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Lions Clubs International Foundation immediately awarded a US\$250,000 Major Catastrophe Grant with money from its disaster relief fund, allowing Lions in affected areas to immediately begin providing assistance. These funds will help meet immediate needs by providing food, water, medicine, blankets and other necessities as quickly as possible. The funds will also support long-term reconstruction and recovery.

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In brief

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