

Concept Note

Section 1: Overview of response																																																																																							
Project Title	Drought and Army Worm Infestation Emergency Response in Malawi – MWI181																																																																																						
Location	Malawi Chikwawa and Blantyre																																																																																						
Project start date	1 April 2018																																																																																						
Duration of project	The project appeal will run for a period of 10 Months beginning 1 April to 31 January 2019.																																																																																						
Budget (USD)	(USD) 313,176.83																																																																																						
Sector(s)	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter / NFIs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health / Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early recovery / Livelihoods </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/Psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional Cash </div> </div>																																																																																						
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Requesting members	Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD) Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS)																																																																																						
Local partners	Department of Disaster Management (DoDma), Government line ministry at district level																																																																																						
Impact (overall objective)	To save lives and alleviate suffering of drought affected households in Malawi.																																																																																						
Target beneficiaries	<p>The Overall response will target 2,000 affected households (10,000 people) including 5,500 Females, 4,500 Males. These figures include people who will benefit from assistance in more than one sector of intervention.</p> <p>For the nutrition programme, the forum will target 600 under-five children affected by malnutrition. Apart from malnourished children the project will also include the aged, chronically ill and persons living with disabilities. Vulnerable households who have lost more than half of their crop production and are greatly affected by food insecurity will be provided with food and early recovery/livelihood activities that will be determined by the beneficiaries of the appeal. Malnourished children within the target households will be selected using the Health Guidelines in Malnutrition and will be supported with nutri-mix food for therapeutic feeding.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="10">Beneficiaries</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">0 - 5 yrs</th> <th colspan="2">6 - 18 yrs</th> <th colspan="2">19- 65 yrs</th> <th colspan="2">above 65</th> <th colspan="2">Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Health/ Nut</td> <td>350</td> <td>250</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food Security</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1750</td> <td>3250</td> <td>1250</td> <td>1750</td> <td>1250</td> <td>750</td> <td>4250</td> <td>5750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Psycho-Social</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1750</td> <td>3250</td> <td>1250</td> <td>1750</td> <td>1250</td> <td>750</td> <td>4250</td> <td>5750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>350</td> <td>250</td> <td>3500</td> <td>6500</td> <td>2500</td> <td>3500</td> <td>2500</td> <td>1500</td> <td>8500</td> <td>11,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>											Beneficiaries											0 - 5 yrs		6 - 18 yrs		19- 65 yrs		above 65		Total			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Health/ Nut	350	250									Food Security			1750	3250	1250	1750	1250	750	4250	5750	Psycho-Social			1750	3250	1250	1750	1250	750	4250	5750	TOTAL	350	250	3500	6500	2500	3500	2500	1500	8500	11,500
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Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Increased access to food for 2,000 food insecure households in Chikwawa and Blantyre B. Enhanced resilience of 2,000 food insecure households through early recovery, capacity building activities in Chikwawa and Blantyre C. Improved psycho social well-being of 2,000 food insecure households in Chikwawa and Blantyre
Expected outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1. 600 malnourished children under five provided with fortified food in Chikwawa and Blantyre A2. 2,000 food insecure households provided with maize and beans in Chikwawa and Blantyre B1. 2,000 food insecure households provided with agriculture inputs in Chikwawa and Blantyre B2. 2,000 food insecure households are trained on in Climate Smart Agriculture and disaster risk Management C1. Targeted community members are oriented and trained in community based psycho social support.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1. Mobilize and sensitize communities and stakeholders on upcoming project A2. Conduct beneficiary targeting and registration using guidelines A3. Conduct two rapid anthropometric surveys in two project sites A.4 Procure and distribute food items (Nutri-Mix Likuni Phala, Maize, Beans and cooking oil) to targeted households/ children. A5. Sensitize communities on the best nutritional practices B1. Procure and distribute agriculture inputs to be distributed to 2,000 food insecure households in Chikwawa and Blantyre B2. Train and mentor 2,000 food insecure households in Climate smart agriculture and community based risk management C1. Conduct awareness meetings in community based psycho social to 2,000 food insecure households C2. Train 20 psychosocial local committees and 20 counsellors in community based psycho social support

Section 2: Narrative Summary

Background

Malawi is experiencing the most severe prolonged dry spells and army worm infestation, which are threatening the agricultural production of 3.8 million people. With little or no rain in parts of the country and fall army worms still destroying crop fields, the outlook is alarming which will result in hunger for over 3.8 million people till the next planting season. Even before the prolonged dry spells, Malawi Government had declared a national disaster in December 2017 because of fall army worms.

20 out of 28 districts are affected, including Chikwawa, Blantyre, Phalombe, Mulanje, Nsanje, Mangochi, Chiradzulu, Balaka, Neno, Salima, Dowa, and Lilongwe—in total covering approximately 270,000 hectares of crops affected by fall army worms and 215,000 hectares affected by dry spells. In the low-lying areas of southern and central areas of Malawi, cereal crops like maize (Malawi's staple food) have dried up because of

prolonged dry spell affecting 850,000 households. This situation is likely to compromise crop production and household food security in 2018 if no greater efforts to mitigate and recover are taken.

