

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response	
Dominican Republic	Rapid Response for Hurricane Irma in Dominican Republic
Summary	ACT Requesting Member Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID)
Implementation period	18 September 2017 17 November 2017 2 (months)
Geographical area	Monte Plata y San Juan de la Maguana
Sectors of response	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelter / NFIs <input type="checkbox"/> Protection/ psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security
Targeted beneficiaries (per sector)	Households which have lost their houses and livelihoods 200 Households from 10 communities with assistance in Food Security, hygiene kits, and NFIs. Selection Criteria for target population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Households under the line of poverty which have suffered serious damages to their houses and livelihoods. - Households which are not receiving support from other entities in the sectors included in the RRF. Vulnerable groups such as households with disabled members, single mothers, pregnant women, children and elderly population will be prioritized.
Requested budget (USD)	60,000 USD
Is there an updated ACT Forum EPRP?	No
Section 2: Narrative Summary	
Background	
<p>On September 2017, Hurricane Irma, a category 5 hurricane, with maximum sustained winds of 295 km/hour, one of the most powerful hurricanes ever recorded in the Atlantic, touched land in the Dominican Republic during the night of Wednesday September 7, 2017 affecting the region of East, Northeast, Northwest and Southwest in the Dominican Republic, causing unusual tides and strong waves of up to 20 feet. In the Dominican Republic, there are 24,000 displaced people, with half of them in shelters, 12, 829 persons are displaced at relative's homes, 15 communities remain isolated. Food security assessments are underway and protection measures for vulnerable people in affected communities are being taken. Livelihoods in affected communities are anticipated to be an area of need when recovery efforts begin. The Emergency Operations Center continue to keep 18 to 24 provinces on red alert, due to the possibility of landslides and floods. No fatality was reported.</p>	
Humanitarian Needs	
<p>According to UNICEF there is a population of 78,700 individuals affected by hurricane Irma in Dominican Republic whom are in need of Food Security, access to water for human consumption, Sanitation and hygiene promotion among other needs. There is damage to water infrastructure that affects 1.2 million people, according to the national water authorities. 2683 houses were affected and 114 were destroyed. PAHO identified a strong need for psychosocial support given the magnitude of the trauma as well as water quality and vector control to be key concerns in recovery to combat vector-borne diseases, shelter and NFIs, early recovery, livelihoods, health services. Mobilization of needs assessments remains a challenge especially in the mountainous regions of Dominican Republic. Damages to agriculture are still under assessment.</p>	

For this response SSID have identified gaps in Food Security, WASH and NFIs and will respond in the two respective sectors. The development of an ACT Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) for Dominican Republic will also be supported by this response.

Capacity

SSID have experience in humanitarian response since 1998 and have responded to Hurricane Matthew in 2016, implementing a RRF in Dominican Republic, meeting all ACT reporting requirements on response activities, reaching 1000 households in 30 communities, including sectors such as food security, WASH, Health, Shelter in Dominican Republic. Also, SSID is one of the implementing members of the ongoing appeal, Hurricane Matthew Response in Haiti, and also provided humanitarian assistance in Haiti in response to the earthquake in 2010, providing housing and early recovery activities. SSID has the capacity to respond in the affected area due to the understanding of the context and operational presence.

Proposed response

Does the proposed response honour ACT's commitment to Child Safeguarding? Yes No
<http://actalliance.org/documents/act-alliance-child-safeguarding-guidance-document/>

Problems	Households have lost their goods, housing in addition to their livelihoods, facing problems to meet basic needs such as access to food as well as to clean water for human consumption.
Target beneficiaries	200 households directly affected by hurricane Irma effects, representing a population of total of 1,035, including 322 women, 267 men and 446 children.
Main activities	In coordination with local authorities and other disasters relief providers the following activities will be undertaken: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchase and distribution of hygiene kits related to WASH 2. Purchase and distribution of food rations. 3. Purchase and distribution of non-food items. 4. Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) workshop
Specific objective(s)/ Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 200 affected households are able to meet their basic food needs for a month. 2. 200 affected families receive hygiene kits and chlorine for sanitation and water treatment. 3. Improved sleeping conditions for 200 households by the delivery of mosquito nets, bed sheets and mattresses. 4. Improved humanitarian response through the development of an EPRP. <p>(See details of each article on the 2nd sheet)</p>
Overall objective / Outcome(s)	Address emergency needs of households affected by hurricane Irma in the Dominican Republic.

Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	2 October 2017, 15 October 2017
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	17 January 2018
Audit report (90 days after the ending date)	17 February 2018

Monitoring and evaluation

SSID General Coordinator will be responsible for monitoring the progress of the implementation of activities, according to the proposed response in coordination with field offices. Monthly reports will be submitted to the directive board and to ACT Secretariat. Monitoring and evaluation will consist of field visits to the target communities, and relevant staff will meet regularly to monitor project implementation and make appropriate decisions when necessary. A final report and final evaluation will be submitted to the ACT Alliance

Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination

Coordination

SSID is the only national member of ACT Alliance in the Dominican Republic. It serves as the overall coordinator of the response and will coordinate with other ACT forum members. Coordination has been established with the governments and local networks, in order to facilitate the implementation. SSID is going to work in close coordination with local authorities, local leaders in the concerned communities as well as with relevant stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts.

