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Thank you for your church's desire to serve your community during this crisis. There is no doubt that your care and support for those in need will shine God's light to others. ADRA is here to equip you with the finances, resources and support you may need as you respond to the needs of your community.

We are so grateful for your heart to serve and want to make sure that your church can have the greatest impact. Underpinning anything that the church might do as an organised group, there are a couple of key points to note:

- 1) Liaise with local council/lead agencies like the SES to ensure any response is coordinated to avoid duplication/hindrance (be a part of the broader response team)
- 2) Request church members to register officially as a volunteer at adra.org.au/volunteer. This ensures you are all covered by insurance.

Ways to Serve:

- 1) Church members could phone friends and family/door knock/check on their neighbours to see how they're doing and if they need any support
- 2) Provide food and/or water assistance to:
 - a. People evacuated from their homes
 - b. Volunteers with the SES/Fire Service, etc.
- 3) Sand bagging (see who is already doing this and join an existing group who already has the resources i.e. bags, sand, sand hoppers)
- 4) Provide care packs that have personal hygiene items e.g. shampoo to those displaced from their homes
- 5) Open the doors of your church for displaced people to take refuge
- 6) Once the flood waters recede, help with the clean-up e.g. clearing footpaths, gardens, homes

To apply for ADRA's church grants:

Please outline the actions your church wishes to take to respond to the crisis in your local area. You can apply for ADRA funding by filling in a ADRA Church Grant form and liaising with your Conference ADRA Director for the transferral of funds.