Humanitarian Needs	Capacity to Respond
<p>As per declaration by the President of Malawi on the national disaster, as a result of the fall army worm attack in December 2017 and the subsequent prolonged dry spells, there is imminent food shortage in 20 out of 28 districts of the country. The following are the sectors that will be addressed by the Malawi ACT Forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health/Nutrition 2. Early Recovery/Livelihoods 3. Food Security. 4. Protection/Psychosocial <p>ACT Response is needed as the affected population have no food. The Malawi Government through Department of Disaster Management Affairs is appealing for support and no ACT member has responded to the crisis so far based on information provided by members.</p>	<p>The ACT Malawi forum is planning to respond to the emergency through ACT forum members CARD and ELDS due to their presence in the affected areas. The requesting members have technical and professional expertise in humanitarian programming, psychosocial, and long term resilience building, and an ACT Emergency response team is already in place. ACT Malawi forum is monitoring the situation on the ground. CARD and ELDS have capacity in responding to psychosocial issues.</p>

Proposed response

Does the proposed response honour ACT's commitment to Child Safeguarding? ☒ Yes ☐ No

ACT Alliance Malawi forum is proposing an emergency response for 10,000 affected persons (2,000 households) in 2 affected districts of Mulanje and Chikwawa for a period of 10 months. These responses aim at contributing to saving of lives and enhance resilience of the affected population by pests and drought. The needs are mainly on nutrition, food security and psychosocial support and requires a comprehensive integrated approach to respond to the emergency.

Nutrition

The ACT Alliance Malawi forum will procure and distribute nutri-mix Likuni Phala and edible cooking oil for 600 under-five malnourished children. 2 rapid anthropometric surveys will be done (1 per district) to determine the nutritional status of under-five children who will be targeted by the project. This will be done in collaboration with district health personnel.

Food security/early livelihood recovery

The ACT Alliance Malawi forum will procure and distribute staple food items (maize and pulses) and/or agricultural inputs (livestock). Specific items will be identified by beneficiaries with the guidance of government agriculture personnel. 2 rapid needs assessment will be done to determine need which will form a basis for targeting.

Community Based Psychosocial Support

The ACT Alliance Malawi forum will promote community based psychosocial activities including creating spaces for affected children, women and men. In addition, counselling will be provided by ACT Alliance Malawi Forum and other qualified consultants. In addition, 20 committees and 20 counsellors will be identified from the local communities and trained to provide psychosocial services at community level.

Coordination

Coordination will be essential not only to ensure that there is no duplication of services, but also to facilitate effective referrals of individuals who need more specialist services than what CARD and ELDS are able to offer. The proposed project involves linking with government departments and the implementing partners throughout the project period, including Malawi Department of Agriculture and Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) at district council level on issues related to agriculture and disaster risk management respectively. A collaborative approach will be employed to ensure not only effectiveness but also sustainability of early recovery activities. Being members of ACT Alliance, CARD and ELDS will share information about this project within the ACT Malawi Forum.

The Malawi Forum Coordinator and Humanitarian Officers from Malawi Forum members are already a part of national humanitarian teams and currently attending meetings in collaboration with the UN, Government and other INGOs involved in emergency response activities. Every month, members implementing will be meeting together for reviewing and planning.

Basic implementation plan

No	Activities	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1	Needs Assessment which will include Market analysis, food consumption and nutritional surveys	x									
2	Beneficiary targeting per sector planned		x								
3	Identifying suppliers for commodities planned to be procured	x	x								
4	Distribution of staple food items			x	x	x					
5	Distribution of seeds, livestock			x	x				x	x	
6	Nutrition activities			x	x	x	x	x	x		
7	Psychosocial activities		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
8	Monitoring of Activities		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
9	Evaluation and learning										x

Monitoring and evaluation

CARD and ELDS hold responsibility for continuous monitoring of the appeal on the ground. Additionally, an M&E budget line will be put in the appeal for the ACT Malawi forum coordination desk to help in monitoring the appeal implementation on the ground, at least three times in the course of the implementation. Field

Emergency Officers are expected to provide regular updates to the main office, who in turn will feed the forum with information on the progress of the appeal.

CARD and ELDS M&E Officers are expected to work collaboratively with the forum to provide feedback on the appeal progress. The forum also will take advantage of the humanitarian expertise in place within the forum to monitor and evaluate progress of the appeal while adhering to the Core Humanitarian Standard.

