National Grid supports National Emergencies Trust and Trussell Trust to deliver aid during coronavirus crisis

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National Grid has today (Thursday) announced that it will be making a £300,000 donation to support two appeals from the National Emergencies Trust (NET) and the Trussell Trust, which supports a UK based network of foodbanks.

The company has donated £100,000 to the NET’s Coronavirus Appeal, which is working to raise funds for local charities and community organisations that can provide vital support to the most vulnerable people in the quickest possible way.

A further £200,000 has been committed to the Trussell Trust to support around 1,200 food banks, which aim to provide a minimum of three days worth of nutritionally balanced food to people who have been referred into care. National Grid is also working with the Trust to develop a volunteer programme for employees across the business.

National Grid UK’s Executive Director, Nicola Sharr, said: “We are proud to support these two important charities and to be playing our part in helping the most vulnerable in society. Hopefully through these contributions, we will be able to support the wider community and help local people and businesses recover from the stricter lockdown.

Lord Carnduff, Chairman of the National Emergencies Trust, said: “We’re incredibly grateful for the generous donation from National Grid. Thanks to the collective efforts of many charities across the UK, businesses, charitable trusts and the public, we have been able to provide over 1 million meals to those who need them most, as quickly as possible. Together we are harnessing the energy of the people to help those most in need.”

Kathryn Cram, head of policy, partnerships at the Trussell Trust said: “As the coronavirus pandemic develops, we are working closely with our foodbank partners to ensure that support reaches those in need. If you are experiencing food poverty for yourself or someone you know, please get in touch with your local foodbank to explore how they can help.”

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About National Emergencies Trust
The National Emergencies Trust is a charity set up by philanthropists to help the general public in the event of a national disaster or emergency, where a charity is not in existence, the Trust will collaborate with charities and other bodies to raise and distribute money and support victims. The Funds collected will be disbursed by local partners on the ground in the areas affected by the emergency event.

The National Emergencies Trust is a registered charity, no. 1122634. For more information, visit: nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk

About the Trussell Trust
The Trussell Trust is an anti-poverty charity that supports a network of more than 1,200 food bank centres across the UK.

The Trust ensures there is always a safety net for people in need and works to end the need for food banks by helping local residents in the fight against poverty and hunger.

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