



Media Release

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ANZ doubles its donation to A\$100,000 to kickstart appeal to assist with disaster relief in Samoa.

Auckland: ANZ Banking Group, based in Australia, has overnight doubled its initial donation of AUD\$50,000 to AUD\$100,000 to kickstart a Bank-wide appeal set up to assist the families impacted by the recent earthquake and tsunami tragedy in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga.

The bank-wide Appeal is being coordinated across the wider ANZ Pacific region, incorporating its divisions in New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

Working with Red Cross, all proceeds will go to Samoa Red Cross to assist with the disaster response in the affected areas.

Proceeds from the New Zealand Appeal will go to New Zealand Red Cross and from there to Samoa.

Says ANZ Retail Managing Director Wayne Besant: "With such a large number of Samoan people living in New Zealand, and in particular Auckland, we know that many families will be concerned about their loved ones in Tonga, Samoa and Western Samoa.

"By setting up this Appeal, we encourage other New Zealanders to show their support by making a donation at any ANZ branch.

"Our thoughts and sympathies go to those people both here in New Zealand and in the Islands who have lost loved ones or have been made homeless as a result of this tragedy.

"Our people working in the affected areas will work alongside the affected communities and offer whatever support we possibly can in the coming days and weeks" says Mr Besant.

HOW TO DONATE

1. Donations from New Zealand can be made at any ANZ Branch throughout New Zealand:

ANZ (NZ) Samoa Appeal Fund

2. Donations can be made directly to the Appeal Account:

Account number 01 1839 0143546 00

All donations of NZ\$5 or more are tax deductible and will require a tax receipt issued by Red Cross New Zealand. Contact your local branch for more details.

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