1. **Reducing Disaster Risks**

New Zealand Red Cross (NZRC) and the New Zealand Government have made good progress to meet this ongoing commitment.

1. **Effective cooperation in the development and implementation of domestic laws and policies on disaster risk management;**
* NZ Government engaged with the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management 2016.
* NZ Government has been involved in consultation and development of a National Disaster Resilience Strategy which identifies how it will improve resilience to disaster risks, and includes an implementation roadmap which prioritises effort and investments over the next decade. NZRC has been closely engaged in the development of this strategy.
* NZRC has been involved in community engagement and planning workshops at regional level (e.g. in Invercargill, Southland, in April 2017).
* NZRC has co-designed a schools resilience pilot project with the NZ Government Ministry for Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) for primary schools. It has been piloted in 2 schools in Christchurch, Canterbury.
* NZRC has been involved in the planning and implementation of Civil and Military exercises focussing on responses to a complex humanitarian emergency. The next exercises are in October 2017.
* NZRC has conducted a major evaluation of the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal and Recovery Programme. A process is underway to take the lessons learned and embed them in the organisation, as well as to produce a Lessons Learned Guide for others who could be interested.
* The NZ Government Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) led the ‘Whole of Government’ response to Tropical Cyclones Cook, Donna and Ella in the first half of 2017, working closely with NZRC, non-government organisations, the United Nations and other donors.
1. **Number of Pacific countries supported to reduce and manage risk of natural and climate-related disasters;**

In the implementation of the New Zealand Red Cross (NZRC) - New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) Grant Funding Agreement 2015-18, key results included:

* Recovery Disaster Risk Reduction programmes are being implemented in Vanuatu and Fiji following Tropical Cyclones Pam and Winston. This has included – setting up High Frequency radio networks, evacuation centres, First Aid, school rehabilitation, vulnerability and capacity assessments, and providing psycho-social, health and water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH) programmes;
* Providing NZD 100,000 for the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) “Building Resilient Communities” programme in Tuvalu and Kiribati ;
* Disaster Management programmes in Samoa and Tuvalu, providing technical assistance, salary support and programme support for volunteer emergency response training;
* Climate change and recovery frameworks for Pacific countries;
* First Aid and Information Technology and Telecommunications Emergency support across 12 Pacific countries;
* Disaster Management delegate supporting the Tonga Red Cross.
1. **Effective, coordinated engagement in regional disaster risk management discussions;**
* NZRC attended the Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre’s Resilience Innovation Workshop in Seoul, May 2017.
* NZRC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre, to sit on the Steering Committee.
* NZRC is a member of the domestic-level Disaster Risk Management External Advisory Group. This group meets quarterly and is chaired by Philip Gibson, Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Management.
* NZRC is assisting the IFRC Pacific office to engage MOUs with the Pacific Island Forum (PIF) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to improve inter-agency relationships.
* Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement leaders in the Pacific (Secretaries General and Presidents), including NZRC, have endorsed and made a commitment to support the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).
* NZRC supports the RCRC Climate Centre Senior Climate Advisor as a NZRC delegate.
* NZRC supported the 2016 Red Cross Pacific Disaster Risk Management Forum focusing on climate change, resilience and recovery.
* NZRC participated in a climate change vulnerability reduction lessons learnt forum (The Finnish Pacific Project, coordinated through the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) to improve livelihoods of Pacific Communities by delivering effective weather, climate and early warning services). NZRC attended alongside Pacific National Disaster Management Offices, MetService and Pacific Red Cross Disaster Management Officers.
* The NZ Government participated in the Asia Pacific Regional Partnerships Forum, attended the Pacific Humanitarian Partnership meeting (June 2017), attended the Pacific Platform Meeting (October 2016), the Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (November 2016) and the Global Platform (May 2017).
* The NZ Government Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) led the ‘Whole of Government’ response to Tropical Cyclones Cook, Donna and Ella in the first half of 2017, working closely with NZRC, non-government organisations, the United Nations and other donors.
1. **Strong coordination between the Government of New Zealand and the New Zealand Red Cross in humanitarian responses to natural disasters in the Pacific (and elsewhere)**
* The NZ Government Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) led the ‘Whole of Government’ response to Tropical Cyclones Cook, Donna and Ella in the first half of 2017, working closely with NZRC, non-government organisations, the United Nations and other donors.
* NZRC remains active as a member of the regional Emergency Task Force.
1. **A coordinated approach to promoting effective disaster law in international fora.**
* NZRC attended MFAT-organized Emergency Task Force exercise.
* NZRC organized the annual International Mobilisation & Preparation for Action (IMPACT) course, with MFAT support and attendance.
* NZRC organized a one-week humanitarian field security and safety course, attended by MFAT.
* NZRC supported research into International Disaster Response Law in Samoa and Tonga in 2015. Work has been progressing in Vanuatu.