Please note the News Flash below from ADRA-UK CEO, Bert Smit. Please remember the people of Japan in your prayers in church tomorrow. Donations can be made via the ADRA-UK website, www.adra.org.uk.

ADRA Japan has begun an initial response to this disaster giving accommodation, food, internet, wifi facility in the its Tokyo office for those who are stranded in the central Tokyo area. Tomorrow morning, ADRA Japan staff will be traveling to affected areas for a needs assessment and define the response that ADRA Japan will implement. ADRA Japan’s country director will be arriving in the office tomorrow morning in order to define the lines of this response. At the moment, Tokyo has no operational Metro or trains and is facing huge traffic jams. More information will be available in the morning (Tokyo’s morning) as it becomes available. ADRA Japan’s staff are currently working close with the Japan National Disaster Office and NGO coordination and are being supported by former Newbold Student, Daniel dos Santos, ADRA Asia director, who happened to be in Japan when the disaster struck.

ADRA International has committed to support ADRA Japan with US$25,000 with many of the network offices also providing funding for an initial response. ADRA-UK has immediately committed US$5,000 from its emergency funds. We are now accepting donations for this response via our website. It’s now our chance to show solidarity with the people of Japan as they meet the needs of those affected by this disaster.

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