

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response		
SERBIA	Emergency Response to Floods in Sumadija, West, South and East Serbia	
Summary	Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization (EHO)	Philanthropy, Charitable Foundation of the Serbian Orthodox Church
Implementation period	29 June 2018 29 September 2018 3 (months)	29 June 2018 29 September 2018 3 (months)
Geographical area	Sumadija and West Serbia	South and East Serbia
Sectors of response	x Shelter / Protection/ NFIs psychosocial Health WASH Food Security	x Shelter / Protection/ NFIs psychosocial Health x WASH Food Security
Targeted beneficiaries (per sector)	160 HH for Shelter and 350 HH for livelihood	550 HH for livelihood, 550 HH for WASH, 75 HH for shelter
Requested budget (USD)	30,000 (USD)	30,000 (USD)
Is there an updated ACT Forum EPRP?	No	
Section 2: Narrative Summary		
<p>Background</p> <p>On 13 June 2018 five districts in Serbia (Branicevo, Kolubara, Sumadija, Podunavlje, Pomoravlje, in East and West Serbia and Sumadija) are affected with sudden heavy rainfall, hailstorm, and in some parts incessant rains. On 15 June the Serbian Ministry for Internal Affairs, Sector for Emergency Situations declared state of emergency in these five districts. On 16 June, a state of emergency was also declared Nisava (South-East Serbia), and on 18 June in South-West Serbia as well. In all seven districts, rural households are affected. Damage on agricultural crops is estimated at 100%. In Sumadija, estimated damage is twice the annual municipality budget. Schools and kindergartens are evacuated in this region. In this region 2,850 houses are affected (app. 9,000 people) and 75% of total agricultural land. In South Serbia, damage is estimated at USD 60,000,000. 11 villages are affected, and damage is both on households and on crops. 11km of roads are destroyed, among them 3 bridges.</p>		
<p>Humanitarian Needs</p> <p>According to the rapid needs assessment that Philanthropy conducted in previous days, the hailstorm and heavy rains had critically damaged main livelihoods and food stocks. Roofs, doors and windows are destroyed, and the rain had been falling for the last 72 hours. The water affected the crops, forcing many families to fight for their existence. There is urgent need of food for cattle, shelter, sanitation support and livelihood restoration. The current situation has resulted in a variety of needs, considering that shelter and crops are affected. Philanthropy will provide unconditional cash assistance in order to enable people to decide what the most urgent needs of their families are, but primarily for shelter and settlement. Affected households depend on their agricultural goods both for their own consumption and income generation. Damage on crops is more than 90% which means that almost all of their supplies for the current and immediate period are affected. Serbian authorities are not able to respond immediately due to complicated legal procedures and policies, and local authorities that were affected by the floods of 2014 remain to have limited capacities and funds. Therefore, both ACT members will provide fodder for cattle for affected households in target locations. EHO will additionally provide disinfectants for the households.</p>		

Capacity

Philanthropy is established as an emergency response organization and has 27 years long experience in providing humanitarian assistance (war in former Yugoslavia, bombing in 1999, earthquakes, floods and refugee crisis). During the floods in 2014, Philanthropy provided assistance to 25 municipalities in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. EHO has been active 25 years in emergency response and humanitarian assistance, specifically in flood disaster response since the massive floods in 2014, and have raised over 2.8 mil EUR covering 20 projects. The assistance consisted of urgent emergency response and long-term aid support for farmers/livestock, and reconstruction.

Proposed response

Besides in-kind humanitarian aid, Philanthropy finds cash assistance as a most appropriate for the situation. This type of assistance offers freedom of choice and dignity for vulnerable people. Philanthropy has 4 years of experience in providing cash assistance for flooded households and for refugees and migrants as well.

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

Problems	Households and livelihoods in target areas are damaged and people are facing significant barriers to meet their basic needs.
Target beneficiaries	Cash assistance: 160 households in Sumadija and West Serbia affected by hail storm, Social Welfare and Child Care beneficiaries Food for cattle: 350 households in Sumadija and West Serbia and 880 households in South and East Serbia affected by hailstorm Disinfectants: 550 households in South and East Serbia
Main activities	1. Coordination meetings with local authorities 2. Informing beneficiaries on selection criteria and complaints mechanism 3. Distribution of cash assistance 4. Purchase and distribution of fodder for cattle (each HH will receive 100kg of fodder) 5. Purchase and distribution of disinfectants and maintenance items (each household will receive at least 3 liters of disinfectants)
Specific objective(s)/ Outputs	1. 160 affected households will receive unconditional cash assistance for meeting their most urgent needs for shelter 2. 1.230 affected households meet their basic needs for cattle fodder 3. 550 affected households meet their need for urgent disinfectants and maintenance items
Overall objective / Outcome(s)	Addressing the emergency needs in flood-affected households in Sumadija and West, East and South Serbia

Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	29 July 2018
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	29 December 2018

Monitoring and evaluation ACT PME guidelines, principles and standard will be followed along with respective organizational policy for project planning, monitoring and evaluation plan design. Philanthropy and EHO will be responsible for implementing and monitoring of all activities. Monitoring and evaluation will include field visits to follow up on the achievement of results and preparation of the situation report and final report.

Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination

Philanthropy and EHO are in ongoing communication and coordination with each other from the beginning of the crisis. Coordination has been established as well with the government and local

networks in order to facilitate the implementation. ACT members are going to work in close coordination with local authorities and other CSOs in the concerned communities as well as with relevant stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts. Coordination will be made with these actors at the local level. Information concerning the response will be regularly provided to the Europe Forum Coordinator and ACT Global Humanitarian Coordinator, who will both assist in coordinating with other Europe Forum members and the global Alliance.

Implementation arrangements

Philanthropy will be responsible for the implementation of this project in Sumadija and West Serbia and EHO in South and East Serbia. Philanthropy will involve its staff from the local offices. Both partners will use local churches and networks of volunteers. The design takes into consideration lessons learned from previous emergency responses such as the floods in 2014 and the refugee crisis in 2015.

Human resources and administration of funds

Philanthropy's administration is placed in its headquarters in Belgrade. All procurement will be conducted through bank transfers. Procurement procedures are defined in Philanthropy's Procurement Policy, which is in line with ACT policies. Philanthropy staff is trained and operations are being implemented according to ethical standards. Financial management is run by Philanthropy's full-time staff, using Microsoft Navision. Financial audit will be conducted as a part of the yearly organizational audit. EHO will engage an EHO staff member as Logistics and Monitoring Officer, who will be in charge of direct distribution. An EHO staff member for Finance and Administration will be dedicating 30% time for this Project. The funds will be managed using local currency. Financial management will be run by EHO's full-time staff, using Microsoft Navision financial software. Financial monitoring will be conducted on a daily basis according to EHO's internal policies. Financial auditing will be conducted as a part of the yearly organizational audit.

Communications

Both ACT members have experience and expertise of communicating across the ACT Alliance. The aid will be properly identified with ACT Alliance logo, and photos and stories will be taken to document the Project and its impact on the lives of beneficiaries, and will be published in social networks and other media. Regular reporting will be shared within the Alliance, as well as stories.

Section 4: Budget Summary

Requesting ACT member: Philanthropy, Charitable Foundation of the Serbian Orthodox Church

EXPENDITURE

	Type of	No. of	Unit Cost	RRF Budget	RRF Budget
	Unit	Units	RSD	RSD	USD
DIRECT COST					
Shelter and settlement (cash for shelter)	Cash cards	160	10,150	1,624,000	15,983.59
Livelihood (cattle fodder)	Kg	35,000	21	735,000	7,234
<u>Other Sector Related Direct Costs</u>					
Field coordinator 30%	Month	3	45,000	135,000	1,328.69
Distribution team (2 persons) (70%)	Month	3	93,000	279,000	2,745.95
Communication/visibility cost	Month	3	10,000	30,000	295.26
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				2,803,000	27,587

TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING						
Fuel	Month	3	40,000	120,000	1,181.05	
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING				120,000	1,181	
TOTAL DIRECT COST				2,923,000	28,768	
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT						
Office rent 30 % <u>Communications</u>	Month	3	30,000	90,000	885.79	
Telephone and fax 25%	Month	3	4,000	12,000	118.11	
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT				102,000	1,004	
AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION						
Monitoring & Evaluation	Estimate		23,126	23,126	227.61	
TOTAL AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION				23,126	228	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				3,048,126	30,000.00	
EXCHANGE RATE: RSD to USD						
Budget rate			101.60			
Requesting ACT member: Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization Novi Sad						
EXPENDITURE						
	Type of	No. of	Unit Cost	RRF	RRF	
	Unit	Units	RSD	Budget	Budget	
				RSD	USD	
DIRECT COST						
Livelihood (provender/animal feeding)	kg	88,000	25	2,200,000	21,652.6	5
Health (hygiene for disinfection)	piece	550	650	357,500	3,518.56	
Salaries & benefits for direct staff (EHO co-ordinator, per diem for volunteers)	Month	3	50,802	152,406	1,500.00	
Communication/visibility cost	Month	3	10,160	30,481	300.00	
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				2,740,387	26,971	
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING						
<u>Transport (of relief materials)</u>						
Hire/ Rental of Vehicles	Month	3	41,319	123,957	1,220.00	

Fuel	Month	3	19,982	59,946	590.00
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING				183,904	1,810
TOTAL DIRECT COST				2,924,291	28,781
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT					
<u>EHO Finances and Administration</u>	Month	3	18,627	55,882	550.00
<u>EHO Logistician Communications</u>	Month	3	18,627	55,882	550.00
Telephone and fax	Month	3	4,024	12,071	118.80
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT				123,835	1,219
AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION					
Audit of ACT RRF				0	0.00
Monitoring & Evaluation				0	0.00
TOTAL AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION				0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				3,048,126.0	30,000.0
EXCHANGE RATE: RSD to USD				0	0
Budget rate			101.60		

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of US\$ 60,000 (\$30,000 each for Philanthropy and EHO) 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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