

# Rapid Response Fund Payment Request No. 07/2016

**Funds Sent To:** Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas, SSID

**Amount Sent:** USD 98,432

**Date:** 11 October 2016

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## Details of Response

**Emergency:** Hurricane Matthew

**Date of Emergency:** 4 October 2016

**ACT Requesting Member(s):** Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas, SSID

### I. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

#### DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY

The powerful Hurricane Matthew, category 4 (in the Saffir-Simpson Scale), hit Dominican Republic on October 4<sup>th</sup>, leaving 4 people dead, 22,745 evacuated and more than 2,398 houses damaged. The heavy rains caused rivers to overflow, widespread floods and landslides, destruction of agricultural crops, houses, bridges and basic services facilities like electricity, communication and drinking water.

Up to date, 11,853 people remain evacuated and the alerts have dropped to yellow but in the meantime the official institutions are receiving more damages reports on rural flooding, overflowing of rivers, streams and creeks, as well as landslides.

Relevant national agencies from the government are taking care of raising the awareness of the population, and conducting evacuations in vulnerable areas as well as road rehabilitation. Now, there is a great risk that a large number of people can become affected by diseases due to the large amount of mud and contamination from the poor sanitary conditions left by the hurricane in the overcrowded locations where people remain in shelters.

#### ACTIONS TO DATE, AND EMERGENCY NEEDS

The ACT Dominican Republic Forum, through the Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID), has deployed staff and volunteers in the Capital city, Monte Plata, San Pedro de Macoris, Barahona, Independencia and San Juan de la Maguana, establishing coordination with local authorities and local networks to provide assistance. So far SSID had distributed food kits, rice and beans, among the families most affected in these selected locations. Also, SSID has made available storage facilities and equipment for that coordination in order to facilitate the support to the affected population.

**PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE****OVERALL GOAL:**

To alleviate the suffering of people affected by hurricane Matthew providing humanitarian assistance in the Capital City, Monte Plata, San Juan Managua, Barahona and San Pedro de Macoris.

**OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE:**

- 1) To provide basic food kits for 450 isolated households.
- 2) To provide non-food items such as mattresses, mosquito nets for 450 households.
- 3) To provide roofs rehabilitation for 120 households.
- 4) To promote sanitation and hygiene with hygiene kits and sanitation activities to 450 households.
- 5) To support health with medical assistance to 1,000 households.

**PROPOSED ASSISTANCE:**

The RRF will provide humanitarian assistance with the delivery of food rations, basic household items, health care and community sanitation to the previously identified households who have been most affected by the effects of Matthew.

**Food Security:**

Distribution of non-perishable food to affected households with food rations consisting of the main products of the local basic diet, including rice, beans, spaghettis, vegetable oil, oats, sardines, herring, sugar and seasoning powder. For the distribution, local committees are responsible for providing coordination.

Indicator: 450 basic food rations have been distributed to the same number of households, a ration per household for one month.

**Non-food items:**

Distribution of household items: the households will receive 2 mattresses and 3 nets mosquito nets to prevent diseases.

Indicator: 450 households equipped with mattresses and mosquito nets avoiding mosquito related diseases.

**Shelter and settlement:**

Roof repair: 120 households receive zinc and wood to repair the roofs of their houses.

Indicator: 120 families returned to their homes.

**WASH (sanitation & hygiene Kits):**

450 households will receive hygiene kits containing small towels, antiseptic gel, bandages, toothbrushes, toothpaste and alcohol, and sanitary towels. Sanitation activities will be carried out in the selected communities lead by professional staff and volunteer networks. The methodology used by the SSID for the project is facilitating broad communitarian participation through its local structure. Volunteers come from churches, NGOs partners and official recognized emergency networks. For sanitation days, SSID will provide chlorine and plastic bags and will coordinate these activities with the local health authorities.

Indicator: 450 households live in better sanitary conditions.

**Health:**

SSID will conduct medical relief operations to 1,000 households. In addition to medical examinations, these households will also receive basic medicines for the treatment of diseases, deworming and vitamins, among others.

Indicator: 1,000 households have received medical attention.



**TARGET POPULATIONS:**

The project covers 30 communities affected by the floods. These communities are located near the rivers: Ozama, Yabacao, Isabela, Tosa and Casuí for Monte Plata, Distrito Nacional, Arroyo de Vicente Noble, Yaque del Sur, Tengrengue, Donao and San Juan are the selected localities.

The project beneficiaries are poor households in rural communities who suffered damage in the structure of their homes, lost their belongings and whose agricultural crops were destroyed.

The project is targeting 1,000 households and 5,000 people.

