



*Justice
Compassion
Love*

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Adventist Development and Relief Agency New Zealand





Denison Grellmann
Chief Executive Officer

THE GREATER STORY

Dear Friends,

I am grateful to be sharing the 2020 ADRA Annual Report with you. As you read it, I hope that you too will feel immensely proud of the amazing things we have done for children, families, and communities this past year.

This report shows the way your investment has impacted lives, however, this report is just a small insight into a much greater story. I wish you could meet all the children you've helped provide food and shelter for after a natural disaster. I wish you could meet the girls and women we've protected from domestic violence that are now in safe places, learning new trades and expanding their future opportunities. I wish you could see the relief in the faces of mothers that no longer need to walk long distances to fetch water for their families each day. I wish you could meet the thousands of farmers growing nutritious crops and running a small business, thanks to the support of ADRA. Your support is part of such a big and beautiful story of change in the lives of so many people.

**So to all of you —
our prayer warriors,
community champions,
committed givers, ADRA
Run participants and
volunteers, partners, and
staff — thank you!**

Because of you, ADRA and its partners reached more than 105,000 people this year in countries such as Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vanuatu, Bangladesh, Philippines, Samoa and right here in New Zealand.

COVID-19 surely impacted our work. As a result of the virus and lockdowns, many families in New Zealand lost their jobs and were unable to provide for themselves. Even without adequate funds, by faith in God the provider, we activated a *Love Thy Neighbour* response to help these families. We received great support from corporate and private contributors and assisted thousands of families across the country. Our projects overseas were also affected by the pandemic disruptions, but we worked closely with our in-country partners to temporarily change the scope of activities from resilience building to economic recovery. Some of the COVID-19 challenges also created opportunities and we quickly adapted to new ways of doing community mobilisation through innovative means of telecommunication.

Despite the uncertainties we are all experiencing, your continued prayers, trust, and financial support, have been truly appreciated. It has demonstrated how with commitment, even through the most challenging situations, there are opportunities to keep serving where and when it is needed most.

May God bless you!

■ Denison Grellmann
Chief Executive Officer

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the official humanitarian agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The ADRA network is present in over 118 countries around the globe, including here in New Zealand, delivering transformational development and relief projects. We believe in justice, compassion, and love.

Our purpose is to serve humanity so all may live as God intended – free from poverty and disadvantage.

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Doctor Eddie Tupa'i
Board Chair



Nga Mihi Koutou Katoa,

Scottish evangelist Oswald Chambers once said, “*Crises always reveal a person’s true character.*” Chambers emphasises the point that crises bring out what is inside of us. A crisis is a time of revelation where what we are made of, our inner substance, is exposed.

I believe that in 2020, ADRA New Zealand has once again stepped up strongly and effectively to crises both in the international arena and on the national stage. This year ADRA has responded to each crisis — whether it be a natural disaster in the Pacific, or support for New Zealand’s vulnerable during COVID-19 lockdowns — with creativity, compassion, and integrity. Our CEO, Denison Grellmann and his team have endeavoured to consistently serve through focused, intentional, and well-researched practices. This behind-the-scenes rigour, focused on actionable development plans, on-site training, and careful evaluation, forms the framework that underpins the character of ADRA New Zealand as an organisation.

It is important to highlight that ADRA New Zealand’s character is founded on its Christian faith and ethos. One of the ways I have witnessed this ethos is at the weekly gathering called *Karakia* — when the team stops for intercessory prayer, Biblical reflection and collegial encouragement. *Karakia* is one way whereby the team has been able to regularly centre around their purpose, and together find strength in God.

I acknowledge and thank the ADRA New Zealand Board, South Pacific Division, North and South New Zealand Conferences of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sanitarium New Zealand, and the New Zealand Government Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for their invaluable contributions and support of ADRA New Zealand.

A crisis is punctiliar. It occurs at a point in time. Crisis events attract much attention, focus, resource and energy. However, it is the extended periods of time in between the crisis points that build character. ADRA New Zealand has attended to those less visible and not so exciting moments behind the scenes. Through the turbulence of 2020, ADRA New Zealand has consistently been an exceptional beacon of hope in a time of crisis.

■ Doctor Eddie Tupa'i
Board Chair



OUR IMPACT

Together we've achieved many amazing things this year! Below we've highlighted some of the key ways that your support has helped people:



We responded to **5 DISASTERS** around the world and provided essentials when it was needed most. We responded in Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Philippines, Samoa, and Vanuatu.



During COVID-19 we launched our **LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR** response right here in New Zealand. We partnered with **35 CHURCHES** and **90 VOLUNTEERS** to distribute the Love Thy Neighbour grocery gift cards and mobile top-ups.



