



*An international volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.*

## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

### Support the Soroptimist Disaster Grants for Women and Girls

*A grant project of Soroptimist International of the Americas and Soroptimist International of Europe*

Soroptimist's Disaster Grants for Women and Girls target the special needs of women and girls during natural and man-made disasters. Studies and history show women and girls are extremely vulnerable during disasters. In particular they are vulnerable to sexual violence and lack access to resources. Soroptimist's Disaster Fund mitigates the barriers facing women and girls before and during disasters. In addition, the program provides financial resources for long-term rebuilding projects benefiting women and girls.

Funds are pooled from voluntary contributions sent in from Soroptimist members throughout the world, and can be used to provide immediate assistance to women such as food, water, clothing, shelter and housing repairs. Funds can also be used for longer-term recovery projects, including rebuilding businesses and community revitalization.

*Disaster Grants for Women and Girls are **solely** funded by the generous donations of members, clubs and supporters worldwide.* Generally, contributions are received into the general unrestricted disaster fund. This money can be used for any disaster request that comes into Soroptimist headquarters. For major disasters, a special fund is created to support projects specific to that situation, which enables donors to direct where their contributions will be used.

Many donors are moved to make a contribution immediately following a devastating disaster, but Soroptimist welcomes contributions at any time to ensure availability of funds to meet future need.

*Your contribution now can ensure that the special needs of women and girls will be addressed—without delay—following a natural or man-made disaster.*

- Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the Soroptimist Disaster Grants for Women and Girls to learn more of how the grants assist women and/or girls prepare for or recover from disasters.
- Click [here](#) to learn more about projects recently funded through Soroptimist Disaster Grants for Women and Girls.
- Read [SIA's white paper, Reaching Out to Women When Disaster Strikes](#) to learn more about the special challenges facing women before, during and after natural disasters and acts of war.



Members of SI/Kalibo, Philippines, recipient of the Soroptimist Disaster Grants for Women and Girls, work to provide women and girls with the assistance and resources needed to rebuild their lives after a typhoon devastated the community.