



2024 Annual Report

ADRA New Zealand

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Who We Are

ADRA is the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, the official humanitarian agency for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our ADRA network is present in over 118 countries, including here in New Zealand. Each Country office is governed by a Board of Directors, legally autonomous, and connected through a common internal accreditation system to align with the overarching standards and ethos of the ADRA Network.

Our Purpose

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

Our Values

Whanaungatanga / Connected

We work collaboratively for the best outcome for those living in poverty or distress.

Kaha/ Courageous

We persevere through challenging situations.

Mākohā /Compassionate

We empathise with the communities we work with and also with each other.



By Faith

Message from our Board Chair

ADRA New Zealand is a faith-based humanitarian organisation. I see it as one organisation with two key drivers. The first driver is faith in God's intentions so that all people have every opportunity to live life to the fullest. The first driver propels the second driving purpose of ADRA NZ's existence:

*to serve people with tikanga –
fairness,
aroha – love,
and manaakitanga – care.*

As we draw to the close of another year, it has been a joyful privilege for me to witness once again ADRA NZ move forward by faith in God to serve humanity with dignity and grace.

It was by faith that at the beginning of 2024, we farewelled Keryn McCutcheon, who, as CEO, tactfully led ADRA NZ through the COVID-19 years by building a strong team with particular attention given to healthy team culture and strategic planning.

It was by faith that we welcomed Tony Fautua as the new CEO, together with Des Ryan, Relationship Manager; Luana Tupou, Disaster Ready Church Coordinator; and Courtney Latu, Fundraising & Campaigns Officer.

Throughout the year, I have noted in different forums, like pastors' gatherings, how the refreshed ADRA NZ team has worked closely with its' Adventist faith community to ensure the integration of Christian ethos and mission into the partnerships and services provided locally and internationally. The team has

consulted closely with national and regional church leaders to facilitate alignment as a united church body. I am encouraged to see that there are plans to further strengthen the national program.

I have noticed that the second key driver of Christian service to all people has taken a significant step forward in 2024 as the new team members have bolstered efforts to grow the national and international programs. Relationships with the government, fellow NGOs, and international partners have been vitalised, resulting in plans for increased collaboration in the future. Thank you to the renewed ADRA NZ core members for successfully tackling the challenge of new structure, roles, and team dynamics.

I sincerely thank the board for their committed counsel and guidance. Thank you to Fraser McIntosh for his service on the board. We also thank him for his willingness to volunteer support in the area of disaster recovery.

In the spirit of the Apostle Paul, and on behalf of the board, I acknowledge all the ADRA NZ donors, supporters, volunteers, and especially the core ADRA NZ team with the words and sentiment of 1 Thessalonians 1:3a, "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith."



Eddie Tupa'i
Chair,
ADRA New Zealand Board

Message from our CEO

Since coming into my new role as CEO earlier this year I have gained a renewed appreciation and understanding of ADRA - its purpose and vision. ADRA comprises four letters: A-D-R-A. The first and last 'A' reveal who we are: 'Adventist' – the humanitarian agency of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and, 'Agency' – a charitable non-profit organisation. The letters 'D' (Development) and 'R' (Relief) headline what ADRA does – the development of communities abroad and in New Zealand, as well as providing relief and assisting people affected by disasters and emergencies.

Importantly, while A-D-R-A reminds us of who we are and what we do, I am also reminded in Matthew 22:37 of whom we serve:

Jesus says to “love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your being and with all your mind”, and to “love your neighbour as you love yourself.” ADRA exists to serve and to equip others to serve in meaningful ways.

Through our International and National Programmes, we extend hope to those whom we serve. Driven by our values of justice, love and compassion, we serve communities through a variety of projects and programmes in the areas of sustainable health, agriculture, protection and empowerment ADRA equips more families to transform their lives and communities.

In doing so, I wish to acknowledge the work of our in-country partner ADRA offices in the Pacific and Asia regions – namely, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Cambodia, Myanmar and Timor-Leste. We work alongside them to achieve the collective hopes and aspirations of nations to build stronger, healthier and more resilient communities.

Here in New Zealand, we continue to partner with communities and churches through our Community Transformation Partnership (CTP) and Disaster-

Ready Church (DRC) programmes to support local initiatives that develop safe, healthy and prosperous communities.

2025 presents exciting opportunities as we prepare to celebrate 30 years since ADRA NZ became a registered charitable organisation. We complete our 5-year negotiated partnership with the New Zealand Government to continue with a renewed pathway for our International Programme, 2025-2030. In addition, we plan for a further review of our National Programme to engage deeper with our churches and communities to bring about sustainable changes to selected areas where the need is most. Uncertainties and challenges follow, but we take comfort in knowing we walk with good friends.

