

## Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

<b>Section 1: Overview of response</b>																					
EL SALVADOR	Emergency Response to Tropical Storm Amanda in El Salvador																				
<b>Summary</b>	<b>Salvadorian Lutheran Synod (SLS) and Alfalit</b>																				
Implementation period	From June 15th to October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020																				
Geographical area	The Act Forum capacity in El Salvador will allow to respond to the needs in 9 of the 14 department of El Salvador, based on the intensity of the event and the general damage. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Department</th> <th>Municipalities</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>San Salvador</td> <td>Soyapango, Mejicanos, San Salvador, Apopa, Nejapa, El Paisnal, and Rosario de Mora</td> </tr> <tr> <td>La Libertad</td> <td>Jayaque, and Ciudad Arce</td> </tr> <tr> <td>La Paz</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chalatenango</td> <td>Nueva Concepción and El Paraíso</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ahuachapan</td> <td>San Francisco Menéndez, Jujutla, and Guaymango</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sonsonate</td> <td>San Julián</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Santa Ana</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>La Union</td> <td>Pasaquina</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Usulután</td> <td>Jiquilisco, San Rafael Oriente, Puerto Parada</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Department	Municipalities	San Salvador	Soyapango, Mejicanos, San Salvador, Apopa, Nejapa, El Paisnal, and Rosario de Mora	La Libertad	Jayaque, and Ciudad Arce	La Paz		Chalatenango	Nueva Concepción and El Paraíso	Ahuachapan	San Francisco Menéndez, Jujutla, and Guaymango	Sonsonate	San Julián	Santa Ana		La Union	Pasaquina	Usulután	Jiquilisco, San Rafael Oriente, Puerto Parada
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Sectors of response	Food Security Cash transfers																				
Targeted beneficiaries (per sector)	A total of 1,450 households will be provided with food and cash assistance contributions to recuperate their livelihoods																				
Requested budget (USD)	75,000 (USD)																				
Is there an updated ACT Forum EPRP?	Yes																				
<b>Section 2: Narrative Summary</b>																					
<b>Background</b>	May 31 <sup>st</sup> : tropical depression 2-e is reclassified as Tropical Storm Amanda. In 3 hours, 10% of the average annual rainfall had hit El Salvador. On Sunday the 1 <sup>st</sup> of June, El Salvador's government declared a Red Alert.																				