	COMMUNITIES	REGION / ZONE	HOUSEHOLDS	INDIVIDUALS
1	10	Monte Plata	400	2000
2	4	Capital city	145	725
3	4	San Pedro de Macoris	110	550
4	5	Barahona	120	600
5	7	San Juan Maguana	225	1,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>1,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>

The selection criteria are as follows:

- Poor households who have lost or have serious damages in their houses and/or agricultural plots.
- Households who have not received support from the government or private institutions.
- No discrimination based on race, credo, sex or any other condition in the beneficiary communities.

**IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS:**

SSID is responsible for the project implementation, as the only local member of ACT Alliance in the Dominican Republic. The staff of the regional offices will be involved, as well as volunteers from the communities, organizing the implementation in the communities of Monte Plata, Capital city, Barahona, San Pedro de Macoris and San Juan de la Maguana, facilitating a participatory approach in the implementation.

**COORDINATION:**

The SSID serves as the overall coordinator of the response and will coordinate with the other ACT forum members. Coordination has been established with the governments and local networks in order to facilitate the implementation.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communication will be established with relevant actors assisting this emergency. Regular reporting will be shared with the Alliance. Trainings and exchanges of experiences will be promoted with the communities in order to bring visibility to the intervention in the response.

**PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS:**

SSID will ensure ACT's codes of conduct; ACT Alliance Child Safeguarding Guidance document, the Essential and Minimum Standards of the Sphere Project, and the Core Humanitarian Standards on Quality and Accountability (CHS) will be applied. A complaint mechanism will be used with the communities.

**PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:**

6 months, from 10 October 2016 to 10 April 2017

**HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS:**

The Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas, being a network of churches across the country, coordinates the activities for rapid and effective response at the lowest possible cost. A coordinator will be hired to be in charge of the emergency response.

The RRF will be carried out with the support of a local network of community volunteers along with human resources from the churches, NGOs, government and private sector.

SSID has regional offices from where the work is coordinated with the criteria, policies and regulations established for this type of intervention.

Finances are managed by the Financial Accounting Department with a manager responsible who will create a single account for the project funds. This administration meets international standards established for such projects.

**MONITORING AND EVALUATION:**

The monitoring and evaluation activities consist of regular visits to follow up on achievement of results, and preparation of monthly situation reports. Team members will meet regularly to make appropriate decisions for successful implementation. A final report will be submitted in line with the formats provided by ACT.

**REPORTING SCHEDULE**

Type of Report	Due date
Situation reports	Monthly
Final narrative and financial report	30 June 2017
Audit report	31 July 2017

**II. FINANCIAL SUMMARY/BUDGET**

	Type of	No. of	Unit	Appeal	Appeal
	Unit	Units	Cost	Budget	Budget
			<i>local</i>	<i>local</i>	USD
			<i>currency</i>	<i>currency</i>	
<b>DIRECT COST</b>					
Food security	Households	450	3,249	1,462,154	31,686
WASH (Sanitation & hygiene Kits)	Households	450	800	360,000	7,801
Health	Households	1000	500	500,000	10,835
Non-food items	Households	450	1,400	630,000	13,653
Shelter and settlement	Households	120	7,250	870,000	18,854
<b><u>Other Sector Related Direct Costs</u></b>					
RRF Coordinator	Months	6	70,000	420,000	9,102 0
<b>TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>				<b>4,242,154</b>	<b>91,931</b>
<b>TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING &amp; HANDLING</b>					
<b><u>Transport (of relief materials)</u></b>					

Hire/ Rental of Vehicles	Days	30	5,000	150,000	3,251
Fuel	travels	20	3,500	70,000	1,517
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING &amp; HANDLING</b>				<b>220,000</b>	<b>4,768</b>

<b>TOTAL DIRECT COST</b>				<b>4,462,154</b>	<b>96,699</b>
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**INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT**

<u>Communications</u>					
Telephone and fax	Months	6	5,000	30,000	650

<b>TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. &amp; SUPPORT</b>				<b>30,000</b>	<b>650</b>
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**AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION**

Audit of ACT appeal	Estimate	1	50,000	50,000	1,084
Monitoring & Evaluation	Estimate	1		0	0

<b>TOTAL AUDIT, MONITORING &amp; EVALUATION</b>				<b>50,000</b>	<b>1,084</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE exclusive International Coordination Fee</b>				<b>4,542,154</b>	<b>98,432</b>
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**INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION FEE (ICF) - 3%**

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE inclusive International Coordination Fee</b>				<b>4,542,154</b>	<b>98,432</b>
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<b>BALANCE REQUESTED (minus available income)</b>				<b>4,542,154</b>	<b>98,432</b>
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**ACTION**

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of US\$ 98,342 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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