**New Zealand Red Cross and New Zealand Government**

**Meeting the needs of persons with disabilities in humanitarian emergencies**

* + New Zealand has worked through both advocacy and investments to meet the needs of persons with disabilities in humanitarian responses. We have advocated for disability inclusion as part of our humanitarian diplomacy through donor support groups, at the United Nations and in public statements on humanitarian issues.
  + Throughout the reporting period New Zealand has funded a multi-year project to support disability inclusive humanitarian action in the Pacific in partnership with CBM NZ and the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF). The project has strengthened relationships between humanitarian actors and organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and supported OPDs to participate in disaster preparedness and response mechanisms in Cook Islands, Samoa and Tonga. The project has also engaged relevant actors to strengthen disability inclusive humanitarian action at the regional level.
  + Meeting the needs of persons with disabilities in humanitarian emergencies has also been a focus of New Zealand Red Cross, for example, in the cash grants programme in the Tonga tsunami response.