assets. Recognising Pacific leaders' calls for collective action on security challenges, we also contribute to multilateral response efforts such as the Pacific Police Support Group and the Pacific Response Group
- Participating in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief **Defence exercises** alongside Pacific partner National Disaster Management Offices
- Working with Fiji on the redevelopment of Blackrock Peacekeeping, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Camp, to enhance Fiji's ability to **respond to humanitarian crises in the region**
- **Empowering women to lead Pacific solutions** to prevent, prepare for and recover from disasters in partnership with UN Women
- Working **closely with international partners**, including France and New Zealand through the FRANZ Arrangement; Japan, India and the US through the Quad Partnership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief in the Indo-Pacific, and the United Kingdom to enhance efficiencies in response, including timely provision of humanitarian assistance and relief supplies
- Piloting insurance to **improve the financial preparedness** of Pacific households and build resilience for vulnerable communities



Photo: Kennedy Folasi is a Warehouse Store Person at the Humanitarian Logistics Capability warehouse in Brisbane



Australia's work to strengthen disaster preparedness and build resilience is in line with the Pacific's ambitions and commitments, including under the Boe Declaration and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent

HOW WE DELIVER

We respond rapidly and reliably to humanitarian crises under the leadership of partner governments. We engage closely with other countries to ensure our assistance is coordinated and targeted