

Concept Note

Section 1: Overview of response																					
Project Title	Emergency Response to Socio-Political Crisis in Nicaragua – NIC181																				
Location	<p>Nicaragua Managua,(San Francisco Libre, Tipitapa, Ciudad Sandino y Mateare) Carazo (La Conquista, Jinotepe y San marcos) Matagalpa (El Tuma-La Dalia and Matagalpa) León(Telica) Chinandega(Chinandega, Villanueva, Somotillo) Boaco (Teustepe) Jinotega (Pantasma) RACCS (Nueva Guinea) Madriz(Totogalpa, Somoto) Esteli (Condega)</p> <p>Costa Rica San José</p>																				
Project initial date	August 29, 2018																				
Duration of project	10 (months)																				
Budget (USD)	\$ 275,827 (USD)																				
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Forum	ACT Alliance Nicaragua Forum and ACT Alliance Costa Rica Forum																				
Requesting members	Lutheran World Federation (LWF)																				
Local partners	<p><u>Nicaragua</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD) Interchurch Center for Theological and Social Studies (CIEETS) Lutheran Church Faith and Hope (ILFE) Asociacion Club de Jovenes Ambientalistas (LWF local partner) <p><u>Costa Rica</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lutheran Church of Cost Rica (ILCO) 																				
Impact (overall objective)	Provide access to protection and psychosocial support to people affected by the conflict in Nicaragua, leading to improvement in their living standards and ensuring restoration of a dignified life and harmonious co-existence.																				
Target beneficiaries	<p>Total population: 8,057 people receives.</p> <p>Nicaragua</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">SECTORS/THEMATIC AREAS</th> <th style="width: 50%;">BENEFICIARIES</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <th>TOTAL PERSONS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">A. Protection and</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7057</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	SECTORS/THEMATIC AREAS	BENEFICIARIES		TOTAL PERSONS	A. Protection and	7057														
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Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Individuals affected by the crisis are provided with protection services and psychosocial support. B. Community leaders are empowered to effectively participate in peace building and conflict management processes C. Nicaraguans displaced are provided with emergency shelter and supportive legal services in Costa Rica. 									
Expected outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Individuals have support to rebuild their social networks and increase their coping mechanisms in a participatory way and in a process that will improve the psychosocial well-being of the community. B. Community safety nets and networks established to promote peace and reconciliation C. Individuals obtain emergency shelter and supportive legal services on a temporary basis. 									
Main activities	<p>Psychosocial Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A.1 Conduct mapping and capacity assessment for community support systems A.2 Preparation of Psychosocial training modules A.3 Conduct training for 768 religious and opinion 721 leaders on psychosocial helping skills. A.4 Provision of psychosocial support to vulnerable people with signs of distress A.5 Personalized attention in psycho trauma to immigrants affected by the crisis. A.6 Self-care workshop for the technical staff of the organizations A.7 Monitoring and evaluation of the psychosocial intervention <p>Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B.1 Conduct a conflict assessment B.2 Design of training module for peace and reconciliation. B.3 Conduct a training for participants (target group and staff) on the Do no Harm Principles. B.4 Conduct a training for religious and communal leadership to engage in conflict management. 									

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Section 2: Narrative Summary

Background

The human rights situation in Nicaragua as observed by the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in relation to the violent events that have been taking place since the State repressed the protests on April 18, 2018, and subsequent events over the following weeks. According to figures gathered by the IACHR, the State’s repressive action has led to at least 295 deaths, 1,337 persons wounded as of June 19, and 507 persons deprived of liberty as of June 6, and hundreds of persons at risk of becoming victims of attacks, harassment, threats and other forms of intimidation. According to the Nicaraguan Association for Human Rights (ANPDH)) in its report as of July 26 indicates that there are 448 deaths (383 were civilians, 40 paramilitaries, 24 polices and a soldier, 2,720 injured and 718 kidnapped.

