

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response		
Serbia	Emergency Response to Floods in Sumadija and West Serbia	
Summary	Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization (EHO)	Philanthropy, Charitable Foundation of the Serbian Orthodox Church
Implementation period	24 June 2019 23 September 2019 3 (months)	24 June 2019 23 September 2019 3 (months)
Geographical area	Sumadija and West Serbia	Sumadija and West Serbia
Sectors of response	x Shelter / NFIs Health WASH Food Security	x Shelter / NFIs Health WASH Food Security
Targeted beneficiaries (per sector)	150 HH for livelihood	165 HH for cash 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 3 June 2019 five districts in Serbia (Moravica, Rasina, Sumadija, Pomoravlje and Ras, namely central and western Serbia) were affected with flash flooding caused by massive rainstorms and heavy showers that exceeded 100l/m². Serbian Ministry for Internal Affairs, Sector for Emergency Situations declared state of emergency in these five districts. In all listed districts both rural and urban households are affected. Affected areas are localised, but heavily damaged. Municipalities that experienced significant damage in infrastructure, private sector, households and agricultural livelihood and have declared emergency situations are: Kraljevo, Knic, Ivanjica, Trstenik, Svilajnac, Paracin, Cuprija, Arilje, Lucani, Novi Pazar, Tutin, Vrnjacka banja, Sremska Mitrovica. One person has lost life. As high temperatures have been forecasted for the following days, there is a high risk of spreading contamination and infections, both among humans and animals. Water supplies are compromised. Several thousand hectares of agricultural land are destroyed as well as roads and more than 20 bridges.</p>		
<p>Humanitarian Needs</p> <p>According to the rapid needs assessment that Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization (EHO) and Philanthropy conducted in previous days, heavy showers and flash floods had critically damaged households, main livelihoods and food stocks. Houses and households items are destroyed. The water affected the crops, forcing many families to fight for their existence. There is urgent need for cattle food, shelter, sanitation support and livelihood restoration. The current situation resulted in a variety of needs having in mind that both households 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, primarily serving shelter and settlement. EHO will provide different types of fodder to sustain nutrition of livestock for 4 weeks for affected households in target locations. Affected households are depending on their agricultural goods both for their own diet and for income generation. Damage on crops is more than 80% which means that almost all of their supplies for now and for the upcoming period are devastated. Serbian authorities are not able to respond immediately due to complicated legal procedures and local authorities have been already affected with floods in</p>		

2014 and 2018 and their capacities in terms of funds are limited. Local authorities already arranged disinfection of affected households.

Capacity

Philanthropy is established as an emergency response organization and has 28 years long experience in providing humanitarian assistance (war in former Yugoslavia, NATO intervention 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 more than 25 years in emergency response and humanitarian assistance, specifically in flood disaster response since the massive floods in 2014 with more than 20 projects. The assistance consisted of urgent emergency response and long-term aid support for farmers/livestock, and reconstruction.

Proposed response

In targeted municipalities (EHO: Trstenik, Philanthropy: Knjic and Kraljevo) there are app. 1.000 affected households. In cooperation with local authorities and centers for social welfare EHO and Philanthropy will select social vulnerable families. Beside direct humanitarian aid, Philanthropy finds cash assistance as a most appropriate. This type of assistance offers freedom of choice and dignity for vulnerable people. Philanthropy has 5 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	Houses, households and livelihoods in target areas are destroyed and people are facing significant barriers to meet their basic needs.
Target beneficiaries	Cash assistance: 165 vulnerable households in Sumadija and West Serbia Food for cattle: 150 households in Sumadija and West 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 food for cattle, each HH will receive 480kg of fodder)
Specific objective(s)/ Outputs	1. 165 HHs receive unconditional cash assistance to meet their most urgent shelter needs 2. 150 HHs meet their basic needs for cattle fodder for 4 weeks
Overall objective / Outcome(s)	Addressing the emergency needs in affected households in Sumadija and West Serbia

Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	24 July 2019
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	23 December 2019

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

Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination

Coordination

Philanthropy and EHO are in ongoing communication and coordination 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 the ACT Secretariat.

Implementation arrangements

Having in mind the level of damage, both Philanthropy and EHO will be responsible for the implementation of this project in Sumadija and West Serbia. Taking into account different needs in different locations, ACT members agreed to provide assistance in different villages. Philanthropy will involve its staff from the local offices. Both members will use local churches and networks of volunteers. Both members are coordinating with local authorities and will provide dehumidifiers for targeted locations. The design takes into consideration lessons learned from previous emergency responses such as the floods in 2014 and 2018, 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 are trained, with operations implemented according to ethical and humanitarian 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

4.1 EHO BUDGET

	Type of	No. of	Unit Cost	RRF Budget	RRF Budget
	Unit	Units	RSD	RSD	USD
DIRECT COST					
Livelihood (provender/animal feeding)	provender	150	16,000	2,400,000	23,019.64
<u>Other Sector Related Direct Costs</u>					
Field coordinator and distribution team	Month	3	180,000	540,000	5,179.42
Communication/visibility cost	Month	3	1,800	5,400	51.79
Beneficiary Selection				0	0.00

TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				2,945,400	28,251
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING					
<u>Transport (of relief materials)</u>					
Hire/ Rental of Vehicles				0	0.00
Fuel	Month	2	10,000	20,000	191.83
<u>Warehousing</u>					0.00
Rental of warehouse				0	0.00
<u>Handling</u>					
Accommodation costs				18,000	172.65
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING				38,000	364
TOTAL DIRECT COST				2,983,400	28,615
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT					
<u>Office Operations</u>					
<u>EHO Finances and Administration</u>					
	Month	3	17,000	51,000	489.17
<u>EHO Logistician</u>					
	Month	3	30,000	90,000	863.24
<u>Office Utilities</u>					
				0	0.00
<u>Communications</u>					
Telephone and fax				3,364	32.26
<u>Other</u>					
Insurance				0	0.00
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT				144,364	1,385
AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION					
Audit of ACT RRF				0	0.00
Monitoring & Evaluation				0	0.00
TOTAL AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION				0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				3,127,763.90	30,000.00

4.2 PHILANTHROPY BUDGET

	Type of	No. of	Unit	RRF	RRF
	Unit	Units	Cost	Budget	Budget
			RSD	RSD	USD
DIRECT COST					
Shelter and settlement (cash for shelter)	Cash cards	165	15,250	2,516,250	24,134.65
Field coordinator 30%	Month	3	45,000	135,000	1,294.85
Distribution team (2 persons) (50%)	Month	3	81,000	243,000	2,330.74
Communication/visibility cost	Month	3	5,000	15,000	143.87
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				2,909,250	27,904
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING					
<u>Transport (of relief materials)</u>					
Fuel	Month	3	30,000	90,000	863.24
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING				90,000	863
TOTAL DIRECT COST				2,999,250	28,767
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT					
<u>Office Operations</u>					
Office rent 30 %	Month	3	25,500	76,500	733.75
Office Utilities 25%	Month	3	6,000	18,000	172.65
Office stationery 25 %	Month	3	6,500	19,500	187.03
<u>Communications</u>					
Telephone and fax 25%	Month	3	4,000	12,000	115.10
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT				126,000	1,209
AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION					
Monitoring & Evaluation	Estimate		2,514	2,514	24.11
TOTAL AUDIT, MONITORING & EVALUATION				2,514	24
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				3,127,764.00	30,000.00

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of US\$ 60,000 (\$30,000 each for EHO and Philanthropy) from its Rapid Response Fund (GRRF19) 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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