As part of our Love Thy Neighbour response, we provided grocery gift cards or mobile top-ups to **OVER 1100 FAMILIES** who were experiencing financial difficulties due to lockdown measures.



We're helping **17,150 PEOPLE** through sustainable **LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS** in Cambodia, Myanmar, and Timor-Leste.



We're helping **13,251 PEOPLE** through **WATER, & SANITATION HYGIENE** projects in Vanuatu.



We have **35 COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS** in New Zealand helping over **10,500 PEOPLE**.



Mark Collins
Marketing Manager



CELEBRATING GENEROSITY: FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

As you've read throughout this report, ADRA is doing amazing things to help those living in poverty and hardship. However, we recognise that none of this would be possible without the support and generosity of our donors.

We are blessed to have a wide range of supporters; supporters from the top of the North Island, to the bottom of the South Island, supporters in their 90's and supporters who are 9.

One of our supporters is 9-year-old, Matthew.

In 2020 ADRA did a special Every Drop Counts appeal to raise awareness about the lack of clean water in Vanuatu, and to raise funds for a new project that is delivering water to these families who are without. Matthew was surprised to learn that there were kids just like him that would have to walk long distances every day, just to get clean water.

Each week Matthew puts aside \$2 of his pocket money to give to someone in need. He had saved \$50 when he heard about ADRA's new project and donated all he had saved to help other kids have access to clean water.

We were amazed at Matthew's generosity, but this same generosity is seen in the actions of all our donors and their willingness to help others live a life free from poverty and injustice.

We have also been amazed by the generosity of our Adventist churches. During our 2019 Christmas appeal, we had 40 Adventist churches from all over the country engage with ADRA by selling Christmas gifts. This is more churches than we have ever had engage in an ADRA campaign! This meant we were able to provide help to hundreds of families because of their gifts.

As we move forward and continue to look for ways to engage supporters in giving and fundraising, we are looking for ways to make our events more inclusive by making them digital. We are excited to be launching virtual fundraising events in the near future.

Once again, we would like to thank all our amazing supporters for their generosity. Together, we are making a real difference for others.

■ Mark Collins
Marketing Manager





FROM COVID TO CYCLONES

Regardless of the challenges and disruption caused by COVID-19 in every country around the globe, ADRA has been able to continue to deliver its international development and humanitarian projects by integrating COVID-19 initiatives as part of our response to assist families through hardship caused by the pandemic.

This year we have continued to implement our long-term international development projects in Cambodia, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, and Vanuatu while also responding to disasters in Vanuatu.

OUR RESPONSE IN VANUATU

In April 2020 Vanuatu was hit by Category 5 tropical cyclone Harold in the middle of the nation's COVID-19 restriction period. Social distancing could no longer be practised as people scrambled to evacuation centres for shelter. In the aftermath, international aid workers could not travel to assist due to border closures.

Luganville, the capital of Santo and the second-largest city in Vanuatu, experienced the most severe damage, with approximately 70% of buildings destroyed. Clean water and sanitation facilities were inaccessible for weeks, and even longer in rural areas as local aid response teams worked tirelessly to assist communities to provide help. More than 300,000 people needed emergency shelter, water, and sanitation access.

In its disaster response project, ADRA focused on supporting five rural communities in the south and west coast of Santo to deliver WASH (water, and sanitation hygiene) kits, food, emergency shelter, agricultural tools and seeds, and helped to rebuild damaged water and sanitation facilities. ADRA's response helped over 3,000 people!

"ADRA is the first aid agency to provide assistance from both NGO (non-government organisations) and

government that we saw coming to our communities. Our communities are only accessible by banana boat (small boats), and we were prepared to think that we will not see anyone coming to our aid for a few months. But within the week of Cyclone Harold, we see ADRA making their way in with much-needed supplies for our communities such as food, water, and sanitation hygiene kits. They also did their assessment on more long-term needs and shortly afterwards they return with roofing irons and materials to help us rebuild our homes, mend our broken water systems, and rebuild our sanitation facilities. During our hygiene training to learn more about health and COVID-19, they had a special group of staff who were able to mind our children and teach them songs about washing hands. It definitely kept the children occupied so we can focus on the necessary training delivered."

- Recipient of ADRA's help.

ADRA also has an ongoing development project in these five communities that helps provide clean water and sanitation facilities to build long-term resilience. Our work in Vanuatu was also adapted to include COVID-19 initiatives to increase the capacity and confidence of rural communities to make good decisions in what needs to be done to ensure health and resilience in their communities.

■ Sahara Anae
Programme Manager





BLESSED TO BLESS OTHERS

This is a year we won't forget! The COVID-19 pandemic has brought major disruption and changes to our everyday life, however, it has also created the opportunity to see more organisations and communities working together to support those most in need.