In closing, on behalf of my dedicated ADRA NZ team, we wish to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to our supporters, amazing community champions and volunteers, church leaders and members, ADRA officers, donors, partners, sponsors, including Sanitarium Health Foods, and many others, both in New Zealand and abroad. Thank you for your support, love and kind generosity.



Tony Fautua
Chief Executive Officer,
ADRA New Zealand

Why We Exist

ADRA New Zealand works to invest in ADRA's shared global purpose to serve humanity so all may live as God intended by delivering transformational development projects, and providing relief support and resourcing when it's needed most.

Motivated and inspired by God's call, as a faith-based organisation we spread tangible and practical demonstrations of God's love and design for humanity through our service and partnerships.

The scope of our work is determined through achieving strategic and sustained collaborative partnerships.

Our motto that we centre our work around is **Justice, Compassion and Love.**

Our collaborative approach

To maximise our impact, we collaborate with our partner ADRA offices, along with other government and non-governmental organisations both nationally and internationally. Partnerships ensure that our work is aligned with specific needs within each community.

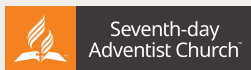
ADRA New Zealand, as part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, works collaboratively with the administration and local leadership of the NZ Pacific Union Conference and Conferences of both the North and South Island.

We are accredited with, or a member of these bodies:

- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Sphere Member
- Council for International Development (CID)

As a signatory to the CID Code of Conduct, we commit to meeting high standards of corporate governance, public accountability, and financial management. Complaints relating to alleged breach of the Code of Conduct by any signatory agency can be made to the CID Code of Conduct Committee: code@cid.org.nz.

To speak up about any area of concern regarding ADRA's conduct or operations, please write to the Complaints Officer at our physical address or email complaints@adra.org.nz.





Connected, Courageous, Compassionate

During my time here at ADRA, it has been my absolute privilege and blessing to have built relationships with many of our Champions across Aotearoa. In supporting them to connect, serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus in their local communities, I am continually inspired by them as they too live out our ADRA values of being Connected – working collaboratively for the best outcome for those living in poverty or distress. Courageous – persevering through challenging situations and Compassionate – empathising with the communities we work with and with each other.

There's a quote by Theodore Roosevelt – "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care". Our National Programme is founded on good partnerships with our local Community Champions across Aotearoa who truly care about God and others. This year our Community Transformation Programme (CTP) saw the implementation of 25 projects to positively impact 5,423 people.

Earlier this year in January, a Disaster Ready Church (DRC) Coordinator position was created and taken up by Luana Tupou. Luana is passionate about serving God and others. She felt huge compassion for the devastating effects of Cyclone Gabriele and courageously volunteered to lead our Hawkes Bay Clean Up Crew response in June 2023. It was after this trip that her heart was moved to shift into this line of work. Little did we know that God was already moving and 7 months later Luana would be officially working at ADRA New Zealand to help equip churches in the areas of prevention, preparedness, recovery and response as part of the DRC initiative.

Ongoing networking and connecting with key stakeholders, while strengthening relationships with the Auckland Welfare Coordination Group (AWCG), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Red Cross and Civil Defence Emergency

Management (CDEM) continues.

In May, the third Equipped to Serve Champions Conference was the focal point, with extensive planning in partnership and coordination with our New Zealand Pacific Union Conference to include plenary speakers along with various workshops to equip Champions in connecting and serving their communities.

June marked a focus on expanding global connections and strategic planning for future DRC initiatives. Key discussions with ADRA Asia, ADRA International, and ADRA Australia revolved around the DRC logo for a global network, while ongoing efforts to integrate disaster response plans into churches.

The next steps will involve launching the Disaster Ready Church (DRC) programme with a DRC brochure that explains all the details about the available workshops, what the DRC entails, why it is necessary, and how it works. The vision is to connect churches with their neighbours and communities, so that when disaster strikes, there is already a foundation of trust. This will ensure that people can find those who care for them and will offer help in their greatest time of need.

"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea." Psalm 46:1-2 NLT

Pathways Drivers Licensing Programme

The Pathways Drivers Licensing Programme has been running for 10 years. After a review of the programme, changes were made to the implementation of this programme via a few select schools from 2020 – ASDAH (Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School), De La Salle College, Papatoetoe High School and Tangaroa College.

Learnings from the various programmes being run at churches and in the community, showed challenges for the coordinators, due to limited connection with the participants as many were not known personally to coordinators, making it difficult to follow up participants and restricting the success of the programme.

