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ANZ commits AU\$100,000 to support Pacific tsunami recovery efforts

ANZ today announced a donation of AU\$100,000 through Red Cross to support Pacific communities impacted by a tsunami that was caused by an earthquake near Samoa early this morning.

Chief Executive Officer Asia Pacific, Europe & America, Mr Alex Thursby, said, "This tsunami has had a devastating effect on communities in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga, including tragic loss of life.

"We understand this is a very difficult time and we want to help support these communities with disaster relief and as they begin the process of recovery."

ANZ will make a donation on behalf of its staff and customers of AU\$100,000 to Red Cross to kick start a public appeal.

ANZ branches in Australia and New Zealand will be accepting donations that will go directly to the "Pacific Tsunami (Samoa and Tonga) Appeal" through Red Cross to fund the disaster response on the ground.

"We are committed to helping our local communities, and trust this donation will help provide some relief for people and communities in the Pacific who have been impacted by this terrible natural disaster.

"Our thoughts and sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones or who have suffered damage to their homes or businesses," Mr Thursby said.

ANZ customers who are affected by this disaster are encouraged to contact their local ANZ branch to discuss the impact on their business or personal circumstances.

Some local branches have been closed but ANZ expects business as usual to resume over coming days. Customers can confirm arrangements at their local branch.

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How to donate:

- In Australia: visit any ANZ branch or donate directly to the Appeal Account 'Pacific Tsunami (Samoa and Tonga) Appeal' BSB: 013-006 Account number: 5724-51448
- In New Zealand: visit any ANZ branch or donate directly to the Appeal Account 'ANZ (NZ) Samoa Appeal Fund' Account number: 01 1839 0143546 00
- Australian Red Cross will be accepting donations to its "Pacific Tsunami (Samoa and Tonga) Appeal" at www.redcross.org.au or through 1800 811 700
- New Zealand Red Cross is also accepting donations. For more information visit www.redcross.org.nz/makeadonation