



MFAT Management Response to the Evaluation of the New Zealand Disaster Response Partnership (NZDRP) – April 2025

Evaluation Report Recommendation	MFAT Response and Action (Agree, Partially Agree, Reject)
<p>Strategy and policy direction</p> <p>MFAT works with the partners to articulate the strategic intentions and objectives of the partnership and define how it contributes to MFAT's humanitarian objectives and priorities by facilitating discussions between MFAT and the NZDRP partners to develop and articulate the strategic intentions and objectives of the NZDRP within the current humanitarian context. This will include articulating the key purpose of partnering and identifying a set of foundational principles and ways of working.</p>	<p>We agree with this recommendation. We intend to redefine the strategic intentions of the NZDRP, including how it links with New Zealand's broader humanitarian priorities. We intend to do this in consultation with NZDRP partner NGOs.</p>
<p>Exploring a partnerships approach</p> <p>MFAT leverages the existing NPP partnerships and explores a partnerships approach that takes into account NGOs varying capacities, and thematic and geographic focus The evaluation proposes that NZDRP reviews contestable funding model and consider whether there is a place within the NZDRP for stronger partnership approaches in which NZDRP partners receive more flexible and predictable uncontested funding.</p>	<p>We partially agree with this recommendation. Following clarification of the strategic direction of NZDRP, MFAT will, in discussion with partners, identify options to further strengthen the NZDRP. This will consider strategic alignment, impact, effectiveness, efficiency, affordability, and partnership principles.</p>
<p>Defining what locally-led response means for the NZDRP</p> <p>MFAT explores what locally-led response means for the NZDRP by reviewing existing and well-known locally-led principles and exploring how they can be embedded in the NZDRP. Then MFAT and NZDRP partners will have to rethink how NZDRP funding can be structured to better support locally-led humanitarian response and humanitarian response effectiveness.</p>	<p>We agree with this recommendation. MFAT supports the shift to more locally led humanitarian action. In the planned refresh process for the NZDRP we intend to consider whether and how the mechanism can better support local actors.</p>

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<p>Enhance knowledge sharing and mutual learning</p> <p>Enhance knowledge sharing and mutual learning by co-designing a shared agenda for knowledge sharing that addresses issues of mutual interest.</p>	<p>We agree with this recommendation and will consider options for this together with the Council for International Development and NZDRP partner NGOs. We will also explore utilising centralised communication channels.</p>
<p>Reorient MEL from projects focused to a programmatic approach for development effectiveness</p> <p>Consider reorienting Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) from projects focused to a programmatic approach. Investments in financial and technical capability to support the Programme align activities along with the Programme results framework/indicators will help improve consistency of reporting, aggregation of results and outcomes.</p>	<p>We partially agree with this recommendation. Clear articulation of the strategic intent of the NZDRP will provide scope to consider options for enhancing monitoring, evaluation and learning for the mechanism.</p>
<p>Enhance the utility of the prepositioned supplies</p> <p>Enhance the utility of the prepositioned supplies by developing a strategy for pre-positioned supplies that considers coverage, partner capacity inventory management and replenishment and also improve process guidelines for the use and management of supplies</p>	<p>We partially agree with this recommendation. We will consider changes to the current prepositioned supplies arrangements under the NZDRP and look to strengthen guidelines. The overall strategic intent of NZDRP (referenced in recommendation 1) will reference pre positioned supplies.</p>