After a review of the overall programme and learnings, the shift was made to focus on a few schools in areas of need. Schools were identified with a committed teacher coordinator to the Pathways programme and where there were also many young people from vulnerable families or with very limited access to obtain their licence.

Once their learners licence has been obtained, they are also eligible to a few driving lessons to assist them on their way towards their restricted licence. These changes along with having teacher coordinators who see student participants on a much regular basis (almost daily) for follow up have provided a much better success rate of over 90%.

ADRA's support has provided the opportunity for over 600 young people via ASDAH, De La Salle College, Papatoetoe High School and Tangaroa College to obtain their learners and restricted licences to date and statistics show how this opens further opportunities for them in life.

Both teachers and students alike are always extremely thankful for the opportunity, especially as funding in this area has been cut down for many schools. "Thank you ADRA for this opportunity and for supporting our students, you are helping them to achieve their goals and dreams ..." – Mogi (teacher from De La Salle College).

As we continue to serve our communities through our CTP and DRC initiatives, we want to acknowledge all our wonderful and amazing Champions who courageously connect and serve with great compassion to see our communities thrive. We also are so thankful to the various funders and partners who provide the resources that allow us to continue doing the mahi that we love to make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms.



Sally Lavea
National Programme
Manager



International Development

He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tangata he tangata he tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, the people, the people!



People who have been served through our international development projects (to date).

19,686*

*This number only includes people who have directly received support; family members are also positively impacted when people are involved in community development projects.

SHAPE:

Sustainable Health Agriculture
Protection Empower



Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Myanmar, Timor-Leste (2021-2025)

SHAPE-CAR:

Sustainable Health Agriculture
Protection Empower - Climate
Action for Resilience



Fiji, Timor-Leste (2024-2026)

Pro-Market:



Cambodia (2019-2024)

Story Spotlight

CCLR Vanuatu March 2024

Earlier this year, we enjoyed facilitating the first-ever Cross-Country Learnings and Reflections (CCLR) even in Vanuatu. It brought together all five SHAPE programme countries: Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, and New Zealand.

Throughout the gathering, we celebrated each country's achievements, drawing inspiration from one another and sharing invaluable lessons. Different methods, approaches, and techniques were exchanged, fostering a spirit of collaboration to help each other grow, succeed, and thrive in our respective initiatives.

Together, we are working towards one united goal: building healthier, more resilient communities across the Pacific and Southeast Asia. The power of our shared journey, strengthened by the bonds we are creating, drives us forward. This video is a testament to our collective efforts, and a reminder that through unity and shared knowledge, we can achieve greatness.

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata became the unofficial theme of our time together.

We were recognised at the Council of International Development's annual conference for this work, receiving the collaboration award. This award recognises and celebrates the importance of effective relationships, the partnership, and collaborative initiatives within and across the sector to tackle difficult development challenges and global issues.



Sahara Anae
International Programme
Director



People served during disaster responses:

51,232*

*This number only includes people who have directly received support; family members are also positively impacted when people receive support during a disaster.



SCAN ME

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKGZoXgbv0>

Pacific NEMPs:

21,734.75

4 x NEMPS

- TC Lola Vanuatu
- Mt Ulawun Eruption PNG
 - Flooding – PNG
- Enga Landslide – PNG

Network:

73,351.82

9 x Network:

- Brazil Flooding
- Gaza unrest
- Afghanistan Earthquake
- Refugees from MYN to India
 - Nepal Earthquake
 - Morocco Earthquake
 - Armenia Refugees
 - Lebanon Conflict
- Hinatuan Earthquake Philippines

Total:

95,086.57

1 x NZDRP

- Somalia ASHID-2

Story Spotlight

In response to the devastating Enga landslide in Yambali village in Papua New Guinea, ADRA, in collaboration with several partner organizations, mobilized a swift emergency relief effort. Heavy rainfall had triggered the landslide, causing widespread destruction, displacing over 4,000 individuals, and tragically claiming 206 lives. Roads were blocked, and communities were left isolated, making it difficult for rescue and recovery teams to reach the affected areas.

ADRA's emergency response team, along with local and international partners, initiated a six-day relief operation. They procured essential food and non-food items, overcoming significant logistical challenges to deliver life-saving aid to the region. Despite political and logistical obstacles, ADRA chose to work through local church networks to ensure fair and effective distribution of relief supplies, which was warmly received by the affected communities.

Through stakeholder engagement, the relief operation was able to provide support to displaced families.

