



Egypt

Amman, 13 May 2018

SITUATION		
<p>In the afternoon of Thursday 10 May 2018, in the town of El-Sultan Hassan village, El Minya Governorate in Egypt, an electric circuit short caused fire in one of the village houses. This spark caused the entire house to catch flame. The barns were built of wooden beams and palm branches, and they quickly caught fire. This fire burned down four houses of which each hosted three families. They lost most of their furniture along with the building. The fire also destroyed the livestock of 45 families. These 45 families have lost their sources of livelihoods. A total of 12 families lost their houses and most of their furniture, and other household items.</p>		
NEEDS		
<p>The fire has put them in a state of crisis. The fire affected persons are in a desperate situation, now faced with many unmet vital needs such as access to: sufficient food, need for safe shelter and basic non-food items. Their nutritional health is also to be met since they lost their livelihood assets and the source of income, and also could not salvage any food out of their blazing houses.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sufficient food	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe shelter and basic non-food items	
<input type="checkbox"/>	basic health services and facilities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	livelihood activities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	protection services	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition	
<p>The situation of fire affected people is further compounded by vulnerabilities, especially for women and children. There is a pressing need to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered.</p>		
STAKEHOLDERS		
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	Absence
<input type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Absence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Absence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Absence
<input type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Absence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Absence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Some food, shelter and clothes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Absence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Absence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Absence

The emergency response is currently being coordinated, that's included is the local municipal council fire fighting department, and ACT member BLESS is coordinating with them. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, ACT member BLESS will take part in meetings with the local municipality and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance's member (BLESS) has been working in Egypt since 1962, now helping/planning to help people affected by this fire.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance's member (BLESS) works in areas affected by the fire, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance's member (BLESS) is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT Alliance's member (BLESS) has identified a gap in food security, nutrition, and non-food items in El-Sultan Hassan village and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance member BLESS is planning on submitting a Rapid Response Fund application to the ACT secretariat to ensure that the fire affected persons' basic needs are.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing food and , non-food items, and shelter.

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

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