

Rapid Response Fund Payment Request No. 05/2015

Funds Sent To: Relief Services and Development (Ghana)

Amount Sent: US\$ 60,000

Date: 10 June, 2015

Details of Response

Emergency: Floods in Ghana

Date of Emergency: June 2015

ACT Requesting Member(s): Relief Services and Development (Ghana)

I. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY

Heavy rains for the past week have left most parts of the capital, Accra, its suburbs and other cities flooded. Assessment carried out so far indicates that about 10 districts have experienced the effects of a severe flooding. Affected districts include Accra Metropolis, Ga South Municipal, Adentan Municipality, Cape Coast, Ashaiman Municipal, Kumasi Metropolis, Ho, Ledzorkuku Krowor and Ketu South Municipal. On June 4, a fuel station in Accra exploded as a result of the floods, leaving an estimated 150 people dead. Deaths have also been confirmed in Adentan, Mallam, Glefe, Kumasi and Odorkor. Many communities have been affected leading to heavy restriction of movement of people. The Achimota sub-station was affected by the floodwater, leading to an emergency cut in power supply to a number of communities. Damaged personal property has been reported in areas heavily affected. The severe floods-induced disaster has left in its wake the destruction of both public and private buildings and road infrastructure, resulting in a sever disruption to the lives of thousands.

Infrastructure such as road networks, schools and homes in the affected areas have been severely damaged and the debris of the floods has littered most parts of the affected districts. Water supplies to some communities have also been disrupted. Market stalls have also been washed up, destroying foodstuff and other items. The livelihoods of most traders in these areas have been affected since they have lost all their wares. Some households have also lost their stored food. Most complained that their rice and other grains are lost.

The situation has attracted international attention with Leaders from neighboring countries visiting to mourn with the families and the nation. The government through the Ministry of Interior has declared the situation as a national disaster and has called on the Ghana Armed Forces, the Ghana Police Service, the Ghana National Fire Service and the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) to immediately take urgent steps to preserve lives and properties.

EMERGENCY NEEDS

Many people are displaced and are accommodated temporarily with friends, relatives and in small apartments where water, food supply and sanitation are often poor. The Government of Ghana is appealing to development partners and philanthropists to support the disaster victims with food, non-food items and other essential materials to minimize the impact.

The National Disaster Management Organization has begun distributing relief items to the affected victims as well as ensuring proper coordination of all exercises. Relief provided so far has been totally insufficient to cover the basic needs of the IDPs, leading to the need for urgent humanitarian assistance in addition.

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OVERALL GOAL:

The overall goal is to provide relief support to affected victims of the recent disaster and their families.

OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

The specific objective is to assist 1500 households (mostly female headed families) with food, non-food items and medical screening.

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE:

- i. Provide Cereals to 1500 households for 1 month
- ii. Provide 1500 blankets for 1500 households
- iii. Provide 1500ltrs of Vegetable Cooking Oil to 1500 households for 1 month
- iv. Provide 1500 washing soap for 1500 households for 1 month
- v. Provide Protein for 1500 households for 1 month
- vi. Provide Mosquito Nets for 1500 households
- vii. Provide Plastic Plates for 1500 households for 1 month
- viii. Supply roofing sheets to affected schools to re-roof their structures
- ix. Organize medical screening for affected victims and family
(Malaria will be diagnosed through Malaria Rapid Diagnostic kits and if people are diagnosed with malaria, they are then being oriented towards further assistance).

TARGET POPULATIONS:

The emergency response will target the most affected people in the selected districts in Ghana and will focus on women, children and the aged.

No	District	Household
1	Accra Metropolis	500
2	Ga South Municipal	500
3	Ledzokuku Krowor	200
4	Ketu South	300

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS:

The Presbyterian Relief Services and Development and Christian Aid will coordinate the implementation and liaison with the UN Humanitarian Coordination office and the National Disaster Management Organization.

COORDINATION:

The ACT Ghana Forum members will work hand in hand with the UN Humanitarian Coordination office and the National Disaster Management Organization to avoid duplication. Information shall be continuously shared with both local and international agencies.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The forum coordinator will ensure the visibility of ACT Alliance. To ensure visibility of the various activities, Polo Shirts would be printed to be used by all volunteers. Media Houses will be used to provide information to the selected beneficiaries. Other activities will include: erection of banners at the project sites and meeting with state agencies in the selected districts to explain the response.

PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS:

The forum will ensure that the action taken will affect the lives of the beneficiaries positively. The Forum will therefore adopt the sphere standards throughout the response process.

PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

Implementation of this intervention will be within two months (June to July). The relief support will be implemented in the first month whilst Monitoring and Evaluation will be conducted in the second month to assess the impact of the intervention.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS:

The forum will operate a very transparent method presenting financial information in a way that is accessible and easy to understand. The Procurement Committee of the Presbyterian Church and Christian Aid will be tasked to assemble three quotations and to select the best before procuring the various items for the beneficiaries. A credible team will audit the entire process to ensure that the money is used judiciously to be benefit of those we serve.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

The forum will establish Monitoring and Evaluation system to track the progress of the project implementation. Activities under this will include:

- ❖ Collection baseline data on affected victims and the families
- ❖ Delineation of roles and responsibilities with forum members and volunteers
- ❖ Design of participatory monitoring and reporting systems
- ❖ Monthly progress reporting
- ❖ Preparation of final report
- ❖ Impact Assessment of project
- ❖ Evaluation of project outcomes

REPORTING SCHEDULE

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	At the end of the first month following the emergency
Final narrative and financial report	30 September 2015
Audit report	31 October 2015

II. FINANCIAL SUMMARY/BUDGET

EXPENDITURE						
		Type of Unit	No. Of Unit	Unit Cost <i>local currency</i>	RRF Budget <i>local currency</i>	RRF Budget USD
DIRECT COST (LIST EXPENDITURE BY SECTOR)						
Food security						
	Cereals	kg	600	160	96'000	24'000
	Vegetable Cooking Oil	Ltr	1500	10	15'000	3'750
	Protein Food	Kg	3000	10	30'000	7'500
subtotal Food security					141'000	35'250
Health						
	Medical screening (Malaria diagnostics)				6'000	1'500
subtotal Health					6'000	1'500
Non-food items						
	Blanket	pcs	1500	18	27'000	6'750
	Bar Soap	pcs	1500	6	9'000	2'250
	Mosquito Net	pcs	1500	9	13'500	3'375
	Plastic Plates	set	1500	5	7'500	1'875
	Roofing Sheets	pkt	30	450	13'500	3'375
subtotal Non-food items					70'500	17'625
Other Sector Related Direct Costs (List expenditure by sector)						
	Rapid Response Tem (including one additional staff member)				1'500	375
	Communication/visibility cost (ACT t-shirts + banners)				4'150	1'038
subtotal Other Sector Related Direct Costs					5'650	1'413
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE					446'300	55'788
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING						
Transport (of relief materials)						
	Hire/ Rental of Vehicles				5'000	1'250
	Fuel				2'000	500
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING					7'000	1'750
CAPITAL ASSETS (over US\$500)						
	camera	camera	1	600	600	150
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS					600	150

TOTAL DIRECT COST					453'900	57'688
AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION						
	Audit of ACT RRF	Estimate			2'000	500
	Monitoring & Evaluation	Estimate			7'500	1'812
	TOTAL AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION				9'500	2'312
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					463'400	60'000
EXCHANGE RATE: local currency to 1 USD						
	Budget rate		4.00			

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of US\$ 60'000 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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