In total, the relief efforts reached 710 individuals, including 376 children and 22 people with disabilities. ADRA's response not only provided immediate relief but also fostered hope and resilience, embodying the principles of justice, love, and compassion in the face of disaster.

The interventions included the following key actions:

1. Provision of Emergency Relief Supplies:
 - **Food Items:** These included staple foods to provide immediate nourishment to the affected individuals.
 - **Non-Food Items:** Critical non-food supplies such as blankets, clothing, and hygiene products were distributed to help families maintain basic living conditions in the aftermath of the disaster.
2. Logistical Coordination and Distribution:
 - The ADRA team coordinated with local volunteers and church networks to ensure the fair and timely distribution of aid. They circumvented previous challenges in distribution caused by political interference by leveraging trusted local church groups for fair delivery to affected families.
3. Stakeholder Engagement:
 - ADRA collaborated with local and international stakeholders, including NGOs, local government, and the community, to consolidate efforts in delivering aid. This ensured a coordinated response and maximized the resources available for relief.
4. Psychological Support:
 - ADRA and its partners offered psychological support to help affected individuals, many of whom had lost family members, homes, and livelihoods. This support was critical in helping communities cope with trauma and begin the recovery process.

These interventions collectively aimed to provide immediate relief, restore a sense of stability, and support the long-term recovery of the affected communities.



Joanne Wieland
International Programme
Manager





Fundraising Highlights

This past year, through your incredible generosity, we have raised **\$916,614** to help families overcome poverty and hardship. At a time when the cost of living is at an all-time high here in Aotearoa, your steadfast kindness and commitment to serving others continue to inspire us. Together, we've achieved remarkable milestones—here are a few highlights of what we've accomplished:

Concert for Change: **\$21,020** Raised



In a first-of-its-kind event, we hosted the Concert for Change to support our project in Somalia. The night was a beautiful celebration of God-given talent right here in New Zealand. With special guest appearances from Junior Soqeta, the Tribe of Ope (Instagram favourites), and performances by Penrose Tongan SDA Youth, the ASDAH Brass Band, and even a quartet of our pastors, it was a truly memorable evening.

Active August 2023: **\$21,459** Raised



Our second year of Active August brought not only increased donations but also greater participation. From the bottom of the South Island with students from Southland Adventist Christian School to communities in the far North of New Zealand, supporters of all ages embraced the challenge.



Connection Fundraising: \$20,058 Raised by BOLDD



After a five-year pause in our Connections Programme, a courageous group named BOLDD (Believe, Overcome, Love, Disciple, Daily) stepped up to fundraise for a life-changing project in Santo, Vanuatu. This group of young, devoted Christ-followers, with the help of their church community, raised funds to build latrines for people with disabilities.

Christmas Appeal: A Season of Giving



Our Christmas Appeal brought communities and individuals together to make the holiday season brighter for others. A special thank you to churches that participated and to people like Allen Foote, who tirelessly sold his famous Christmas cakes to support the cause. Your contributions ensured that many families experienced hope and joy during Christmas.

Thank You for Your Partnership

Every initiative and every dollar raised is a testament to the faith, compassion, and generosity of our ADRA supporters. You are the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing love and hope to those in need. As we reflect on these incredible achievements, we invite you to continue partnering with us—to pray, to give, and to serve. Together, we can transform even more lives in the year ahead.

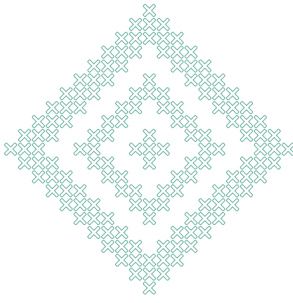


Maranatha Fidow
Communications &
Connections Coordinator

Financial Statements

Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue from exchange transactions		
Events income	38,173	16,170
Other income	73,102	20,335
	111,275	36,505
Revenue from non-exchange transactions		
International projects income	4,284,327	5,031,021
Donations, legacies and bequests	996,614	1,492,884
Appropriations	562,231	469,606
	5,843,172	6,993,511
Total Revenue	5,954,447	7,030,016
Expense		
International projects expenses	(5,191,038)	(4,941,982)
National projects	(423,514)	(340,891)
Administrative expenses	(455,284)	(419,273)
Event costs	(2,117)	(9,829)
Marketing costs	(187,344)	(99,226)
Other expenses	(33,861)	(44,173)
Total Expense	(6,293,158)	(5,855,374)
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Surplus before income taxes	(338,711)	1,174,642
Income tax expense		-
Net surplus	(338,711)	1,174,642
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	(338,711)	1,174,642

