



Emmanuel Vella surveys the devastation under his north Queensland home.

Image: Dilini Perera, Australian Red Cross

She says next time her preparation will include readying herself emotionally for the shock ahead. She aims to not get as emotional and she'd move the animals sooner. Tanya is still devastated at the loss of a heifer: 'Now she's gone, I can't do anything,' she said.

Australian Red Cross has been helping in emergencies in Australia since 1914. A critical aspect of this work is helping people and communities prepare for a crisis, both physically and emotionally. There is ample evidence that being prepared for an emergency can save lives and help people to recover and get back on their feet quickly.



Tanya Hornsby and son at the family's north Queensland property.

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