Section 3: Budget Summary

Activities	CARD	ELDS
Food security	50%	50%
Health / Nutrition	50%	50%
Protection / Psychosocial support	50%	50%
Early recovery & livelihood restoration	50%	50%

Section 4: Annexes Summary Table

Logical Framework			
IMPACT To save lives and alleviate suffering of affected households in Malawi			
OUTPUT(S) A.1 Distribution of nutritious balanced food to 600 under-five malnourished children in Chikwawa and Blantyre A2. Distribution of staple food items to 2000 food insecure HHs in Chikwawa and Blantyre B1. Distribute agriculture inputs to 2000 food insecure HHs in Chikwawa and Blantyre B2. Build Capacity of 2000 food insecure HHs in Climate Smart Agriculture and disaster risk Management C1. Orient and train community members in community based psycho social	Objectively verifiable indicators A1. # of under-five children, that receive nutritious food. A2.# of HHs receiving staple food items. B1.# of HH receiving agricultural inputs. # of HHs practicing agriculture. Production yield per HH. B2.# of HHs trained in various sectors. # of capacity building trainings done C1.# of psychosocial local committees established and trained, and counsellors identified and trained.	Source of verification A1.Distribution reports; beneficiary interviews A2.Distribution reports; beneficiary interviews. B1.Distribution reports; crop production reports; beneficiary interviews. B2.Training reports; beneficiary interviews. C1.Training reports; beneficiary interviews	Assumptions Supply chain is maintained HHs apply nutritional best practices acquired. Community willingness to participate in all the activities and own the project. Availability of health infrastructure in the targeted districts Other stakeholder's willingness to participate and support the project.

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EXPENDITURE				No. of	Unit Cost	Appeal Budget	Appeal Budget
				Units	local currency	local currency	USD
DIRECT COSTS							
1 PROGRAM STAFF							
Total national program staff						25'800'000	35'586
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2 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES							
2.2.	Food security					84'520'000	116'579
	Health / Nutrition					29'600'000	40'828
2.5.	Protection / Psychosocial support					1'600'000	2'207
2.6.	Early recovery & livelihood restoration					40'800'000	56'276
TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES						156'520'000	215'890
3 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION							
TOTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION						9'500'000	13'103
4 PROGRAM LOGISTICS							
Transport (of relief materials)						6'400'000	8'828
Warehousing						2'600'000	3'586
Handling						2'920'000	4'028
TOTAL PROGRAM LOGISTICS						11'920'000	16'441
5 PROGRAM ASSETS & EQUIPMENT							
TOTAL PROGRAM ASSETS & EQUIPMENT						1'200'000	1'655
6 OTHER PROGRAM COSTS							
6.1.	SECURITY						
TOTAL SECURITY						600'000	828
6.2.	FORUM COORDINATION						
TOTAL FORUM COORDINATION						2'400'000	3'310
6.3.	STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES						
TOTAL STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES						0	0
TOTAL DIRECT COST						207'940'000	286'814
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT							
e.g.	<u>Staff salaries</u>						
	Salaries e. g % for Programme Director)	persons	10	280'000	2'800'000	3'862	
	Salaries e. g % for Finance Director)	persons	10	300'000	3'000'000	4'138	
	Salaries for accountant and other admin or secretarial staff		10	300'000	3'000'000	4'138	
	<u>Office Operations</u>					0	
	Office rent	monthly		0	0		
	Office Utilities	monthly	10	60'000	600'000	828	
	Office stationery	monthly	10	40'000	400'000	552	
	<u>Communications</u>		-				
	Telephone and fax	Monthly	10	30'000	300'000	414	
	<u>Other</u>		-	0		0	
	Insurance/ vehicle maintenance	quarterly	3	800'000	2'400'000	3'310	
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT						12'500'000	17'241
						0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE exclusive International Coordination Fee						220'440'000	304'055
INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION FEE (ICF) - 3%						6'613'200	9'122
TOTAL EXPENDITURE inclusive International Coordination Fee						227'053'200	313'177
BALANCE REQUESTED (minus available income)						227'053'200	313'177
PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS at Completion date							
<u>ITEM - (List each over US\$500)</u>		<u>Actual cost</u>			<u>Disposition</u>		

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Please note that as part of the revised ACT Humanitarian Mechanism, pledges/contributions are **encouraged** to be made through the consolidated budget of the country forum, and allocations will be made based on agreed criteria of the forum. For any possible earmarking, budget targets per member can be found in the "Summary Table" Annex, and detailed budgets per member are available upon request from the ACT Secretariat. For pledges/contributions, please refer to the spreadsheet accessible through this link <http://reports.actalliance.org/>. The ACT spreadsheet provides an overview of existing pledges/contributions and associated earmarking for the appeal.

Please inform the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org) and Senior Finance Officer, Lorenzo Correa (Lorenzo.Correa@actalliance.org) with a copy to the Humanitarian Programme Officer Caroline Njogu (Caroline.Njogu@actalliance.org) of all pledges/contributions and transfers, including funds sent direct to the requesting members.

We would appreciate being informed of any intent to submit applications for EU, USAID and/or other back donor funding and the subsequent results. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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