

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response	
Philippines	Emergency assistance for people affected by the earthquake in Mindanao
Summary	National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)
Implementation period	November 8, 2019 to February 9, 2020 3 (months)
Geographical area	North Cotabato Province – Municipalities of Makilala and Tulunan Davao del Sur Province – Municipalities of Bansalan and Magsaysay
Sectors of response	Food Security
Targeted beneficiaries	1,500 households
Requested budget (USD)	USD 59,340
Is there an updated ACT Forum EPRP?	Yes
Section 2: Narrative Summary	
<p>Background</p> <p>On October 29, around 9:04 AM, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) recorded a magnitude 6.6 earthquake with the epicenter located in the municipality of Tulunan, North Cotabato with a depth of 7 kilometers. Just 2 days after, a 6.5 magnitude shook Central Mindanao with its epicentre at Tulunan, North Cotabato. Almost two weeks before these, on October 16, a 6.3 magnitude earthquake was recorded with the same epicenter Tulunan, North Cotabato. All of these occurrences are considered as part of a sequence of events from interrelated faults in the region. PHILVOLCS has reported that aftershocks may continue until December this year. Due to the magnitude of the events, landslide incidents were reported, and small to medium-sized earthquakes are experienced by the affected communities.</p> <p>The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has recorded 50,930 households/254,473 persons affected by the series of earthquakes in the provinces of Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental, and North Cotabato. UN OCHA estimates about 43,600 displaced people with about 80% of them staying in evacuation centers. They also reported that 33,110 houses have been damaged, 67% of which totally destroyed. Tulunan and Makilala municipalities in North Cotabato and Magsaysay, Davao del Sur have been most affected. There is a reported total of 22 dead, 424 injured, and 2 missing persons.</p>	
<p>Humanitarian Needs</p> <p>The number of displaced people and people moving to evacuation centers is increasing every day as they feel the aftershocks and its effect on their homes. The most urgent and requested assistance needed are food, sleeping materials, and tarpaulins which people turn into makeshift tents. We expect that the need to support repair and reconstruction of houses will also increase. Evacuation centers, usually school buildings, are also getting damaged by the aftershocks that people prefer to stay in makeshift tents around it.</p> <p>The national government leads the emergency response although the needs on the ground are much more than what they can support. Confusion on the relief distribution process has resulted to incidents of disputes and unrest in some evacuation centers. NDRRMC has reported that water systems have been damaged in most areas that water supply is limited especially for drinking water. Some evacuation centers have rations, wherein evacuees would have to provide their own containers. Most displaced individuals, especially children, exhibit the need for psychological first aid and debriefing because of trauma.</p>	
<p>Capacity</p> <p>NCCP has conducted a number of humanitarian response programmes for many years. The NCCP Secretariat's Humanitarian Response Team will partner with the Cotabato Regional Ecumenical</p>	

Council (COREC), a network of local NCCP member churches that has been active in engaging with its communities, especially with the farmers and indigenous people groups. COREC has partnered with the NCCP Secretariat for its relief and rehabilitation project in Cotabato for Tropical Storm Sendong in the past.

The NCCP Secretariat is also coordinating the emergency response efforts with its member churches, such as the United Methodist Church-Davao Episcopal Area through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Iglesia Filipina Independiente, and Episcopal Diocese of Southern Philippines. Its ecumenical partners, Asuncion Perez Memorial Center Inc. and Citizens Disaster Response Center, are also included in the coordination work. The NCCP is maximizing the Philippine FBO Forum, a network of the three largest Christian councils in the country for humanitarian and development, which is initiated by the ACT Philippines Forum. NCCP coordinates with other humanitarian actors as well, and is active in the coordination mechanisms in the country. With the growing and urgent need for emergency response, the NCCP has already activated its emergency response team and will proceed with the response once resources become available. As a local counterpart, the NCCP Operation Paglingap, a local mobilization program for financial, material, and human resources, will also be launched.

Proposed response

The proposed response will provide immediate relief through the distribution of food packs to 1,500 households in four (4) municipalities from the two aforementioned regions.

The following are the priority areas identified by the NCCP in the affected regions:

Province	Municipality	Target beneficiaries
(North) Cotabato	Makilala	600 HH
	Tulunán	400 HH
Davao del Sur	Bansalan	100 HH
	Magsaysay	400 HH

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

Problems	A series of destructive earthquakes occurred in the island of Mindanao, particularly the provinces of North Cotabato and Davao del Sur which affected the lives of its people. Aftershocks are expected to continue until the end of the year which causes fear and anxiety while people live in makeshift tents outside their homes. Access to food, water, and livelihoods have been disrupted which makes them vulnerable to illness and diseases.
Target beneficiaries	At least 1,500 directly affected households which represent 7,500 individuals (3,719 women; 3,781 men; 1,599 girls; 1,691 boys).
Main activities	In coordination with the local partners and authorities in the areas, the following activities are planned to be undertaken within three months: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of 1,500 food packs Further assessments will also be conducted as we monitor the earthquake's impact.
Specific objective(s)/ Outputs	1,500 households are able to meet their basic food needs for two weeks
Overall objective / Outcome(s)	Address the emergency food needs of households affected by the earthquakes in four (4) municipalities in Regions 11 and 12.

