

ACT Alliance **Rapid Response Fund**

Enabling timely and effective locally-led responses

As a global alliance, with presence in more than 140 countries, primarily at the local and national levels, ACT Alliance members are well positioned to respond to local emergencies enabling a rapid response and minimising damaging impacts of disaster. Rooted in faith, the alliance uses community-based front-line responders, even in disasters that do not make international headlines.

The strength of ACT Alliance is the multitude of different organisations that make up its membership. It is in this spirit, and with this diversity, that the ACT Alliance endeavours to respond to emergencies around the world – local or global, large or small – with an ecumenical desire to respond to the needs of communities when they are at their most vulnerable.

ACT Alliance has the privileged position of being a network of local, national and international actors committed to partnerships amongst each other. This commitment enables international and global members of ACT to enhance the capacity of local and national actors, allowing for first phase

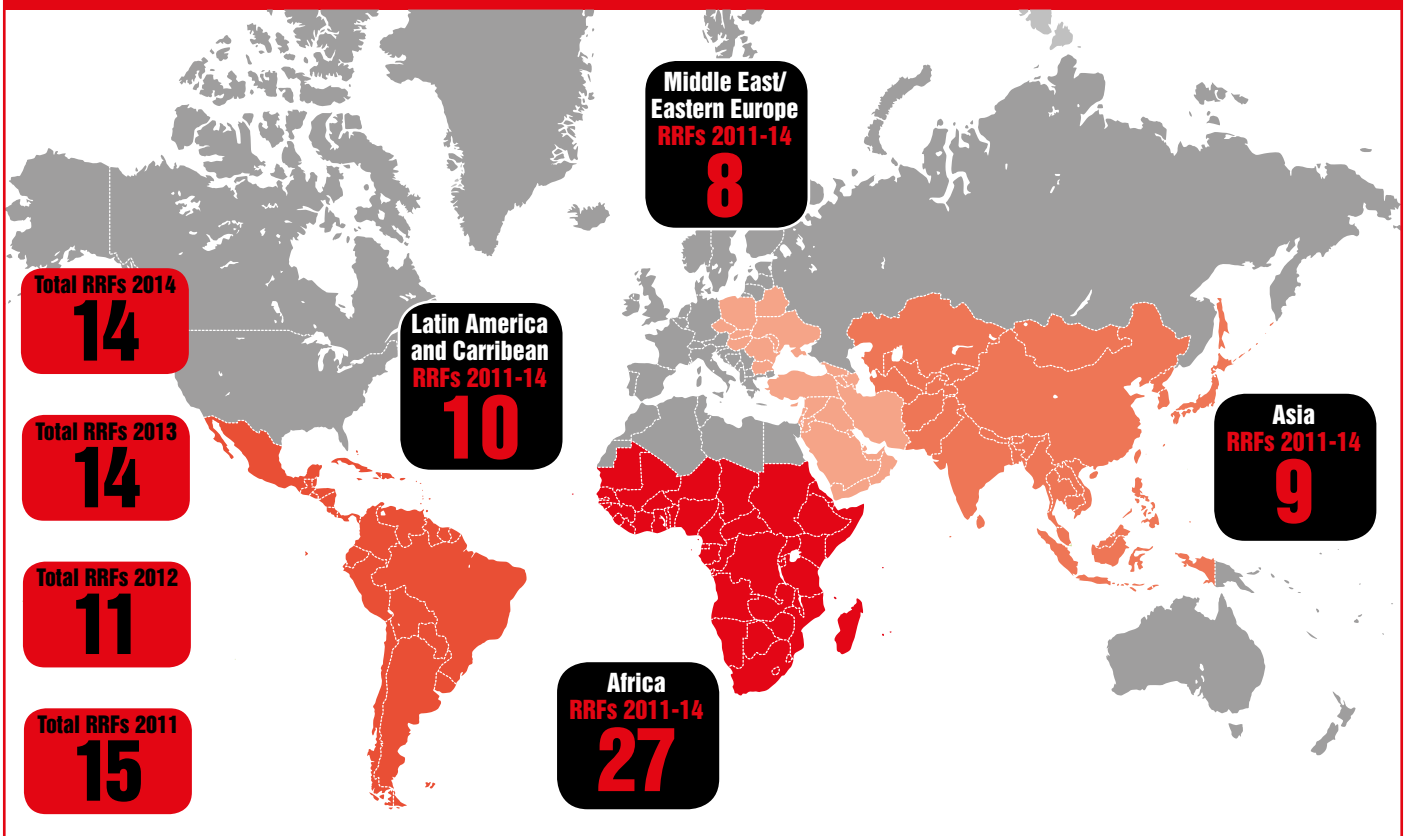
response in the beginning of a crises or disaster to come directly from the community itself.

The Rapid Response Fund (RRF), supported by ACT members and managed by the Secretariat, responds to thousands of people around the world each year – people who would not otherwise have assistance in a timely way that responds to urgent, life-saving need. Support for the RRF enables ACT Alliance to highlight the essential role that local and national responders – who are already in the disaster and conflict areas – play. This is a key message that ACT Alliance will take forward towards the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016.



Fawzi Abu Jame'a, holding his seven year old daughter Raghada, stands in front of the ruins of what was once their home in Khan Yunis, Gaza.

Total Rapid Response Fund activations across the globe in the last four years



The RRF is the tool for responding to small and medium level, sudden onset emergencies. Within the new ACT Humanitarian Response Mechanism, the RRF will play an increasingly significant role.

Human Dignity, community empowerment and capacity-building are cornerstones of our local and national responses. For ACT Alliance, emergency response is more than saving lives; it is also a genuine desire to invest in resilience and disaster risk reduction within communities so that populations at risk can prepare and protect themselves.

Please donate to the ACT Rapid Response Fund and help us save lives in emergencies.

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“The RRF enables us to respond during the first three months.”

Arthur Lichenya CARD, ACT member in Malawi



A mother helps her children away from home to a nearby camp at Nchalo.

“The RRF was the main tool that enabled us to respond to the Ebola crisis in the early phases of the outbreak.”

Joseph Binda LDS, ACT member in Liberia