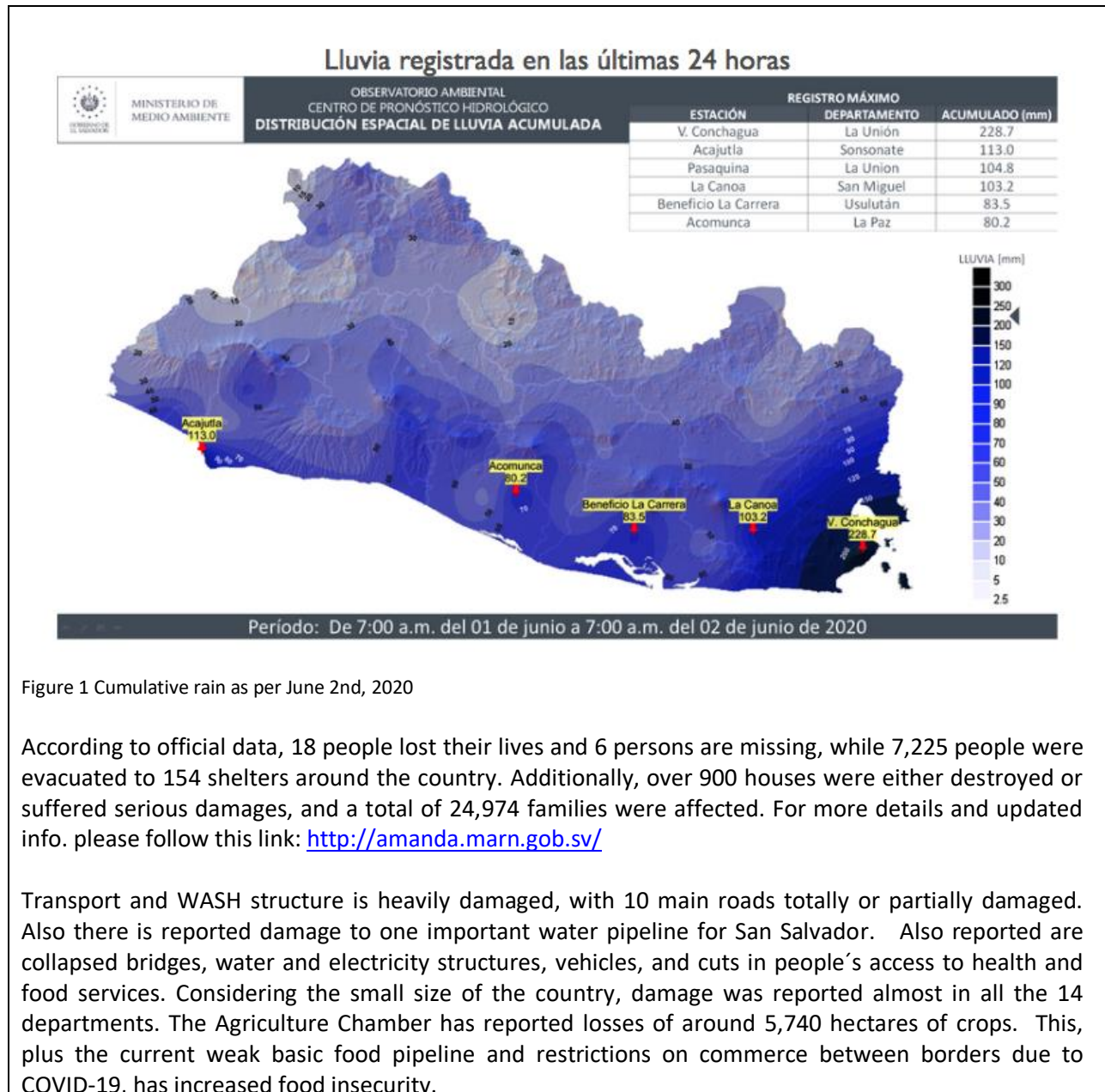


Figure 1 Cumulative rain as per June 2nd, 2020

According to official data, 18 people lost their lives and 6 persons are missing, while 7,225 people were evacuated to 154 shelters around the country. Additionally, over 900 houses were either destroyed or suffered serious damages, and a total of 24,974 families were affected. For more details and updated info. please follow this link: <http://amanda.marn.gob.sv/>

Transport and WASH structure is heavily damaged, with 10 main roads totally or partially damaged. Also there is reported damage to one important water pipeline for San Salvador. Also reported are collapsed bridges, water and electricity structures, vehicles, and cuts in people's access to health and food services. Considering the small size of the country, damage was reported almost in all the 14 departments. The Agriculture Chamber has reported losses of around 5,740 hectares of crops. This, plus the current weak basic food pipeline and restrictions on commerce between borders due to COVID-19, has increased food insecurity.

**Humanitarian Needs**

The sudden onset of the Tropical Storm plus the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 have contributed to the high impact of this event. Soil saturation is high in the whole country (see figure 1) resulting in severe damage of crops and infrastructure at a time when the rainy season had just begun. Consequently, families are further deprived of food and income sources to face the economic consequences of both events.

In regards to emergency shelters, many of them are improvised and can exponentially increase the cases of COVID19. Even the government has no appropriate facilities and some of the shelters even combined the evacuated population from the storm and quarantined population due to COVID-19. There is great need for hygiene supplies and different types of medicines.

Many families live on the banks of rivers and/or in crowded and poorly structured housing; therefore, the vulnerabilities of these populations at risk are exacerbated, generating the following main humanitarian needs: food, WASH, shelters, psychosocial support, health services, and cash transfers to recover their means of life.

**Capacity**

The members of the ACT Alliance in El Salvador are currently active, monitoring the development of the Tropical Storm and are in contact with authorities, partners and other NGOs in preparation to respond. The ACT Forum in El Salvador is currently composed of Salvadorian Lutheran Synod and Asociación Cristiana de Educación y Desarrollo (ALFALIT), and a number of international members. It has experience in humanitarian response since 1998 and has effectively responded to multiple emergencies, such as : the Mitch Hurricane and other storms, 3 severe earthquakes, frequent droughts, etc.

