

# Media Release

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# ANZ supports natural disaster recovery efforts in South East Asia

ANZ today announced an additional donation of AU\$100,000 (US\$87,000) through a number of aid agencies to support communities in South East Asia affected by a series of natural disasters this week.

ANZ CEO Indonesia and Acting CEO South and South East Asia, Mr Joseph Abraham, said: "This week's natural disasters have had a devastating effect on local communities across our region, including tragic loss of life.

"We understand this is a very difficult time for earthquake-affected parts of Indonesia and communities in the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos which have been impacted by Typhoon Ketsana. ANZ wants to help support these communities with disaster relief, and as they begin the process of recovery."

ANZ today announced a total of AU\$100,000 in donations to kick start public appeals for charities dealing with the relief effort. The ANZ donation includes:

- AU\$50,000 (US\$43,000) through Australian Red Cross, kick starting a public appeal to assist communities in the earthquake stricken area of Sumatra, Indonesia.
- AU\$30,000 (US\$26,000) through Australian Red Cross to communities in Vietnam and the Philippines in communities impacted by Typhoon Ketsana.
- AU\$20,000 (US\$17,000) through CARE Australia to assist communities in Laos and Cambodia who have been impacted by Typhoon Ketsana.

ANZ is also accepting donations across branches in Australia for the Red Cross Indonesian Earthquake Appeal.

This follows an announcement by ANZ on Wednesday that it would donate AU\$100,000 through Red Cross to support Pacific communities impacted by the recent tsunami triggered by an earthquake near Samoa.

"ANZ is committed to helping the communities where we live and work and we hope these contributions will provide some relief for people who have been affected by these natural disasters," Mr Abraham said.

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

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

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### How to donate to the 'Indonesia Earthquake Appeal':

- In Australia: visit any ANZ branch to donate to the Red Cross 'Indonesia Earthquake Appeal' account.
- Australian Red Cross will be accepting donations to its 'Indonesia Earthquake Appeal' at <a href="https://www.redcross.org.au">www.redcross.org.au</a>. People in Australia can also donate by calling 1800 811 700.

## How to donate to the 'Typhoon Ketsana Appeal':

- Australian Red Cross is accepting donations to its 'Typhoon Ketsana Appeal' at www.redcross.org.au. People in Australia can also donate by calling 1800 811 700.
- CARE Australia is accepting donations at <a href="www.careaustralia.org.au">www.careaustralia.org.au</a>. People in Australia can also donate by calling 1800 020 046.