

Disaster Response Bulletin 13 Sept 2023 - Earthquake in Morocco and Flooding in Libya

These two disasters have seen thousands of lives lost and people missing and will require a great deal of international help to provide both food, shelter, and safe drinking water. Whilst Rotary is not a first response organisation, we want to play our part helping those in urgent need in the most effective way. We are in contact with Rotary-related charities as well as Rotarians in or connected to the affected areas, including the District Governor for District 9010, which includes Morocco, to establish the real needs and the best way we can suggest you direct your efforts.

Materials have been prepared for both Morocco and Libya to help any local fundraising efforts you undertake now. Click this link for [Morocco](#) and for [Libya](#) to download an A4 poster, large poster (A3 to A1), A4 bucket and A5 collecting tin wraps.

We will update you with more information as soon as there is more clarity to help you ensure the monies you raise and the efforts you make are meeting real needs.

If you have any reliable information you think we should be aware of please email me, Ian Ward i.ward768@btinternet.com and the Rotary GB&I Humanitarian Service Team Lead Jannine Birtwistle rotaryjannine@icloud.com

The latest from **our Rotary-related charities regarding Morocco is:**

Aquabox - <https://aquabox.org/>

It's still early days but we have reached out to two of our first response partners who are currently assessing the situation and looking into how they might be able to help.

Disaster Aid UK & Ireland - <https://disasteraiduk.org/>

Disaster Aid is working with their country partners to determine the best way to provide emergency aid. As specialists in shelter and water we are assessing the needs and will respond accordingly with bespoke aid to fit the need.

ShelterBox - <https://shelterbox.org/>

We are in contact with the District Governor of D9010. An emergency assessment team is arriving on the ground imminently to find out what support is needed and if they are well placed to help.

Water Survival Box - <http://www.watersurvivalbox.org/>

We have 500 boxes in stock and are working with our major partners including Aquabox to prepare for despatch as soon as we can get clearance on customs and logistics. Typically, in large disasters like this, it is some days before some clarity emerges from the chaos.

Yours in Rotary and Friendship

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