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Submission type I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

Since the floods hit northern New South Wales earlier this year, my charity organisation Turbans 4 Australia has been transporting and distributing emergency goods to flood victims in Lismore, in partnership with other local charities. We therefore have a deep understanding of the needs of the local community in the aftermath of the floods and how these needs have evolved as the months have passed.

Since 7 March, we have supplied 250 pallets of flood relief items to our Wyrallah Road distribution centre, which has been accessed by flood victims approximately 42,000 times since opening. We have delivered one large truckload of goods to the region weekly from Sydney, with another truck located in Lismore for local redistribution to Woodburn, Coraki, Evans Head, Murwillimbah, Mullumbimby and Nimbin.

Unfortunately, we have recently been forced to close this distribution centre due to a lack of funding, but not due to a lack of need. All similar major distribution centres in the region have closed this month for similar reasons, leaving many residents without essential resources.

Months out from the floods the road to recovery is far from over, with many residents in flood-affected areas still living in emergency accommodation or forced to move back into houses with severe mould damage, no power and no running water. With winter well and truly underway, these people are struggling to keep warm.

Turbans 4 Australia would gladly continue our work helping flood victims for months if not years if need be, but we cannot do so without a stable source of funding. Flood-affected residents in northern New South Wales still urgently need food relief and grocery assistance as they are struggling to access even the most basic of necessities.

We recently received this heartfelt message from a Lismore resident who has been accessing our services. It truly breaks our hearts that we cannot do more for people who are so obviously struggling and who are still so clearly in need of assistance, yet who have displayed such gratitude and resilience:

“I want to thank you for all the support given to our community in Lismore. This is the first time in my life that I need help with essential items.

I usually am the volunteer and giver.

I will be forever grateful of your generosity in my days which have turned into weeks of need.”

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