Police and paramilitary forces continue their raids in a house-to-house search, arresting people who participated in the protests. Based on the new antiterrorist law, many of them appear in court without any legal defense. The Permanent Commission of Human Rights (CPDH) informed to receive every day at least 20 complaints of people arrested by police or by irregular armed groups. Costa Rica has opened two shelters for people fleeing the crisis in Nicaragua and asylum seekers, with a capacity for about 2000 people, one in the north and one in the south of the country, with support from IOM and UNHCR. Authorities report between 100 to 150 Nicaraguans entering daily to Costa Rica for the first time. The Dutch cooperation announced its decision to suspend for two months any cooperation with the government of Nicaragua, due to serious human rights violations.

The National Chamber of Tourism estimates 170 million dollars in losses thus far in its sector in two months, plus 60,000 jobs lost as many facilities have closed or are open with a skeleton staff.

Humanitarian Needs	Capacity to Respond
According to the Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI), the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) alerts about the ongoing stigmatization and criminalization of social	The ACT Forum members in Nicaragua run long-term development programs in the geographical zones included in the proposal. It is important to mention that the forum have responded to previous emergencies such as

<p>protest on unjustified and disproportionate grounds; serious problems of access to legal defense and due process; and violations of the rights of persons deprived of liberty and their families. There is an adverse environment for social protest, through a strategy of criminalization and stigmatization. This entails the use of declarations, Statements, and official announcements that intend to suggest that life is continuing as normal in the country while simultaneously stigmatizing demonstrators, dissidents, social leaders and human rights defenders</p> <p>Given that the Costa Rican Foreign Ministry calls for international assistance to address an upcoming migration crisis in the country. The ACT Alliance Costa Rica Forum have determined a series of needs derived from the migratory crisis that begins to be dimensioned, being necessary to provide attention in temporary settlements (shelter), legal support on migratory procedures and psychosocial support.</p>	<p>droughts, tropical storm, earthquakes and floods. The organizations have experience and existing relationships with the communities which are directly affected by the conflict in the country.</p> <p>The Costa Rican Lutheran Church have been a member since 2009 of ACT Alliance, executing several responses to disasters, the most recently is a RRF 09-2016 in response to Hurricane Otto and the Appeal CRC 171 Tropical Storm Nate, currently in execution. ILCO is the ACT forum coordinator in Costa Rica. In addition, over the last 15 years ILCO have a Diaconate Migrant Ministry, in which Nicaraguans are provided with legal services.</p>
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Proposed response

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

The overall objective is to contribute to the recovery of the population affected by the crisis through the access to Psychosocial and Protection services allowing them to live in a peaceful environment. The proposed response seeks to improve the wellbeing of the participants to have a harmoniously co-existing. Religious leadership are going to lead the process at local level in order to seek for Conflict transformation, forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration and peace, they will also work in community based psychosocial support. To build the capacity of the community to respond to challenges posed against harmonious coexistence during this intervention, religious and community leaders will be empowered to effectively participate in peace building and conflict management community processes. Additionally the proposal intend to deliver assistance and support to displaced people from Nicaragua whom are looking for asylum in Costa Rica, with temporary Shelter, Psychosocial support and legal accompaniment.

Coordination

Coordination will be essential to ensure that there is no duplication of efforts, a collaborative approach is essential to ensure not only effectiveness but also sustainability of the proposed activities. Implementation, monitoring and reporting will be coordinated; implementing members will likewise coordinate the implementation through regular meetings and monitoring visits. The implementing organizations will coordinate efforts with other entities working in response to the crisis.

The Costa Rican Lutheran Church has been working with other organizations to provide immediate assistance to migrants, including the Nicaraguan Migrants Association, the Jesuit Service and dialogue with other entities such as UNHCR and IMO, within the REDNAM Migrant National Network.

