

Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

Section 1: Overview of response		
Haiti	Contribution to reduce inequalities between women and men in Haute Voldroque, Haiti	
Summary	ACT Requesting Member 1	ACT Requesting Member 2
Implementation period	1 March 2021 Start date 30 August 2021 End date 6 (months)	Click here to enter a date. Click here to enter a date. Click here to enter text. (months)
Geographical area	Haute Voldroque, Haiti	Click here to enter text.
Sectors of response	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter / NFIs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/ psychosocial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter / NFIs <input type="checkbox"/> Protection/ psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security
Targeted beneficiaries (per sector)	1500 people (650 women, 225girls) 440 men, 185 boys)	Click here to enter text.
Requested budget (USD)	60,000 (USD)	Click here to enter text. (USD)
Is there an updated ACT Forum EPRP?	yes	
Section 2: Narrative Summary		
<p>Background</p> <p>The Covid19 pandemic highlights and foster inequalities. Women's pregnancies have increased in the department of Grand Anse. Reasons for this are: lockdown allows risks of sexual assault sometimes forcing victims to live with their aggressor, the closure of schools and reduction in livelihoods forcing women to engage in free unions or early marriages, lack of sexual and reproductive education, lack of access to contraceptives. A year after the Pandemic is evident the strong need to tackle issues related to women and reproductive health, access to Livelihood and Water and Sanitation, a traditional women-assigned task within the communities and strongly link with stopping the propagation of the virus. This proposal aims at tacking this context revealed in a specific area of the country (Haute Voldroque, department of Grand Anse, Commune of Jeremie) traditionally neglected and with high levels of vulnerabilities. The activities will run for a period of 6 months, with constant monitoring aiming to update the context and work for adaptative and longer-term strategies, linked with the gender component.</p> <p>The work in this area will directly benefit 1500 people (650 women, 225 girls- and 440 men and 185 boys); there will be a monitoring on the indirect beneficiaries, mostly through the Information and Education materials.</p>		
<p>Humanitarian Needs</p> <p>Increased rates of early pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) are reported by the community nuclei in the areas of intervention, Foundation Nouvelle Grand Anse (FNGA) works closely with the communities and keeps monitoring of such situations. The economic impact of Covid19 in Livelihoods increases the stress in household economies, although lockdown is not as hard as in other countries around the world, the lack of demand, loss of sources of income has affected an already weak economy, mostly based on subsistence.</p> <p>Water and Sanitation access is essential for general health, including a strong immune system and to avoid the spread of the Covid19 but the current status of WASH access makes this a challenge for women who are traditionally responsible for caring and keep activities in the household.</p>		

Because these areas are intertwined and affect women and because the effects of COVID19 will be long-term, it has been decided that these are humanitarian needs. This RRF would be linked to a gender work strategy, including the prevention of gender-based violence.

Capacity

The work of FNGA is centered in the Grand Anse municipality and is backed by years of commitment into community based work and, in consequence, setting strong links with the communities. These links are built under the base of cooperation, participation and fluent feedback. This community led approach is one of the strongest elements that allow FNGA to deliver. The support from other forum members, the exchange of knowledge and coordination are element that also helps to scale up when required.

Is thanks to this coordination and communication with stakeholders, other member and the community that FNGA has been able to deliver specific activities within the COVID19 context.

Proposed response

Objective:

Contribute to minimizing the gender gaps accentuated by the Covid-19 pandemic in Haiti. Specifically, it intends to promote opportunities for women affected by the impacts of the pandemic with a rights approach aimed in particular at girls, adolescents and young people.

R.1. Restore women's livelihoods through effective support in initiatives related to food security, clean water and other specific needs identifies by the communities.

Proposed activities

R2.- Promote sexual and reproductive health in times of pandemic oriented towards the sexual and reproductive rights of adolescent (girls and boys) and women

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

Problems	Covid19 increased women's and their families vulnerabilities, specifically related to access to sexual and reproductive health. Livelihood and WASH.
Target beneficiaries	1500 people (650 women, 225 girls 440 men, 185 boys.
Main activities	<p>R1A1.1.- Hygiene awareness activities (corporel et intime, etc.) targeting 50 women leaders of Haute-Voldrogue</p> <p>R1A1.2.- Storage and conservation of drinking water for the intimate hygiene of women</p> <p>R1A1.3.- Installation of hand washing points (Tipitap) with soap for 50 women heads of household in Haute Voldrogue.</p> <p>R1A1.4.- Training and financial support in the manufacture of detergents for 50 young women.</p> <p>R1A2.1.- In this sense, the establishment of 100 Lakou gardens are planned with 100 vulnerable women.</p>

