

Rapid Response Fund Payment Request No.4/2015

Funds Sent To: Lutheran Foundation of Diaconia - FLD

Amount Sent: US\$ 34.197,00

Date: 30 March 2015

Details of Response

Emergency: Indigenous people suffer from floods in Acre and Amazonas states

Date of Emergency: March 2015

ACT Requesting Member(s): Lutheran Foundation of Diaconia - FLD

I. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY

Since the beginning of February 2015, the state of Acre and part of the state of Amazonas, located in North Region of Brazil, suffer from heavy rains, resulting in Acre and Purus rivers and its tributaries, rising levels and consequent floods. According to the Ministry of National Integration, in Rio Branco, capital of Acre, the Acre river exceeded the historical level reached in 1997 of 17.66 meters, reaching 18.40 meters in early March this year. The most affected municipalities were the capital Rio Branco, Brasiléia, Tarauacá, Feijó, Epitaciolândia, Porto Acre, Assis Brasil and Sena Madureira.

The flooding of Acre and Purus rivers also affects the state of Amazonas, especially on the border with Acre. There, the most affected municipalities to date are Boca do Acre, Canutama, Tapauá, Carauari and Pauini, where 240 families Apurinãs (indigenous people) live in communities located along the Purus River and its tributaries. Their crops were destroyed and they are without access to clean water. Communities are helpless, with no support from government organizations, including the official indigenous body of Brazil, Funai. One of the major difficulties is the distance to the villages. To access the village that is most distant from Pauini a boat trip of 5 days is needed (10 days return trip).

Also, 210 families living on river banks areas of the Acre River are in need due to the extent of their losses on food, cattle and household items, these communities are completely isolated and without communication since the floods.

ACTIONS TO DATE, AND EMERGENCY NEEDS

The FLD is contributing to visibility of the emergency situation, through the dissemination of press releases and other communication items.

The Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), one of the organizations engaged in the region, is giving assistance to the people that live in Acre River's bank areas, in Acre state, where the greatest need is food security. The Civil Defense is working in the capital and in the other cities, where urban and riverside areas have received some support, but so far, the Aripunã region have not received any assistance. According to the local partner, the Council of Mission among Indigenous Peoples (COMIN), there are not indications from the government to provide any support, including food or drinking water, for these areas identified by the ACT forum.

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OVERALL GOAL:

To support 450 families (2,250 people) with food security to overcome the emergency impact of floods, 240 from of the Aripunã indigenous people in the Amazon state and 210 families in the Acre state.

OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

1. To ensure food and nutritional security of 450 families for two months through 450 food kits distribution.
2. To give visibility to emergency situation to promote governmental assistance

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE:

1. Distribution of 450 food kits ensuring food and nutritional security of 450 families for two months.

Due to the high cost to do the delivery, each family will receive a food kit with the necessary items to ensure sufficient food for 2 months

2. Visibility to the emergency response through communication actions:

Communication plan, with production and distribution of materials and photographs

TARGET POPULATIONS:

450 families

240 families from the municipalities of Jagunço II, Boa União, Vera Cruz, Maripuçã, São Raimundo, Nova Floresta, Kasiry, São Benedito, São José Tacaquiri, Morada Nova, Sãkuã, Santa Vitória, Guajarãã, São Jernimo, Kakuri, Santo Antônio do Catipari, Karua (**Amazonas state**). Due to the lack data provision by Funai, the composition of each family cannot be identified.

210 families from Acre River.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS:

The activities will be organized by the staff of local partners, Pastoral Land Commission, CPT, and COMIN, with the participation of the community and indigenous leaders. The distribution will be done by teams of local partner's staff, alongside with indigenous volunteers.

COORDINATION:

FLD will coordinate the emergency response execution, in close collaboration with the ACT Alliance Forum Brazil (FEACTBR).

COMMUNICATIONS:

FLD will be responsible for the production of news stories and photos that will be posted in its website and will be shared with FEACTBR members and other stakeholders. At regional level, releases will be shared with the external media. All material will follow the ACT Alliance's Policy on Communications and the Co-branding Policy and guidelines. FLD, COMIN and CPT will be in charge of producing and disseminating situation reports about the activities and the emergency response results.

PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS:

The communities will be participating in the activities and the selection criteria and/or selection process of the beneficiaries will be done through meetings. COMIN and CPT's staff members will sign the "ACT Alliance Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Fraud and Corruption and Abuse of Power". The staff and volunteers involved in the response will be made aware and sensitized to follow the ACT Code of Conduct, Sphere Standards and ACT Alliance's CBPS principles. The implementation will follow the rights based approach and complaint mechanisms will be in place.

PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

The response project has been planned for a period of two months, from April to May, 2015.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS:**FLD:**

1. FLD's executive secretary will be responsible for articulating the response with ACT Forum.
2. Programmatic coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the response at FLD's level and directly with local team, for monitoring the response and for finalizing reports to ACT.
3. Administrative coordinator will be responsible for transference of funds, orientations from HQ to the field in relation to purchase procedures, accountability procedures.
4. Communication's advisor will be responsible for implementing the Communication Plan.

COMIN:

1. Local staff member will be responsible for implementing the activities in the field.

CPT:

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MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Monitoring will be done via skype meetings and emails with the local team. Reporting will be done to FLD by implementing partners on a monthly basis. Final narrative and financial reports will be produced based on the results of the monitoring carried out by local staff and member of FLD's team. The reports will be checked by the FLD's general coordination team (formed by the executive secretary, the programmatic coordinator, the administration coordination) before being submitted to ACT Forum Brazil and to ACT Secretariat.

REPORTING SCHEDULE

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	30 April and 31 May 2015
Final narrative and financial report	31 July 2015
Audit report	30 August 2015

II. FINANCIAL SUMMARY/BUDGET

	Description	Type of Unit	No. Of Units	Unit Cost Real	Budget Real	Budget USD
DIRECT COST						
a)	Food security					
	Food kit (Acre)		210	55	11,550	3,850
	Food kit (Amazonas)		240	290	69,600	23,200
					81,150	27,050
d)	Other Sector Related Direct Costs					
	T-shirts	T-shirt	10	30	300	100
	stickers	Sticker	200	12	2,400	800
	TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				83,850	27,950
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING						
	Transport (of relief materials)					
	Plane ticket from Rio Branco to Pauini - Comin'l local coordinator	Air ticket	4	440	1,760	587
	Fuel (Acre)	liter	550	3.96	2,178	726
	Fuel (Amazonas)	liter	510	5.30	2,703	901
	Diesel (Amazonas)	liter	10	10.00	100	33
	Rental of a boat (Acre)	Per day	2	2,000	4,000	1,333
	Salary/for pilot and helper	Per day	20	250	5,000	1,667
	TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING				15,741	5,247
	TOTAL DIRECT COST				99,591	33,197
AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION						
	FLD RRF Audit (Forum)	estimate	1	3,000	3,000	1,000
	TOTAL AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION				3,000	1,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE				102,591	34,197
	EXCHANGE RATE: local currency to 1 USD	3.00				

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of US\$ 34,197,00 towards the budget from its Rapid Response Fund and would be grateful to receive contributions to wholly or partially replenish this payment. Should there be an appeal for this emergency, the RRF payment will be considered as an advance.

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