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## **ADRA prepares response to Pacific tsunami**

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Wahroonga, New South Wales — The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is assessing the effects of a tsunami that has swept through the Pacific this morning, following a magnitude 8.3 earthquake that struck 190km off the southwest coast of American Samoa.

ADRA has several offices in the region and is currently evaluating the effects of this disaster on communities, especially those in low-lying coastal areas. ADRA will work with affected communities to determine how best to support their response efforts.

"It is sad to hear of this disaster and how it may be affecting communities in the region," said ADRA Australia's Director of Emergency Management, Chris Olafson. "Many of these communities are poor and remote, so communication can be difficult, especially at times of emergency like this. We are working with partner ADRA offices, government bodies and fellow humanitarian agencies across the region to determine how we can best support them. Our hearts go out to those affected."

ADRA Australia's response will be provided from its Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund. Donations to this fund are most welcome.

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