

How we are using funds

Information Sheet

Information correct at 3 February 2020

This document can help you talk about the support Red Cross is providing to people affected by the bushfires, as well as Red Cross' longer-term recovery plan. It can counter misinformation and help answer questions you may get.

The figures are current as at the date on the top of this page and may change; for example, as more donations come in and more grants are paid.

RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUND

How your donation is making a difference

Funds raised since July 2019: \$127 million

On-the-ground disaster services



\$5m for 24/7 support including evacuations, relief centres and outreach services

Mid-to-long-term recovery



\$42.5m to be allocated to further immediate and longer term bushfire assistance



\$18m to support community recovery for 3 years or more

Immediate assistance grants



\$50m to support people whose homes were destroyed (increased from \$30m)



\$10m to make structurally damaged homes safe to return to



\$1m for bereavement payments



\$500k to support people hospitalised for injuries as a result of the fires

Up to 10c in the dollar will be spent on admin support costs, and we're working to keep it as low as possible.

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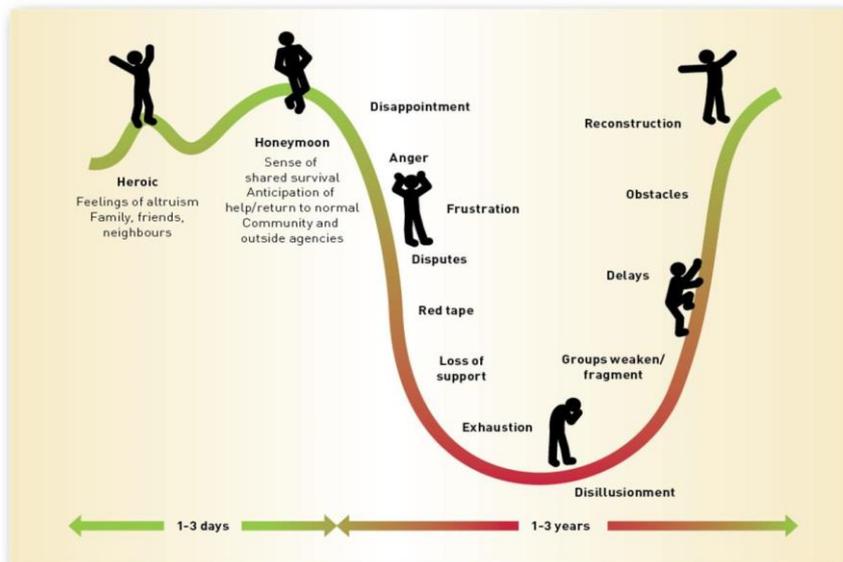
For more information: redcross.org.au/bushfirefunds

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Why are you only distributing \$61.5m directly to bushfire victims?

- Our 1st priority is to help those who have been left most vulnerable meet their immediate needs.
- it takes time to recover from a disaster. In 6 months, many people may begin rebuilding. A year from now, the trauma may start to sink in. We want to be there to help at every step of the way.
- We're still helping people a year on from the Townsville floods, two years on from the Daly River floods, and three years on from the Central Queensland fires.



Adapted from Cohen and Ahearn 1980 and DeWolfe 2000. Source: AIDR Handbook 2 – Community Recovery, 2018

Are you keeping money for future disasters?

- Only \$5m is allocated for our team to be on the ground, ready to respond to ALL disasters
- All the remaining funds raised towards our DRR fund during this bushfires crisis are going to support our bushfire response: both the immediate assistance, and the longer-term recovery programs
- All interest earned from the funds is placed back into the fund.

Do you have an administration cost?

- Yes: up to 10 cents in the dollar.
- We are doing everything we can to make this cost as low as possible.
- In previous disasters, our administration costs have been as low as 4 cents in the dollar.

Admin costs = Costs of our response, for example getting emergency grants to people quickly and securely, preventing fraud, collecting and analysing the information we need, and complying with the legal obligations of handling and disbursing funds.

How can I be sure that you are making good use of my donation?

- We are being guided by an advisory panel of 4 volunteers with professional and personal experience of disaster recovery.
- We work closely with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC), Australian Tax Office (ATO), regulators in each state and territory and the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FIA). These statutory and industry bodies require strict compliance with regulatory obligations and governance standards.
- We are and will be transparent.