Basic implementation plan

ACTIVITIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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A.2 Preparation of Psychosocial training modules		█								
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A.4 Provision of psychosocial support to vulnerable people with signs of distress			█	█	█	█	█	█		
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B.11. Participants selection	█									
B.12 Update of the EPRP					█	█				

Monitoring and evaluation

LWF will be responsible for the overall implementation of the project. Regular meetings will be carried out, in order to share information concerning the progress and challenges in the implementation process. The monitoring and evaluation will include regular visits to follow up on the achievement of results, and preparation of quarterly situation reports. Feedback or opinion from beneficiaries and other stakeholders will be collected throughout the implementation of the project, monthly coordination meetings will be carried out in order to share how the feedback is being taken into account within the project. A final report will be submitted following the guidelines provided by ACT.

Section 3: Budget Overview

DIRECT COSTS

1 PROGRAM STAFF	
Total national program staff	87,791
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2 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	
2.1. Shelter and settlement / Non-food items	15,625
2.5. Protection / Psychosocial support	106,540
TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	122,165
3 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION	
3.5. Complaint mechanisms / information sharing	5,613
3.6. Monitoring & evaluation	3,703
3.7. Audit	5,743
TOTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION	16,511
4 PROGRAM LOGISTICS	
Transport (of relief materials)	9,407
Handling	3,182
TOTAL PROGRAM LOGISTICS	12,589
5 OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	
5.1 FORUM COORDINATION	
5.1.1. Kick-start workshop	130
5.1.2. Mid-review workshop	130
5.1.3. Staff trainings	2,200
TOTAL FORUM COORDINATION	2,460
5.2 STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES	
5.2.1 Training on do no harm approach	1,893
5.2.2 Update of the EPRP	2,000
TOTAL STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES	3,893
TOTAL DIRECT COST	245,409

INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

e.g. Staff salaries	
Salaries e. g % for Programme Director)	3,000
Salaries e. g % for Finance Director)	4,604

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Core Humanitarian STANDARD The ACT Alliance Secretariat's continuous improvement in the application of the Core Humanitarian Standard is independently verified by HQAI

Salaries for accountant and other admin or secretarial staff	9,104
<u>Office Operations</u>	
Office Utilities	2,294
<u>Communications</u>	
Telephone and fax	2,909
Internet	473
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT	22,384
	8%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE exclusive International Coordination Fee	267,793
INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION FEE (ICF) - 3%	8,034
TOTAL EXPENDITURE inclusive International Coordination Fee	275,827
BALANCE REQUESTED (minus available income)	275,827

Section 4: Annexes (mandatory)

Concept Note – Annex 1 – Contact / Bank details

Requesting member # 1: LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

Address: *Calle Los Duraznos # 349, Colonia Las Mercedes, San Salvador, El Salvador*

Telephone number: *(+503) 2520-1100*

Primary contact person name and email address: Elena Cedillo - rep.cam@lwfdws.org

Finance contact person(s) name and email address: Francisco Pérez - finc.cam@lwfdws.org

BANK DETAILS: USD (*currency used for this bank account*)

Name of beneficiary: LWF

Name of bank: DAVIVIENDA SALVADOREÑA

Address of bank: Av. Olimpica Dr. Manuel Enrique Araujo N°. 3550, San Salvador El Salvador.

Account No. or IBAN number: 040-54-01645-45

Bank swift code: BSALSVSSXXX

Please kindly send your contributions to either of the following ACT bank accounts:

US dollar

Account Number - 240-432629.60A

IBAN No: CH46 0024 0240 4326 2960A

Euro

Euro Bank Account Number - 240-432629.50Z

IBAN No: CH84 0024 0240 4326 2950Z

Account Name: ACT Alliance

UBS AG

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P.O. Box 2600

1211 Geneva 4, SWITZERLAND

Swift address: UBSWCHZH80A

For pledges/contributions and transfers, including funds sent directly to the requesting members, 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 Regional Representative, Carlos Rauda (carlos.rauda@actalliance.org) and Regional Programme Officer, Rosa Maria Matamoros (rosa.matamoros@actalliance.org).

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

For further information please contact:

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