

# WCEM Status Update - WDC

Statistics - FY 22/23



- 7 partial activations since February 2023
- WDC staff attended 54 training sessions (CY)
- 19 Community Meetings attended so far this year (CY)
- 16 Westland weather meetings
- 54 Weather related meetings
- \$200,000 Better Off Funding

19 Starlink Kits being rolled out across Westland communities

# Reduction, Readiness, Response, Recovery



### Community Response Plans:

- End of Year target:
  - 80% of communities have Community Response Plans
- Good progress with Ross: meeting once a month to develop their plan.
- Good progress with Okarito: Community Association confirmed 4 volunteers.
- Good progress with other communities.
- Biggest challenges are time & funding.

#### Community Exercises

- End of Year target:
  - Community Response Groups are confident using information management resources
- Aim: To regularly practise table top exercises and ICP set ups
- Approximately 12 scenarios written so far
- Communities motivated to engage
- Will be conducted in conjunction with Community Response Plans (Plan developed, then tested)

#### Hokitika Community Response Group

- End of Year target:
  - Hokitika has a community response group
  - That group has planned actions they can take in an event
- Some uptake but slow to develop
- Bi-monthly meetings
- Focus on organised community response and welfare

#### EOC Readiness & Capability

- End of Year target:
  - All EOC resources available on paper & digital format
  - Sufficient IMT numbers to staff EOC for multiple weeks
- New EOC Activation Manual (in draft)
- Re-stocking & organising EOC boxes (templates, tools & maps)
- Building relationships with stakeholders & other resources
- Regional rollout of D4H
- Regional exercise schedule from October March

#### Community Assessment Survey

- End of Year target:
  - Baseline assessment of communities completed
  - improved reporting to council on activities
- Development of a community matrix
- Don Scott doing survey of the communities

## Successes



- ICP kit delivered to Otira
- Radio delivered to SWAS school
- Ross Community engagement increased (Monthly meetings, community contributions to resources)
- Radio scheds increased from 0 to above 50% (and rising)
- Additional generators to Fox Glacier through Chorus
- Franz Josef Exercise
- Franz Josef Project
- Westland generator
- Westland fuel pod
- Starlink Rollout

# Challenges



- Funding for Response Group incidentals & aids
- Likelihood of a very wet summer
- Radio network failures
  - Black spot between Bonar & Bald Hill
  - Hill shadow from some Bonar repeater affecting multiple communities