Implementation arrangements

SSID is responsible for the project implementation. The staff of the regional offices will be involved, as well as volunteers from the communities, organizing the implementation in the communities, facilitating a participatory approach in the implementation. SSID will involve local leadership in the response. There a team of facilitators, promoters and local leaders who will ensure the proper implementation of the humanitarian response, establishing operational committees for an adequate management of the aid.

Human resources and administration of funds

SSID, 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. 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.

Communications

SSID will carry the logo of the ACT Alliance, in items distributed to beneficiaries and printed materials used distributed during the project implementation. Stories and photos will be provided with the support from a Journalist. Regular reporting will be shared with the Alliance. SSID has an effective communication strategy and receives considerable attention from the national media. SSID has regional offices in the areas in which the assistance will be provided, in coordination with staff and a strong network of community leaders and volunteers who will maintain ongoing communication and information throughout the intervention period.

Section 4: Budget Summary

				RRF Budget	RRF Budget
				RD\$	USD
INCOME					
EXPENDITURE					
	Type of	No. of	Unit Cost	Appeal Budget	Appeal Budget
	Unit	Units	RD\$	RD\$	USD
DIRECT COSTS					
1	PROGRAM STAFF				

1.1.	Project Coordinator	month	2	80,000	160,000	3,404.26
1.2.	Journalist	month	1	60,000	60,000	1,276.60
TOTAL PROGRAM STAFF					220,000	4,681
2 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES						
	Description	Type of	No. of	Unit Cost	Appeal Budget	Appeal Budget
		Unit	Units	<i>Pesos Dominicanos</i>	<i>Pesos Dominicanos</i>	USD
2.1.	Non-food items				992,000	21,106.38
2.1.1.	Mosquito nets	units	400	280	112,000	2,382.98
2.1.2.	Mattress	units	600	800	480,000	10,212.77
2.1.3.	Bed sheets	sets	800	500	400,000	8,510.64
2.2	Water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH)				331,000	7,042.55
2.2.1.	Towels	units	600	120	72,000	1,531.91
2.2.2.	Disinfectants	units	200	150	30,000	638.30
2.2.3	Dental brushes	units	1,000	30	30,000	638.30
2.2.4	Toothpaste	units	600	130	78,000	1,659.57
2.2.5	Soap	units	1,000	70	70,000	1,489.36
2.2.6	Chlorine	gallons	600	85	51,000	1,085.11
2.3	Food security				743,600	15,821.28
2.3.1.	Rice	pounds	6,000	18	108,000	2,297.87
2.3.2.	Spaghetti	pounds	2,000	21	42,000	893.62
2.3.3	Bean	pounds	5,000	36	180,000	3,829.79
2.3.4	Sardines	units	2,000	65	130,000	2,765.96
2.3.5	Herring (Dry Fish)	pounds	1,000	102	102,000	2,170.21
2.3.6	Corn flour	pounds	2,000	28	56,000	1,191.49
2.3.7	Cooking Oil	galon	200	290	58,000	1,234.04
2.3.8	Sugar	pounds	2,600	26	67,600	1,438.30
TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES					2066,600	43,970
3 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION						

3.1.	Translation	global	1	60,000	60,000	1,276.60
3.2.	Communication / visibility	Month	1	20,000	20,000	425.53
3.3.	Staff transportation	Month	1	15,000	15,000	319.15
3.4.	Monitoring & evaluation	Month	2	15,000	30,000	638.30
3.5.	EPRP	global	1	146,405	146,405	3,115.00
3.5.	Audit	unit	1	100,000	100,000	2,127.66
TOTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION					371,405	7,902
4 PROGRAM LOGISTICS						
Transport (of relief materials)						
4.1.	Hire/ Rental of Vehicles	Month	1	40,000	40,000	851.06
4.2.	Fuel	Month	1	30,000	30,000	638.30
Warehousing						
4.3.	Rental of warehouse				0	0.00
Handling						
4.4.	Salaries / wages for Drivers	Month	1	12,000	12,000	255.32
TOTAL PROGRAM LOGISTICS					82,000	1,745
TOTAL DIRECT COST					2740,005	58,298
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT						
e.g.	<u>Staff salaries</u>					
	Salaries e. g % for Programme Director)	Month			0	0.00
	Salaries e. g % for Finance Director)	Month	2	20,000	40,000	851.06
	Salaries for accountant and other admin or secretarial staff)	Month	2	15,000	30,000	638.30
	<u>Communications</u>					
	Telephone and fax	Month	2	5,000	10,000	212.77
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT					80,000	1,702
					3%	3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					2820,005	60,000

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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