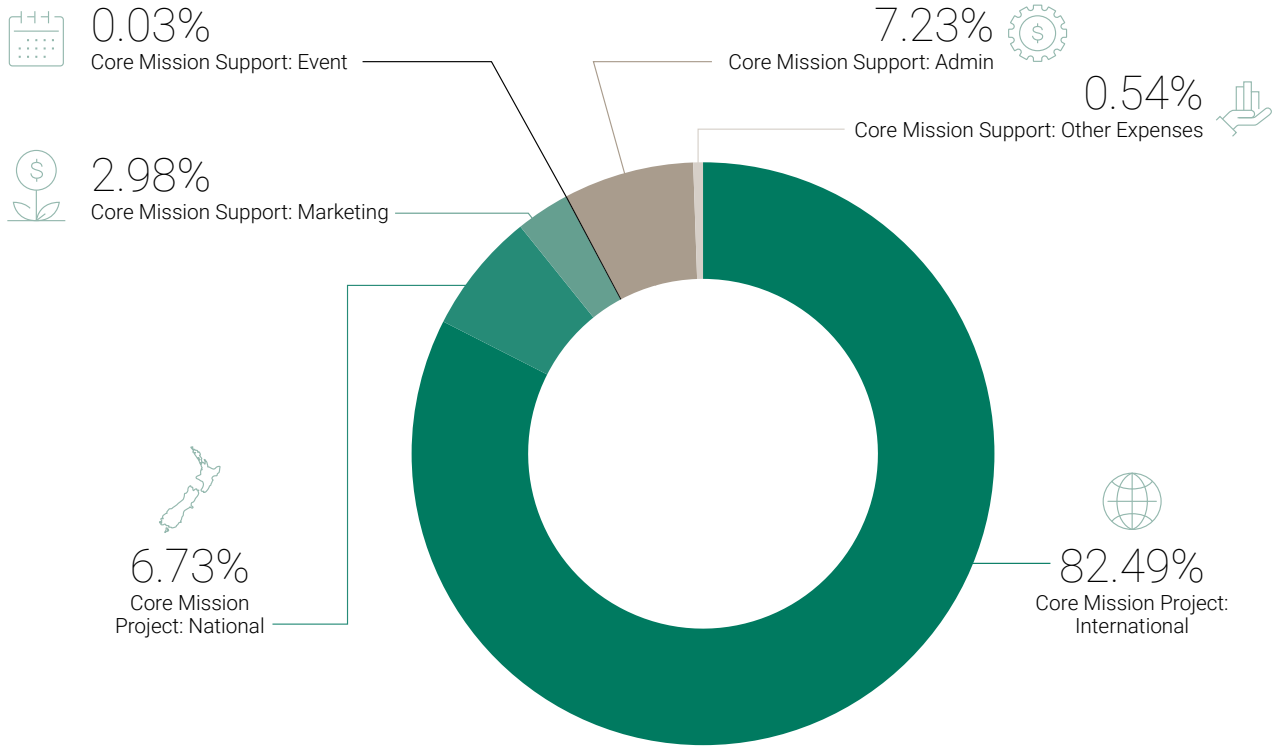


Statement of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,977,537	5,612,136
Trade and other receivables	138,299	179,465
Other assets	48,495	19,005
Total current assets	6,164,331	5,810,606
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	47,336	64,869
TOTAL ASSETS	6,211,667	5,875,475
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	67,071	42,001
Provisions	77,473	111,477
Other Liabilities	2,690,189	2,014,189
Total current liabilities	2,834,733	2,167,667
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term provisions	20,761	12,924
Total non-current liabilities	20,761	12,924
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,855,494	2,180,591
NET ASSETS	3,356,173	3,694,884
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Reserves	662,112	728,553
Funds available for future use	2,694,061	2,966,331
TOTAL EQUITY	3,356,173	3,694,884



Use of Funds



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 2024 and 2023 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 2024 and 2023.

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 2024 and 2023 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 19 November 2024 and 27 September 2023.

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

19 November 2024

In Appreciation

In addition to our loyal, dedicated and generous supporters, ADRA New Zealand would like to acknowledge and thank the following partners for the vital role they play in ADRA projects both nationally and internationally.

*Our international projects are made possible through the generous support from:



ADRA International and ADRA Australia

Our national Community Transformation Partnership initiatives are implemented by dedicated community volunteers in local churches and community groups. These projects are made possible through the generous support from:



Ministries and Entities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Union and Conference:

- North and South New Zealand Conferences
- New Zealand Pacific Union Conference



Resources, knowledge, and sponsorship was also made available through:



We are proud to be part of the worldwide ADRA network as part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us