



## Emergency and Disaster Relief Policy

When natural disasters occur Zontians and others sometimes ask Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women to respond with relief efforts. However, Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women are not relief organizations and do not have either the funds or the structure to provide relief in emergencies. Our programs are long-term efforts to improve women’s legal rights, health, education and economic status, and to prevent violence against women.

The Zonta International Board recognizes that Zontians, Zonta clubs and districts may wish to respond to emergencies or disasters; in that case, clubs should comply with the *Club Projects Conducted Outside the Club’s Geographical Area Policy*, if applicable. A district that wishes to be involved in relief efforts may do so following the Zonta International Bylaws provisions relating to making decisions affecting the district and the district’s own rules of procedure. If a district chose to take such action, the governor should so advise the International president.

- ▶ *Club Projects Conducted Outside the Club’s Geographical Area Policy* under Governance/ Policies on the website

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