In August 2018, ADRA partnered with the Discipleship and Health Ministry Departments from the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference to launch the Community Champions workshops. These workshops were held in various cities across New Zealand throughout 2018-2019 to identify and equip Community Champions who were passionate about making a difference in their community.

At the beginning of this year, the second phase of these workshops was due to be rolled out, but COVID-19 hit and New Zealand went into lockdown. As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic began and the huge impact on families and communities was realised, our ADRA team began planning a response.

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WILL PROSPER;
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BE REFRESHED.”**

After much prayer, petition and planning, the Love Thy Neighbour (LTN) response was launched. Funding was limited, but the team felt it was imperative to respond, so we stepped out in faith trusting God would provide. As we

utilised the little we had, we saw God multiply it and in the end, through various contributors, over \$150,000 was raised. We were able to assist over 1,100 families with supermarket gift cards for essential food and hygiene items or mobile top-ups to stay connected to friends and loved ones. God is faithful!

Over 90 volunteers have been involved in the Love Thy Neighbour response across 35 locations in New Zealand. Many of these volunteers are Community Champions who have been or are currently engaged in community initiatives via our Community Transformation Partnerships (CTP). Utilising their knowledge and connections in the community, they identified the vulnerable families/households in need.

Families were provided with up to three gift cards over the period of the initial lockdown depending on their need. Utilising this approach, it allowed the opportunity for the champions to connect and provide psychosocial support where required. Many of the Champions involved in delivering to families also shared how blessed they felt to be involved and able to assist families in this way.

Here are some comments we received from various Champions and recipients.

CHAMPIONS:

“*John just called and wanted you to know that you were an absolute lifesaver. He did not know where his next meal was coming from that day. He was completely overwhelmed by your kindness”

“It was an amazing blessing to be able to serve God in this way and we were blessed as much as each of the recipients. Thank you to ADRA and God.”

“*Colin is a pensioner who has lovingly cared for his son for all his life. He now has to do it alone and as he gets older it does not get any easier. He has sacrificed his life so that his son could have the best life a loving father could give him. It has been a huge privilege to be able to ease his burden and let him know that people care for him and his son. Thanks ADRA, you are changing lives one at a time”

“As we went to deliver the last gift card to the family in need, they were so happy. They explained they were just talking about how they were going to get food, as they had run out and had no money. Then just at that moment, we arrived – Praise the Lord for His perfect timing!”



ABOVE IS A PICTURE OF PR JOHN SMOLKA DELIVERING GIFT CARDS TO ONE OF HIS RECIPIENTS.

RECIPIENTS:

“Thank you so much for your help and support it's been such a massive, massive blessing”

“I just wanted to thank you and the organisations behind Love Thy Neighbour so very much for the Countdown voucher for my family. It was very generous and I never expected it would be for that much. You don't know how much this helped us, and I am so grateful! I think of you every

time I go to the pantry. I will definitely look at ways to “pay it forward” on your behalf. Thanks once again.”



Following on from the Community Champion Workshops, the Love Thy Neighbour response provided the perfect platform to launch the Community Champions Network. This takes place monthly via zoom video conference and allows the Champions across New Zealand to be equipped, share, network, and encourage one another. Seeing the passion and hearing from the Champions personally about the wonderful initiatives they are leading is a very powerful and inspiring forum I am blessed to be a part of.

Proverbs 11:25 says ‘The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed’.

From health and wellbeing initiatives to youth mentoring, community breakfasts and dining programmes, financial literacy, our Pathways drivers licensing programme and the Love Thy Neighbour response — none of these would be possible without the wonderful organisations who partner with us, as well as our incredible Community Champions. THANK YOU to each of you! We appreciate you all very much and pray that you are refreshed and blessed as you continue to refresh others.

**Names changed for privacy.*



ADRA EXISTS THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF MANY PEOPLE. WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE AMAZING THINGS WE'VE ALL ACHIEVED TOGETHER:



In April 2020 we celebrated 25 years of ADRA as a registered charity! To celebrate we reflected on some of the amazing things we had done and asked our supporters to become committed givers and give regularly to help ADRA continue to serve for the next 25 years and beyond.



In response to COVID-19 we responded with our *Love Thy Neighbour* campaign. This has been our biggest emergency response initiative here in New Zealand. Through offerings and donations, we raised over \$150,000 to help families right here at home during a difficult time.



As part of a global network, we collected signatures to petition for the right of every child, everywhere to access education. Together we surpassed our goal over one million signatures and will present this petition to both church and world leaders in the next year.