The Forum also has experience in the application of ACT standards of response, including the Code of Conduct, accountability measures, internal and external evaluations, and continued training on the implementation of projects as well as the appropriate presentation of RRFs and appeals. Through its members, it has presence in 12 departments of El Salvador, and a strong coordination with grassroots organizations and leaders at the community level.

### Proposed response

Does the proposed response honour ACT's commitment to Child Safeguarding?  
<http://actalliance.org/documents/act-alliance-child-safeguarding-guidance-document/>

Yes  No

Problems	Many lives have been lost and there is a high risk of further losses. Loss of housing and belongings. Loss of food security and livelihoods (For instance: lost crops, fishing and small commerce activities). Destruction of highways, bridges, electricity and water supply. Thousands of people in shelters at risk of increasing the number of COVID19 cases.
Target beneficiaries	1,450 households who have lost their houses, belongings and livelihoods due to the tropical storm Amanda in 10 departments of El Salvador.
Activities	The following activities will be carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection in coordination with authorities and community leaders.</li> <li>▪ Distribution of food packages to affected families.</li> <li>▪ Provision of cash transfers to contribute to the recovery of family livelihoods.</li> <li>▪ Conduction of permanent monitoring and evaluation activities.</li> <li>▪ Production of an interim and final narrative and financial report.</li> </ul>
Specific objective/ Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To deliver basic food packages to 1,450 family units.</li> <li>2. To provide cash transfers to 1,450 families for them to invest in reinstating their livelihoods.</li> </ol>
Overall objective	To provide emergency response to families affected by Tropical Storm Amanda with food packages and monetary transfers to support their livelihoods.

### Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Audit report (90 days after the ending date)	January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

### Monitoring and evaluation

The implementing organizations are responsible for the monitoring of activities in the field, while the Coordination Committee is responsible for a monthly follow up of strategies. A shared monitoring and evaluation matrix will be designed for the collection of the same field of information from each member. At the end of the action, a participatory evaluation of the project will be conducted by each member with the communities, either through the internet or physically according to the state of COVID-19, to include lessons learned in the final narrative report.

### Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination

**Coordination**

The El Salvador Forum has agreed to appoint the Salvadorian Lutheran Synod as the Project Coordinator, according to its current role of Forum coordinator as well.

**Implementation arrangements**

The members of the ACT Forum, either directly or through their partners, will implement the Project. They will coordinate with local authorities in each municipality of intervention and with community leaders to ensure a transparent and efficient delivery. A Coordination Committee with representatives of ALFALIT and Synod Lutheran Salvadorian will be established for the oversight of activities; which will meet monthly and secure the timely preparation of financial and narrative reports.

**Human resources and administration of funds**

Each implementing institution will have a dedicated technician for the intervention, community based promoters to conduct the field work, and an administrator to support with financial matters.

Salvadorian Lutheran Synod will act as administrator by signing an agreement with each executing organization and will be responsible for financial and programmatic follow-up. The Forum has a guideline of administrative procedures, which guides a proper financial management and includes the mandatory completion of an external audit.

**Communications**

Support from the ACT Alliance will be visible in banners at every Project activity, including stickers with the logo of participating organizations in every food package. Additionally, records of photographs, videos, and interviews to beneficiaries will be produced. This way each member will document the impact of the intervention in the lives of participants and will share it using its institutional channels in social media and websites, as well as external channels like radio and national TV.

***Section 4: Budget Summary***

Budget (USD)		
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>PROGRAM STAFF</b>	<b>3,600.00</b>
1.3	National program staff	3,600.00
<b>2</b>	<b>PROGRAM ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>61,100.00</b>
2.4	Water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH)	32,350.00
2.5	Livelihood	28,750.00
<b>3</b>	<b>PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>PROGRAM LOGISTICS</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COST</b>		<b>71,800.00</b>
<b>INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION &amp; SUPPORT</b>		
	Staff salaries	1,800.00
	Office Operations	1,400.00
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. &amp; SUPPORT</b>		<b>3,200.00</b>
		<b>4%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>75,000.00</b>
<b>BALANCE REQUESTED (minus available income)</b>		<b>75,000.00</b>

#### ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved \$75,000 from the Global Rapid Response Fund (GRRF20) 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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