

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response	
Brazil	Response to the Mudslide Emergency in Brumadinho
Summary	ACT Ecumenical Forum Brazil (FEACT Brazil)
Implementation period	01 February to 30 April 2019 3 (months)
Geographical area	Brumadinho Municipality, State Minas Gerais
Sectors of response	Psychosocial support, WASH and Food security
Targeted beneficiaries	Provide community-based psychosocial support to 760 families, and food assistance to 150 families. Beneficiary Selection Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 150 families below the poverty line who have incurred serious damage to their livelihoods due to the floods - 760 families not receiving psychosocial support - Vulnerable groups such as households with persons with disability, single mothers, pregnant women, children and elderly population will be prioritized.
Requested Budget (USD)	\$149,604.00
Is there an updated ACT Forum EPRP?	Yes
Section 2: Narrative Summary	
<p>Background</p> <p>On January 25, 2019 a dam broke in the State of Minas Gerais, releasing more than 12 billion liters of mineral debris broke, with tailings from iron mining. The waters and mudslides immediately reached the Municipality of Brumadinho and Parque da Cachoeira reserve, and more than 220 km along the course of the Paraopeba River. According to assessment data provided by KOINONIA, ACT Ecumenical Forum Brazil (FEACT Brazil) member with other local partners, the disaster had the following impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 760 pour families affected directly (3,800 persons) • 5400 families evacuated from households (27,000 persons) from Brumadinho • 84 fatalities • 189 persons rescue • 305 missing persons • 250 damaged houses • 25 totally destroyed houses. <p>So far there are no humanitarian organizations active in the region. The federal and state governments requested support only for the rescue and burial of bodies with the Army of Israel and firemen of other States of Brazil. The Government of the State of Minas Gerais has decreed a state of humanitarian environmental calamity, which is officially the opening for external humanitarian aid.</p>	
<p>Humanitarian Needs</p> <p>According to official information as well as data collected by KOINONIA in coordination with local partners, the extent of the disaster along the rivers of the region and the contamination of the water table had an immediate impact on the access to safe water for human consumption. Additionally the water distribution systems were damaged. There are 760 households that have not received any form of support. There is need for food aid, shelter, non-food items, hygiene kits and psychosocial support for those who totally lost their houses and livelihoods. Under this response, KOINONIA is planning to provide psychosocial support and food distribution to 760 households.</p>	

Capacity

The ACT Brazil Forum had responded to several emergencies in the past, with psychosocial support as a key element of the response. The Forum has the capacity to respond in the affected area due to the understanding of the context and operational presence of some of its members. KOINONIA's local partners have been working with the affected people in similar disasters in the Doce River Basin (MG/ES) for 3 years. ACT alliance support will complement the contributions of other civil society and government actions.

Proposed response

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

Problems	Vulnerable households who lost household items and livelihoods as a direct result of this situation, are facing significant barriers to meet their basic needs such as access to food and NFI, safe water, hygiene kits, shelter and psychosocial support.
Target beneficiaries	760 households directly affected by the toxic mudslides (3800 individuals; 55% women, 45% men) need psychosocial support. Within this group, 150 households will receive food aid.
Activities	The Following activities will be carried out: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination meeting with authorities and beneficiaries 2. Establishment of complaints mechanism for beneficiaries 3. Purchase and distribution of food packages 4. Monitoring visits 5. Psychosocial support activities: including and already underway: care for people in shelters, through group dynamics for families, with a special focus on women and children. For succeeding implementation period, maintenance of homeless services and registration of households affected. There are volunteers for 3 months, always keeping 28 persons in the affected area: 1 nurse, 6 psychologists and 21 trained volunteers, with 2 years' experience in community-based psychosocial care. 6. Purchase and distribution of drinking water. The use of water purification tablets in this case does not apply, as the water is contaminated by minerals and chemicals. The extension of the disaster to another 9 municipalities expands the distribution of drinking water by a region of about 200 km within 3 months.
Specific objective/ Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 760 households 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. 2. 150 affected households meet their basic food needs over a three-month period. 3. 760 Household have access to safe water for consumption over a three- month period
Overall objective	Addressing the emergency needs of households affected by mudslides in the municipality of Brumadinho, State of Minas Gerais.

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Reporting Schedule	
Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	15 March 2019
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	30 June 2019
Audit report (90 days after the ending date)	31 July 2019

Monitoring and evaluation
 KOINONIA will be responsible for the overall implementation of the RRF, with strong coordination support from the ACT Brazil Forum. Coordination will be established with other humanitarian actors at field level, as well as with local authorities. Monitoring and evaluation will include field visits to follow up on the achievement of results, and preparation of a situation report, as well as final reports. A final report will be submitted by KOINONIA following the guidelines provided by ACT. In order to carry out a proper quality control of its programs and projects, KOINONIA has a planning, monitoring and evaluation system (PME) through which the Management and Advisory Team (EGA) provides follow-up as well as technical and administrative support to responsible staff.

Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination

Coordination
 KOINONIA is a national member of the ACT Brazil Forum. It serves as the overall coordinator of the response. Coordination has been established with the government and local networks in order to facilitate implementation. KOINONIA and its local partners are going to work in close coordination with local authorities, local leaders in the concerned communities as well as with relevant stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts. Information concerning the response will be regularly provided to the ACT Brazil Forum.

Implementation arrangements
 KOINONIA is responsible for project implementation. Office staff, as well as local partners and volunteers from the communities will be involved in organizing implementation in the communities and facilitating a participatory approach in the implementation. KOINONIA and its local partners will involve local leadership in the response. There is a team of facilitators, promoters and local leaders who will ensure the proper implementation of the humanitarian response, establishing operational committees for an adequate management of the aid.

Human resources and administration of funds
 KOINONIA has a Manual of Administrative Procedures which guides financial management at the institutional level, with Internal regulations and other guidelines on human talent management processes such as personnel selection, development and performance appraisal. As an institutional norm audits are carried out every six months (July and December). KOINONIA will assign a Director, a Financial Advisor and accountant and admin staff, which will be the responsible team for the timely execution of the RRF.

Communications
 The aid will be properly identified with ACT Alliance logo, and photos and human interest stories will be gathered to build a factual record of the Project and its impact on the lives of beneficiaries, and will be published in social networks and other media. Photos and stories will be provided for communication purposes. Regular reporting and case stories will be shared with the ACT Secretariat and the Alliance.

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Section 4: Budget Summary

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		Type of	No. of	Unit	Appeal	Appeal
		Unit	Units	Cost	Budget	Budget
				BRL	BRL	USD
DIRECT COSTS						
1 PROGRAM STAFF						
1.1.	Coordinator	per month	3	2,000.00	6,000	1,644
1.2.	Local Advisor 1	per month	3	1,800.00	5,400	1,479
1.3.	Local Advisor 2	per month	3	1,800.00	5,400	1,479
TOTAL PROGRAM STAFF					16,800	4,603
Description		Type of	No. of	Unit	Appeal	Appeal
		Unit	Units	Cost	Budget	Budget
				BRL	BRL	USD
2 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES						
2.2.	Food security				73,500	20,137
2.2.1.	Canned sardines x 30 days	pac	300	163.00	48,900	13,397
2.2.2	Beans x 30 days	pac	300	82.00	24,600	6,740
2.3.	Water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH)				142,500	39,041
2.3.1.	Potable Water x 85 days	liter	127,500	1.00	127,500	34,932
2.3.1.	Hygiene Kits	kit	300	50.00	15,000	4,110
2.5.	Protection / Psychosocial support				160,000	43,836
2.5.1.	Psychosocial Support Sessions	Sessions	4,000	40.00	160,000	43,836
TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES					376,000	103,014
3 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION						
3.1.	Needs Assessment	global	4	50.00	200	55
3.2.	Communication / visibility Kit	kit	1.00	3,000.00	3,000	822
3.3.	Complaint mechanisms (Complaints boxes)	box	30.00	5.00	150	41
3.4.	Monitoring & Evaluation	meeting	4.00	1,500.00	6,000	1,644
3.5.	Audit	audit	1.00	5,000.00	5,000	1,370
TOTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION					14,350	3,932

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4 PROGRAM LOGISTICS

Transport (of relief materials)

4.1. Hire/ Rental of Vehicles

4.1.1	Car rentals (4 cars x 90 days)	car/day	270	300.00	81,000	22,192
4.1.2	Trucks (15 days)	truck/km	2,000	10.00	20,000	5,479
4.2.	Fuel-Diesel	liter/mon	3,500	3.63	12,705	3,481

Handling

4.4.	Salaries / wages for Truck Driver	person/day	15	100.00	1,500	411
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TOTAL PROGRAM LOGISTICS

115,205	31,563
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TOTAL DIRECT COST

522,355	143,111
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INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

e.g. Staff salaries

Salaries e. g 10% for Programme Director	person/month	3	750.00	2,250	616
Salaries e. g 5% for Finance Advisor	person/month	3	550.00	1,650	452
Salaries for accountant and admin staff	person/month	3	4,000.00	12,000	3,288

Office Operations

Office Utilities	per month	3	1,500.00	4,500	1,233
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Communications

Telephone and fax	per month	3	600.00	1,800	493
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Other

Insurance	per month	3	500.00	1,500	411
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TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT

23,700	6,493
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE

546,055	149,604
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ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of \$149,604 USD from its Rapid Response Fund, and would appreciate receiving contributions to replenish this payment in full or in part. Should there be an appeal for this emergency, the RRF payment will be considered an advance.

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