



SERBIA

Geneva, 19 June 2018

SITUATION

In the afternoon of Wednesday the 13 June 2018, the districts of Branicevo, Kolubara, Sumadija, Podunavlje and Pomoravlje in Serbia, were affected with sudden heavy rainfall, hailstorm, downpour and in some parts incessant rain. On Friday 15 June, the Hydro-Meteorological Service of Serbia (RHMZ) announced more bad weather for the coming weekend. Over the week, hailstorms and heavy rain caused damage to crops and households in western, central, and eastern Serbia, prompting authorities to declare an emergency situation in several municipalities. A dam on the Busur River burst on 15 June, affecting areas in the east (Source: B92, Tanjug).

NEEDS

The floods have put the affected districts in a state of crisis. The flood-affected population find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to safe shelter and non-food items, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, and productive livelihoods.

<input type="checkbox"/>	sufficient food
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe shelter and basic non-food items
<input type="checkbox"/>	basic health services and facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	livelihood activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	protection services
<input type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition

The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities, more specifically for the elderly and poor rural population. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Local crisis management groups are being defined.
<input type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	Not at the moment
<input type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Not at the moment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Local level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Not at the moment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Not at the moment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Not at the moment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Present

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by local authorities. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (local authorities, Ministry of Interior, Social Welfare Services) 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	
X	ACT Alliance has been working in Serbia since 1991. ACT Serbia Sub-Forum members Philanthropy – Charitable Fund of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization (EHO) are now coordinating with authorities to assess the damage and help people affected by the floods.
X	ACT Alliance members work in areas affected by the floods, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
X	ACT members are currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.
X	ACT members are monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
X	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, ACT members identified a gap in access to basic shelter, non-food items, hygiene and disinfection and livelihood activities and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
X	ACT members in Serbia are planning to submit a funding proposal to provide basic building material (windows, doors, tiles), hygiene kits, disinfectants (cleaning materials), food for cattle and cash distribution to ensure that the flood-affected population's basic needs are met with regards to basic safe shelter, NFI, and hygiene .
X	ACT members are ready to respond, initially providing dehumidifiers to affected households in the coming days.
X	Furthermore, ACT members will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the floods are amplified.

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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