International collaboration

Libraries do it so well
Population of Europe
714 Million

Population of Australia
25 Million
Qualifications that cross borders
Close cooperation in our region
Australian bushfires
“On that terrible day when the skies were red and it was hard to breathe outdoors, the library was filled with stressed families along with an assortment of dogs, cats, birds and guinea pigs. We provided bottled water, tea and coffee and snacks. The library staff helped with information about accommodation and emergency evacuation centres. The children were kept busy colouring in and reading, and families were updated on the fires constantly. We collected their names and contact details so family and friends looking for them could find them at the library.”
How you can help

People and families
- Red Cross Disaster Relief https://bit.ly/2Rhg1SG

Animals

Donations not goods
The NSW Office of Emergency Management said towns struggling in the aftermath of the fires were having to deal with unsolicited donations of toys, clothes and furniture, which were not needed. Spokesman Jeremy Hillman described the deluge of goods as potentially a "second disaster". He said well-meaning donors were unintentionally putting stress on those trying to recover from the crisis.