Reporting Schedule

	Type of Report	Due date	
	Situation report	8 December 2019	
	Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	9 April 2020	
	Audit report (90 days after the ending date)	9 May 2020	
Monitoring and evaluation			
<p>Project monitoring will be conducted by the NCCP Program Unit on Faith, Witness and Service. Situation and project reports will be prepared by NCCP program staff, COREC, and local partners. Moreover, the final financial and narrative report, as well as the audit will be prepared based on the guidelines set by ACT Alliance reporting and will be in conformity with ACT guidelines.</p>			
Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination			
Coordination			
<p>The ACT Philippines Forum has a working EPRP which is activated based on the triggers set. The NCCP will tap and engage with its member churches, ecumenical networks, and local partners, especially those who will be implementing their emergency response as well. The NCCP will maximize the broader network and partners of the Forum, as well as the Philippine FBO Forum, the network of the three largest Christian councils and faith-based groups in the country for humanitarian and development). Information will be shared with other humanitarian organizations. Protocols on coordination with local government units will be strictly observed.</p>			
Implementation arrangements			
<p>The NCCP Program Unit on Faith, Witness and Service under which the Humanitarian Response Unit is lodged will oversee the implementation of the proposed assistance. At the community level, the project will be co-implemented by the Cotabato Regional Ecumenical Council (COREC). COREC is an organized fellowship of NCCP local churches in the region who also been affected by the series of earthquakes in October. The NCCP Secretariat will manage the various stages of project implementation, with proper consultation with authorities, local leaders, and partners. Locally resourced goods and donations from member churches, partners, and individuals will be coursed through the NCCP Secretariat and/or COREC.</p> <p>NCCP will inform the ACT Secretariat immediately if the political issues in the Philippines will affect this humanitarian response. A Risk Analysis and Security Plan will also be developed and shared with the ACT Secretariat since Mindanao is under Martial Law.</p>			
Human resources and administration of funds			
<p>The Program Unit on Faith, Witness and Service, the development and humanitarian response unit of the NCCP, will oversee the timely implementation of the response. The project will be supervised by the Program Manager. The Emergency Response Officer will lead the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the proposed interventions, supported by an Emergency Program Assistant. Field Volunteer/s will be hired based on the need to facilitate community mobilization and gather data. The canvassing, purchasing, and monitoring of deliveries shall be performed by the NCCP's procurement officer.</p> <p>The NCCP has a Finance Manual and Procurement Policy which guides the financial management at the institutional level, and other guidelines on recruiting and managing of personnel, particularly the Code of Conduct, Child Safeguarding policy, among others.</p>			
Communications			
<p>The emergency aid will be properly identified with ACT Alliance logo, and co-branding will be done in humanitarian engagements. The NCCP website and social media accounts will be maximized in the publication of response updates through articles, sitreps, and other resource materials. This will make a historical account of the project and its impact to the lives of the participants. A Sitrep will be shared within the Alliance. NCCP will also maximize its communication materials in the communities to ensure accountability and promote the complaints and response mechanism.</p>			

Section 4: Budget Summary

	Type of	No. of	Unit Cost	Appeal	Appeal	
	Unit	Units	PHP	Budget	Budget	
				PHP	USD	
DIRECT COSTS						
National program staff						
1.1.	Emergency Response- Coordinator	month	3	23,000	69,000	1,365
1.2.	Emergency Response- Program Assistant	month	3	22,500	67,500	1,335
1.3.	Field volunteers	month	3	20,000	60,000	1,187
1.10.						
TOTAL PROGRAM STAFF				196,500	3,887	
PROGRAM ACTIVITIES						
2	Shelter and settlement / Non-food items				-	-
2.1.					-	-
2.1.5.	Food security				2,250,000	44,505
2.2.	Distribution of food packs	set	1,500	1,500	2,250,000	44,505
2.4.5.	Protection / Psychosocial support				-	-
					-	-
TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES				2,250,000	44,505	
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION						
3						
3.1.	Local Partners	monthly	3	10,000	30,000	593
3.1.	Needs Assessment	lumpsum	1	36,000	36,000	712
3.3.	Rapid Support Team (ACT FAST)				-	-
3.4.	Baseline / endline Assessment				-	-
3.2.	Comunication / visibility	monthly	3	1,500	4,500	89
3.3.	Complaint mechanisms	monthly	3	1,000	3,000	59
3.4.	Monitoring & evaluation	lumpsum	1	25,000	25,000	494
3.5.	Audit	lumpsum	1	120,000	120,000	2,374
TOTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION				218,500	4,322	
PROGRAM LOGISTICS						
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Transport (of relief materials)						
4.1.	Hire/ Rental of Vehicles	trips	5	5,000	25,000	494
4.2.	Fuel	month	3	5,500	16,500	326
Warehousing						
4.3.	Rental of warehouse & maintenance	month	3	8,000	24,000	475
4.4.	Wages for Security/ Guards	month	3	6,000	18,000	356
Handling						
4.5.	Salaries for Logistician/Procurement Officer	month	3	22,200	66,600	1,317
4.6.	Salaries / wages for labourers	month	3	8,000	24,000	475
4.4.	Salaries / wages for Drivers	month	3	5,000	15,000	297
4.8.	travel	month	3	20,000	60,000	1,187
4.9.	accomodation	month	3	7,000	21,000	415
TOTAL PROGRAM LOGISTICS				270,100	5,343	
TOTAL DIRECT COST				2,935,100	58,056	
					58,056	
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT						
<u>Staff salaries</u>						
	Salaries for Programme Director	0.20	3	42,500	25,500	504
	Salaries for Finance Director	0.20	3	30,000	18,000	356
	Salaries for /admin staff	0.15	3	21,200	9,540	189
<u>Office Operations</u>						
	Office rent				-	-
	Office Utilities	month	3	2,000	6,000	119
	Office stationery	month	3	1,000	3,000	59
<u>Communications</u>						
	Telephone/Load Card/Internet	month	3	700	2,100	42
<u>Other</u>						
	Insurance	lump	1	760	760	15
					-	-
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT				64,900	1,284	
				2%	2%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				3,000,000	59,340	
BALANCE REQUESTED (minus available income)				3,000,000	59,340	

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of US\$59,340 from the Global 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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