We had a group of 12 amazing people ride 300km each in the Alps 2 Ocean cycle ride and together raised over \$15,000!



As we look forward to the year ahead, we plan to continue partnering with our supporters through fundraising, community partnerships, and projects to keep making amazing change happen.

THANK YOU!

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

		2020	2019
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Events income		79,397	111,470
Other income		56,259	39,641
		135,656	151,111
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
International projects income	6	2,619,713	2,312,789
Donations, legacies and bequests		1,038,547	810,010
Appropriations		307,325	278,069
		3,965,585	3,400,868
Total revenue		4,101,241	3,551,979
Expense			
International projects expenses		(2,724,680)	(2,325,654)
National projects		(332,149)	(395,104)
Administrative expenses		(410,653)	(395,166)
Event costs		(37,172)	(65,174)
Marketing costs		(171,887)	(209,926)
Other expenses	7	(29,193)	(43,644)
Total expense		(3,705,734)	(3,434,668)
Surplus before income taxes		395,507	117,311
Income tax expense	5	-	-
Net surplus		395,507	117,311
Surplus for the year		395,507	117,311

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

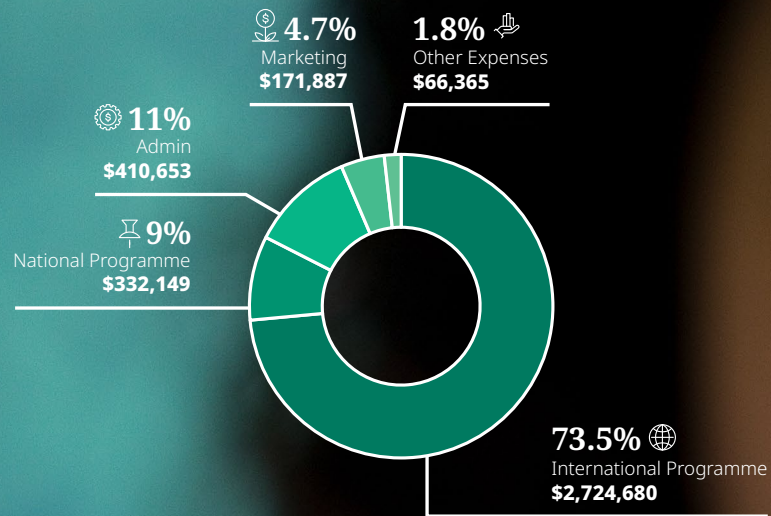
As At 30 June 2020

		2020	2019
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	4,467,359	3,489,408
Trade and other receivables	9	46,900	169,616
Other assets	10	6,009	4,148
Total current assets		4,520,268	3,663,172
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	9	32,580	59,160
Property, plant and equipment	11	99,516	47,496
Total non-current assets		132,096	106,656
TOTAL ASSETS		4,652,364	3,769,828
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	65,710	106,386
Provisions	13	46,202	39,552
Other Liabilities	14	2,736,569	2,227,160
Total current liabilities		2,848,481	2,373,098
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term provisions	13	26,343	14,697
Total non-current liabilities		26,343	14,697
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,874,824	2,387,795
NET ASSETS		1,777,540	1,382,033
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves		385,742	338,764
Funds available for future use	16	1,391,798	1,043,269
		1,777,540	1,382,033
TOTAL EQUITY		1,777,540	1,382,033

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USE OF FUNDS

For The Year Ended 30 June 2020



Report of the Internal Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Board of Trustees
Adventist Development and Relief Agency
Auckland, New Zealand

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheets as at 30 June 2020 and 2019 and the summary income statements for the years then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of **Adventist Development and Relief Agency** ("the Organisation") for the years ended 30 June 2020 and 2019.

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of **Adventist Development and Relief Agency** for the years ended 30 June 2020 and 2019 are consistent, in all material respects, with those financial statements, on the bases described in Note 4.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by New Zealand Accounting Standards Board (PBE IPSAS). Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed unmodified audit opinions on the audited financial statements in our reports dated 20 October 2020 and 29 October 2019.

Board of Trustees' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Board of Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the financial statements in accordance with New Zealand Accounting Standards as applicable to not-for-profit organisations adopted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISA (NZ)) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Other than in our capacity as internal auditors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we have no relationship with, or interests in, **Adventist Development and Relief Agency**.

General Conference Auditing Service

Brisbane, 20 October 2020



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Our CTP initiatives are made possible through the generous support of The Tindall Foundation.



Our ADRA Run is made possible through the generous sponsorship and support of Sanitarium, Life Health Foods, and Frooze Balls.



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Let's Get Legal NZ
Nedley Depression & Anxiety Recovery
The Parenting Place
VTNZ

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