

**China**

Bangkok, 10 August 2017

<b>SITUATION</b>
In the evening of Tuesday the 8 August 2017, the province of Sichuan in China, was hit by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake, killing 19 people and injuring 343. <sup>1</sup> The epicentre of the tremor was in Ngawa prefecture, largely populated by ethnic Tibetans, many of whom are nomadic herders. It was also close to the Jiuzhaigou nature reserve, a popular tourist area and, it is the peak of the summer school holiday tourist season in China.
<b>NEEDS</b>
The earthquake has put the region in a state of crisis. The earthquake affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to sufficient food, safe shelter and basic non-food items
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National government: Ministry of Civil Affairs and China National Commission for Disaster Reduction</li><li>• Red Cross Red Crescent Movement: Red Cross Society of China and its provincial counterpart</li><li>• Military presence: Military groups from Sichuan and neighbouring Gansu Province</li><li>• National NGOs: One Foundation, China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation</li><li>• Civil society groups: Shouyu Charity</li></ul> <p>The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Ministry of Civil Affairs and China National Commission for Disaster Reduction. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (such as the China Charity Alliance) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.</p>
<b>ACT Alliance</b>
<p>ACT Alliance member Amity foundation has been working in China since 1985, now helping/planning to help people affected by the earthquake.</p> <p>Amity foundation works in areas affected by the earthquake, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities. ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities. In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in Non-food items like clothes and tents and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.</p> <p>ACT Alliance through Amity foundation is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide tents to ensure that the earthquake affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to Shelter. ACT Alliance through Amity foundation is ready to respond, providing tents to 500 affected households in the coming weeks. Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the earthquake are amplified.</p>

**Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel ([Line.Hempel@actalliance.org](mailto:Line.Hempel@actalliance.org))**

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<sup>1</sup> Provincial government and official media statistics released in the morning of 10 August 2017

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