

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response	
Vanuatu	Emergency Response to Manaro Volcano Eruption in Penama Province
Implementation Period	1 st Oct 2019 – 30 th March 2020
Geographical Areas	Ambae Island
Implementing Members	ACT for Peace (AfP), Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA), Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCO A) –see summary in Annex 1
Sectors of response	Livelihoods, Shelter and Disaster Risk Reduction
Target Beneficiaries	~540 households: 1,330 M; 1326 F
Requested Budget	USD40,000
Is there an updated ACT Forum EPRP?	No
Section 2: Narrative Summary	
<p>Background</p> <p>On 18th March 2018 the Manaro volcano on the island of Ambae erupted and for the second time in six months triggered a state of emergency and mass evacuations of the population. The heavy outpourings of ash and gas has resulted in hazards of acid rain, flash floods, loss of food and water sources, and damage to infrastructure and human health. Large portions of the island were significantly impacted, all education institutions and key government services were closed and staff and students evacuated to other islands.</p> <p>Volcanic Alert remains at Level 2 by the end of 2018 but the possibility of escalation is low. However, the area remains at high risk for flooding, landslides and continued ashfall deposits and volcanic gases. Some of the residents are now returning and re-establishing their lives on the island.</p>	
<p>Humanitarian Needs</p> <p>Residents need to restore their livelihoods and repair their shelter and homes in Ambae island. They need support on capital inputs for farming and livestock and assistance in shelter repairs.</p>	
<p>Capacity</p> <p>The requesting members' partners have been responding to the Ambae volcano in various roles since October 2017 after the initial eruption and state of emergency. They have been providing PFA and Psychosocial Support, household items, CP, food security trainings, food distributions and vouchers for basic household items on Ambae and Espirito Santo islands already. As almost all of the impacted population identify as either Anglican, Churches of Christ or Adventist, our implementing partners have strong community bonds and are able to access, engage and implement activities with communities at great depth.</p>	
<p>Proposed response</p> <p>As displaced communities return to Ambae, re-establishing livelihoods, repairing shelter and building up cash crops and livestock our partners will be providing community support through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural training and support in adaptive, improved agricultural practice. - Provision of restocking and garden tools. - Establishing / re-building and training of Community Disaster & Climate Change Committees, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Initial training and registration with the National Disaster Management Office o Training on Gender-based Violence and its referral services o Training on IDA, community hazard mapping o Training on Cash and Voucher Assistance and 'pre-positioned cash'; registration of vulnerable/at-risk community members. 	

- Undertaking GIS mapping and assessments of evacuation centres and facilities using the Safe n Redi app.

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

Problems	Residents need to restore their livelihoods and repair their shelter and homes in Ambae island. They need support on capital inputs for farming and livestock and assistance in shelter repairs.
Target beneficiaries	540 households that have returned to Ambae Island.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & registration of CDCCC across 6 key at-risk communities using NDMO trained staff within 4 months. • 'Strengthening' training of CDCCC's across at least 6 at-risk communities in GBV, CVA and IDA focussed trainings within 6 months. • ToT of 30 'Safe n Ready' GIS mapping enumerators within 1 month. • 'Safe n Redi' GIS mapping & assessment of ECs across Ambae island within 3 months • Adaptive agricultural trainings in 6 key at-risk communities and provision of tools and stock.
Specific objective(s)/ Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The resilience of agricultural livelihoods will be improved through improved knowledge and adaptation of 'volcanic-proof' gardening practices. • The capacity of local communities to prepare, respond and recover from disasters will be increased through established CDCCC's. • Through 'Safe n Redi' GIS mapping and assessment of EC's better-informed decision-making on management of IDP and relief logistics can be made.
Overall objective / Outcome(s)	Through the above activities the communities on Ambae will be able to re-establish livelihoods sooner, have stronger preparedness and response capacity at the community level. Their resilience to future volcanic eruptions, cyclones and flooding will be greatly increased.

Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	30 November 2019
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	30 May 2020
Audit report (90 days after the ending date)	30 June 2020

Monitoring and evaluation

An initial desktop review of existing information will be used to inform which information is required for baselining and what already exists. Training participants' records, focus group discussions, key stakeholder interviews, complaints & feedback submissions and trainer/project team lessons learned activities will all be used to evaluate and assess the project before, during and after project implementation. Both project staff, PANZ members and independent evaluator will be utilised during M&E process to ensure all parties and stakeholders participate and learn.

Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination

Coordination

The Church Relief Task Force will assign key roles and responsibilities across its to maintain coordination and communication across the various partners and stakeholders. Partners can have multiple roles. Roles will include:

Project Coordinator: Maintains the overall coordination and management of all project activities. All members report activities to the Coordinator.

Gender & Protection Cluster lead: Attends cluster meetings and ensures coordination and alignment between project activities and Cluster response.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster lead: As above.

Partner lead: Responsible for leading the particular partner (ACOM, CCCV, VCC) led activities and bilateral communications with corresponding ACT PANZ member.

Protection & Safeguarding lead: Responsible for ensuring protection policies and procedures are enacted, and any volunteers and staff receive the necessary trainings.

Peacebuilding & Conflict resolution lead: Responsible for implementing the project activities of this thematic area.

GBV lead: as above.

Adaptive agriculture lead: as above.

External Coordination & Collaboration: Key partners and stakeholders in NGO and Government will also be briefed via Cluster, Working Groups (e.g. Cash Working Group) meetings and face-to-face meetings. Where possible opportunities for collaboration, scale and complimentary activities will be undertaken.

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Implementation arrangements

- Similar to the roles allocated within the in-country Church Relief Task Force (see above) the PANZ members will also have leads responsible for the key project areas (see above).
- PANZ members will coordinate bilaterally with their in-country partner on their activities and assist in addressing any challenges and issues that may arise during the response.
- PANZ members will also regularly meet to share and coordinate updates with the overall PANZ Project Coordinator.

Human resources and administration of funds

Similar to the roles allocated within the in-country Church Relief Task Force (see above) the PANZ members will also have leads responsible for the key project areas (see above).

PANZ members will coordinate bilaterally with their in-country partner on their activities and assist in addressing any challenges and issues that may arise during the response.

PANZ members will also regularly meet to share and coordinate updates with the overall PANZ Project Coordinator.

Communications

Project advocacy will be undertaken at the national and regional level - nationally by the in-country PANZ partners, and regionally by PANZ. Each partner will focus on key messaging around building community resilience in protection, peacebuilding and food security areas, with an emphasis on the message being that the displaced people of Ambae have not been forgotten by PANZ members and their local church partners, and that the rest of the world should not forget them either.

Content from case studies, training outcomes, M&E reporting, etc. will be developed and released across our social media sources, national media outlets, newsletters, etc.

Section 4: Budget Summary

Note: A related Appeal for this emergency, VUT191, is published on the ACT website: https://actalliance.org/?post_type=appeals_r_r_funds&p=9963. Please refer to VUT 191 Appeal budget, as this RRF is programmed within the overall Appeal intervention.

Section 5: Annexes (mandatory)

Key Annexes have been submitted to ACT Secretariat

Annex 1 shows the summary of intervention for each requesting member.

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of US\$40,000 from the Global Rapid Response Fund (GRRF) and would be grateful to receive contributions to wholly or partially replenish this payment.

This RRF is issued to three international members based in Australia, with an executive exception granted by one RRF donor on the basis of not having a direct ACT member presence in Vanuatu, and with a view of establishing strategic long-term partnerships in the Pacific. A related Appeal for this emergency, VUT191, is published on the ACT website:

https://actalliance.org/?post_type=appeals_r_r_funds&p=9963. Any additional support to this response may be directed through VUT191.

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Summary	AOA	COCOA	Act for Peace
Implementation period	From 1 October 2019 to 30 June 2020 9 (months)	From 1 October 2019 to 30 June 2020 9 (months)	From 1 October 2019 to 30 June 2020 9 (months)
Geographical area	Ambae Island	Ambae Island	Ambae Island
Sectors of response	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/NFIs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ER ¹ /Livelihoods <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unconditional CASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/Psychosocial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Community resilience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/NFIs <input type="checkbox"/> ER/Livelihoods <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional CASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/Psychosocial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Community resilience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/NFIs <input type="checkbox"/> ER/Livelihoods <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional CASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/Psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Community resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition
Targeted beneficiaries (per sector)	GBV, CS: 540 households Food Security & Nutrition: 540 households	GBV, CS: 540 households Food Security & Nutrition: 540 households	Approximately 400 male and female leaders on Maewo and Espirito Santo.
Requested budget in the Appeal (USD)	122,082 (USD)	37,015 (USD)	96,953 (USD)
RRF Allocation	19,040 (USD)	5,824 (USD)	15,136 (USD)

¹ ER = Early Recovery