	<p>R1A2.2.- Carrying out exchanges of experiences between women on the development activities of Lakou gardens</p> <p>R2A3.1.- Training/awareness activity on reproductive health and on the different methods of contraception for different target groups in the communities (community leaders, religious leaders, households). 150 households are targeted.</p> <p>R2A3.2.- Sexual education in schools for 225 pupils.</p> <p>R2A3.3.- Distribution of condoms to 200 people.</p> <p>R2A4.1.- Capacity building for women on the themes: Women's leadership, women's rights, advocacy for the respect of women's rights, fight against GBV and access to basic services. 200 people are targeted (150 women and 50 men).</p> <p>R2A4.2.- Training / awareness-raising for the reduction of GBV in schools (225 students are targeted).</p> <p>R2A4.3.- Advocacy with the MENFP (Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training) for the promotion of training on reproductive health and GBV in targeted schools.</p>
<p>Specific objective(s)/ Outputs</p>	<p>WASH to promote hygiene in the communities (personal and environmental hygiene) which will also have the impact of reducing the risk of water-related infection on women's reproductive health.</p> <p>Food security In order to support women in their empowerment, activities to strengthen the Lakou gardens are planned.</p> <p>Reproductive health / Family planning To help households better understand and control their procreation power and reduce the birth rate considered as a brake on community development and their fulfilment, the following activities are proposed:</p> <p>GBV and Capacity building for women In order to contribute to the development of female leadership in Haute Voldroque communities and reduce cases of gender-based violence (GBV), the following activities are proposed:</p>
<p>Overall objective / Outcome(s)</p>	<p>Contribute to minimizing the gender gaps accentuated by the Covid-19 pandemic in Haiti.</p>

Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	31 May 2021
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the ending date)	30 September 2021

Audit report (90 days after the ending date)	31 October 2021	
<p>Monitoring and evaluation</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation activities will be performed from the start. There will be specific tasks assigned to the field based team to follow up formal and informal feedback and to incorporate said feedback into corrective actions if needed.</p>		
<p>Section 3: ACT Alliance coordination</p>		
<p>Coordination</p> <p>The members working in Haiti have a constant communication and coordination. The distribution of the areas of intervention, the strategies, the external stakeholders coordination is common ground for all the actors involved. Because some of the activities and results proposed are common to other actors working in the area, the information of said activities will be spread, aiming a increasing the positive impact and reduce burden and avoid duplication.</p> <p>Confidentiality and dignity are key elements to keep the respect and reputational organization prestige within the community, so having open channels of cooperative communication with the community and specific targeted groups is essential and It will be done through the mechanism already in place thanks to the historic work done in the targeted area.</p>		
<p>Implementation arrangements</p> <p>NCA will coordinate the project management and support all element related to the project cycle, monitoring, evaluation and communication with ACT Secretariat and Back Donors. FNGA will benefit of this coordination for their institutional strengthening, focusing on generating capacities within their staff. FNGA is the main link with the community and responsible for the field-based activities.</p>		
<p>Human resources and administration of funds</p> <p>Funds received in the accounts will be monitored and controlled using accountability laws of Haiti. These procedures will be audit by an independent firm. An independent account will be open for these funds.</p> <p>Funds are received on NCA's account and from there, it will be reimbursements to the FBGA based on discussed work plans.</p> <p>Procurement procedures will require at least 3 quotes for a pre-determined minimal amount, a process for approval that will include at least 2 persons (depending on set procurement thresholds). Exceptions to procurement (for instance in case of sole suppliers), will be justified and approved by a Procurement Committee (composed for at least 3 members, including a finance representative).</p>		
<p>Communications</p> <p>Communication strategy will be highly focus on promoting sexual and reproductive health, exchange of opinions, creation of key messages; specific activity related messages will be discussed with the Community of Practice in Gender and the gender team in the Act Secretariat.</p> <p>Cuba, who will be engaged in a similar project, can be also a key actor into this engagement, indeed the communication strategy may aim at having similar key messages, logos, related images, hashtags or other related social media and traditional media communication strategies.</p> <p>All messages to be deliver to the community will also pre-tested by the same members of the community through FGD (in the measure of possibilities due to the need social distancing measures due to Covid19), the idea is to set messages that will respect culture, language, dignity and general context.</p>		
<p>Section 4: Budget Summary</p>		
<p>ACT Alliance Global Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic</p>		

Requesting ACT member (please input org name)		Haiti				
Description		Type of Unit	No. of Units	Unit Cost	Budget	
				local currency	local currency	USD
FUNDS RAISED						
DIRECT COSTS						
1 PROJECT STAFF						
1.1	Appeal Lead				-	-
1.2	International project staff				-	-
1.2.1.					-	-
1.3	National project staff				15,600	15,600
1.3.2.	Hygiene Promoter	month	6	400	2,400	2,400
1.3.3.	Technician in agroecology and food production (2)	month	6	1,200	7,200	7,200
	Community health officer	month	6	600	3,600	3,600
1.3.4.	Gender Focal Point	month	6	400	2,400	2,400
TOTAL PROJECT STAFF					15,600	15,600
2 PROJECT ACTIVITIES						
2.1.	Public Health				4,100	4,100
2.1.1.	Training for different target groups in the communities (community leaders, religious leaders, households).	session	3	1,050	3,150	3,150
2.1.2.	Sexual education in schools	session	1	450	450	450
2.1.3.	Provision of Contraceptive (condoms)	Box	5	100	500	500
2.1.4.	Sensitization for different target groups in the communities for the use of contraceptive means.	session			-	-
2.1.5.						
2.2.	Community Engagement				-	-
2.4.	WASH				3,750	3,750
2.4.1.	Hygiene promotion at community level (points of hands washing with soap in households)	workshop	2	250	500	500
2.4.2.	Training for the development of income-generating initiatives related to hygiene promotion (Manufacture of liquid / solid soap)	workshop	1	2,500	2,500	2,500
2.4.3.	Promotion of the Community Approach to Total Sanitation (ACAT)	session	1	250	250	250

