

"It's unbelievable. You can't comprehend it. Our entire town is gone." - wildfire survivor, British Columbia

The nation watched in horror as a wildfire swept through the town of Lytton, BC, burning much of it to the ground in a matter of moments.

Just before the tragedy, Lytton was making national and international headlines as it broke Canada's all-time heat record three days in a row, reaching 49.6 C.

The fire forced hundreds from their homes and sadly took the lives of at least two people.

However, Lytton is not the only place in British Columbia facing the consequences of extreme weather. Prolonged heat and dry conditions mean that much of the province is at risk, and fire crews have already been battling hundreds of wildfires.

The Canadian Red Cross is working alongside provincial, local, and Indigenous governments to support individuals, families, and communities impacted by the wildfires in British Columbia, including standing up family reunification services so family and friends can ensure their loved ones are safe and well.

You can support those impacted by the wildfires in British Columbia by giving generously to the British Columbia Fires Appeal.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP:



Shelter

Ensure there are emergency shelters and lodging for evacuees who have nowhere else to go.



Basic Needs

Provide a family with necessities they would have left behind, like food and clothing.



Emotional Support

Provide tailored emotional support to survivors coping with loss and hardship.



Restoring Family Links

Help families separated by the fires come back together.