

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response													
Project Title + Country + Number	Flooding in Upper Egypt –RRF 08/2016												
Requesting Member	Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services (BLESS)												
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Section 2: Narrative Summary													
<p>Background</p> <p>Key information: <i>Date/time:</i> 25th –28th of October 2016 <i>Type of disaster:</i> Flooding <i>Geographical areas affected:</i> Red Sea and Suhag Governorates in Upper Egypt</p> <p>Statistics on impact on human lives and damage. Heavy rainfall caused poorly maintained flood gates and water drainage systems to malfunction. This resulted in the flooding of populated areas in Upper Egypt. Impoverished areas with poor infrastructure have been affected the most. Around 5,650 people have been negatively affected. As it stands, 26 people have reportedly been killed and 72 injured due to torrential rain and flooding. There has been loss of homes, infrastructure, medical care, and material goods. The heavy rains that flooded Egypt's Red Sea and Suhag governorates cut power supplies and disrupted road traffic on routes linking to cities in Upper Egypt. Schools have been closed in the area.</p>													
<p>Humanitarian Needs</p> <p>Key information:</p>													



Affected people have lost very basic living essentials and sustained damages to their homes. With winter and the cold season approaching, there are now many people who have either lost their homes or lost many of their personal belongings such as clothing, furniture, kitchen supplies, and bedding. These needs are essential as they begin to rebuild their lives and move into the winter season. Despite the governmental aid, there are still many families who are without electricity, housing, and basic living essentials, appropriate medication, and health equipment are needed for the hospital.

Capacity

Key information

BLESS has previously responded to similar emergencies working with Egyptians returning from Libya.

Scale of capacity already established

Many volunteers were contacted and some of them are already mobilized to the affected areas.

Other ACT members with availability to support

None (BLESS is the only ACT Member in Egypt).

Actions already taken

BLESS contacted local leaders in mosques and churches in the areas affected. BLESS conducted a quick survey to assess how many people had been affected and their actual needs. BLESS has already dedicated staff to deal with the crisis. Moreover, many volunteers were contacted and some of them are already mobilized to the affected areas. BLESS has begun dialoguing with some of its local partners and the Coptic Church abroad has committed to help, so BLESS will coordinate with the Church as its local partner. While people need assistance rebuilding, BLESS is focusing on their immediate concerns; cleaning their homes and providing basic kitchen supplies. BLESS is also providing the hospital in Ras Gharib with bed sheets for infants

Proposed response

Key information:

Target population: 4'725 affected people (approximately 40% women, 20% men, and 40% children) will be provided with life-saving assistance through this RRF, including 925 households and 100 infants.

Target areas: Governorates of the Red Sea (Ras Gharib District) Sea and Suhag (Akhmim District)

Activities:

Location	Distribution of NFIs	Beneficiaries
Ras Gharib District	545 Kitchen Set/parcels/light equipment	545 Households
Ras Gharib Hospital	100 Bed Sheets for infants	100 Infants
Akhmim District	380 Kitchen Sets/parcels/light equipment	380 Households

Needs	Basic living essentials (NFIs)
Overall objective / Outcome(s)	To Provide emergency provisions for people affected by the flood in Upper Egypt
Specific objective(s) / Outputs	1. To provide 4,625 beneficiaries with kitchen supplies in Ras Gharib District (in the Red Sea Governorate) and in Akhmim District (in Suhag Governorate)

	2. To Supply 100 bed sheets to the governmental hospital in Ras Gharib (Red Sea)
Excepted Results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4,625 people will have access to essential cooking and kitchen equipment to begin rebuilding their lives The lives of more than 100 babies will be saved by the bed sheets provided to the governmental hospital in Ras Gharib

Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	At the end of the first month following the emergency
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	30 April, 2017
Audit report (90 days after the ending date)	31May, 2017

Monitoring and evaluation

In cooperation with local leaders, BLESS will assemble a team of local volunteers and field workers to begin relief efforts in afflicted communities. BLESS will send a Development Coordinator to manage and oversee the project, based out of Suhag, and create a network with community leaders. Through this network, BLESS will be able to monitor and evaluate relief efforts in Upper Egypt through monthly reports and regular field visits by the main Office Manager.

Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination

Coordination

Key information:

BLESS coordinates with local governmental offices to help distribute provisions. In the case of other NGO involvement, BLESS would begin networking with said other NGOs to better delegate different fields of relief work.

ACT Alliance visibility (co-branding) in the country

BLESS will make sure that all project communication will mention clearly that BLESS is a member of ACT Alliance.

Implementation arrangements

Key information:

In Suhag, the General Manager of the Suhag Governorate of El Azhar, and of the minister of St. Mary Church will cooperate with the Manager of Public Relations and member in Beit El Eaila, who will work together to provide a list of affected people to BLESS. In Ras Gharib, Local leader Ahmad Nour, Kheih Elbrahim from Endowmint, along with the priests of St. George Church, Fr. Armia and Fr. Amoun, will work together to provide a list of affected people to BLESS. After these lists are compiled, BLESS will then distribute provisions amongst designated community members. Dr. Ghatas Fakry, the management of Ras Gharib Hospital, will receive 100 bed sheets to use at his own discretion.

BLESS has received commitments from Coptic Churches abroad to assist with relief efforts, however their area of assistance remains unspecified. BLESS will work directly through the local dioceses and churches who exist on the ground (there is no need for MOU since BLESS represents the HQ of the Coptic Orthodox Church which is the mother church for local dioceses.)



Human resources and administration of funds

Key information:

BLESS will implement the emergency project using its field personnel and volunteers. Moreover, BLESS will use the infrastructure available at the local church and mosques. BLESS has already recruited committees of local volunteers who will be implementing the day-to-day tasks. Hence the fact that only direct assistance costs are being requested through this RRF; all other related direct costs and indirect costs are being covered by BLESS.

BLESS will receive the RRF transferred to its bank account in Cairo. Funds will be wired to the field through the bank network that BLESS uses for day-to-day activities. A project manager will be assigned to manage the project. The project manager will lead all planning, implementation and reporting tasks. Field Coordinators, Program Officers, Field Workers and Volunteers will be implementing the activities on the ground.

The procurement unit will make all the purchases as per BLESS' standard procedures. Reporting will be undertaken by BLESS staff and will be compiled and submitted to the donor partners.

Communications

BLESS HQ will communicate with the field through its regular communication channels. The Field Manager will coordinate with the programme Director, both based at BLESS headquarters, to plan with the field. At the field level, the staff and volunteers will be in touch with the local dioceses, churches and mosques. The field staff will also communicate with local CSOs, NGOs and other faith based organizations.

Local churches and community volunteers will be in touch with the beneficiaries through public and individual meetings to discuss project implementation and results.

In addition, the field based personnel will conduct home visits to provide support to the beneficiaries. Phone, GSM and Internet communication are restored and can serve prompt exchange. A BLESS focal point will be responsible to follow-up on communication with beneficiaries.

Section 4: Budget Summary

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EXPENDITURE						
		Type of Unit	No. of Units	Unit Cost <i>local currency</i>	RRF Budget <i>local currency</i>	RRF Budget USD
DIRECT COST						
	Non-food items	Kitchen supplies packs	925	900	832'500	59'464
	Shelter and settlement	infant Bed Sheets	100	50	5'000	357
	TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				837'500	59'821
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE				837'500	59'821
EXCHANGE RATE: local currency to 1 USD						
	Budget rate	14.00				
		1.00				



Breakdown of Kitchen supplies packs					
	Kitchen equipment Per/family	EGP	US\$		
	cooking equipment	270	19		
	Dinning sets	175	13		
	table utensils	100	7		
	Tea sets	160	11		
	Plastic pots, plates etc.	195	14		
	Total	900	64		

Annex 1

The affected areas of Upper Egypt

