



Love Thy Neighbour COVID-19 (DELTA) Response

Dear ADRA Champion/Leader,

Last year we showed love to struggling kiwi families by providing grocery gift cards and mobile top ups. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and in particular the Delta variant has caused our third nationwide lockdown, and we're calling once again on all people in New Zealand to "Love Thy Neighbour."

To connect with local communities throughout New Zealand and make this possible, we need your help. We are calling for leaders/volunteers willing to be part of this response to safely and courageously connect with vulnerable families in their communities to show compassion and love during this challenging time.

ADRA will provide an initial grant of up to \$1,000 to support your local response to families in need. You and your Church group will decide on the most appropriate way to do this. Whether it be through grocery giftcards, mobile top ups, food parcels or some other way. In return a spreadsheet documenting the necessary information on how these funds were utilised must be returned and additional funds may be requested if required.

Due to the transmissible nature of the Delta strain, it is imperative that all Church responses follow the necessary health and safety guidelines from Government including wearing the appropriate PPE gear, as well as contactless delivery. Teams should be kept to a minimum to eliminate the bursting of bubbles and any vulnerable individuals i.e. 55+ and/or with any existing health conditions be excluded from the Team going out in the community.

If you know of struggling families in your local communities and want to be part of this response, register your interest online by clicking on the following link www.adra.org.nz/serve. We will then send you the necessary information to get your Church response underway.

"... Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matt 22:39 NIV) We pray for all our volunteers that will be involved, as we move forward in faith and see God move mightily as we serve humanity so all may live as God intended – free from poverty & injustice.

God bless,

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