2.4.4.	Staff protection and security (gloves, masks, sanitizer)	kit	10	50	500	500
2.4.5.					-	-
2.5.	Livelihood				-	-
2.8.	Food Security				15,500	15,500
2.8.1.	Purchase of tools, equipment and seeds to establish 100 farms for agroecological food production	kit/ hh	100	150	15,000	15,000
2.8.2.	Exchange of experiences between farmers	session	1	500	500	500
2.10	Gender				3,850	3,850
2.10.1.	GVB training for communities (households)	session	3	500	1,500	1,500
2.10.2.	GBV training in schools	session	3	450	1,350	1,350
2.10.3.	Sensitization communication for the target population on GBV and gender equity in the COVID 19 emergency context	session	2	500	1,000	1,000
2.10.4.	Gender item 4				-	-
2.10.5.	Gender item 5				-	-
2.11	Engagement with Faith Leaders				-	-
TOTAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES					27,200	27,200
3 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION						
3.1	Forum Coordination				-	-
3.2	Capacity Development				1,950	1,950
3.2.1	Capacity building of women on the themes: Women's leadership, women's rights, advocacy for the respect of women's rights, fight against GBV and access to basic services.	session	3	650	1,950	1,950
3.2.2	Local partners/national members				-	-
3.2.3	Target beneficiaries				-	-
3.2.4						
TOTAL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION					1,950	1,950
4 QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY						
4.1	Assessments	session	-	150	-	-
4.2	Complaints and Response Mechanisms (confidential line)	month	2	100	200	200
4.3	Safeguarding	session	-	500	-	-

4.4	Communication and visibility (5 educational pieces and 1 visibility)	Global	1	1,000	1,000	1,000
4.5	Monitoring & evaluation (3 days * 10 months * 5 experts)	day	-	25	-	-
4.6	Audit	lumpsum	1	1,600	1,600	1,600
TOTAL QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY					2,800	2,800
5 LOGISTICS						
5.1	Transportation				1,200	1,200
5.1.2	Vehicle Rental				-	-
5.1.3	Fuel	month	6	200	1,200	1,200
5.3	Handling				600	600
5.3.1	Salaries for Logistician/Procurement Officer	month	6	100	600	600
5.3.2	Salaries / wages for labourers				-	-
5.3.3	Salaries / wages for drivers	month	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LOGISTICS					1,800	1,800
6 ASSETS & EQUIPMENT						
6.1.	Computers and accessories (server, external hard drives, USB, labour for rewiring/redesign, software license, headphones)	lumpsum	1	950	950	950
6.2.	Printers	unit	-	1,700	-	-
6.3.	Office Furniture (chairs, tables, bookshelves)	lumpsum	-	4,900	-	-
6.4.	Communications equipment e.g. camera, sat phone, etc (tablet, ipad, webcam, videocamera)	lumpsum	-	500	500	500
TOTAL PROGRAM ASSETS & EQUIPMENT					1,450	1,450
TOTAL DIRECT COST					50,800	50,800
INDIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT						
	Staff salaries - Cost shared				8,400	8,400
	Salaries e. g % for Programme Director)	month	6	900	5,400	5,400
	Salaries e. g % for Finance Director)	month	6	500	3,000	3,000
	Salaries for accountant and other admin or secretarial staff)	month		400	-	-
	Staff Insurance				-	-
	Office Operations				800	800

Office rent					-	-
Office Utilities	month	6	50		300	300
Maintenance of vehicles	month	3	100		300	300
Fuels and lubricants	Months		100		-	-
Phone and internet charges	month	2	100		200	200
TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. & SUPPORT					9,200	9,200
					15%	15%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE exclusive International Coordination Fee					60,000	60,000
SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT						
Section 5: Annexes (mandatory)						
<i>Provide the following annexes:</i>						
<i>Key information (mandatory):</i>						
I. <i>Annex 1 – Contact and bank details</i>						
II. <i>Annex X – Contract of good faith</i>						

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of 35,000 USD towards the budget from its Rapid Response Fund as well as 25,000USD from its Gender Justice Programme to fund Gender activities of the project. For a total contribution of 60,000 USD The ACT Secretariat would be grateful to receive contributions to wholly or partially replenish these payment.

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