

ACT Alliance Appeal – GRRF22

Global Rapid Response Fund 2022

Total Appeal Target: USD 3,257,835

Balance Requested: USD 1,746,332

15 February 2022

Dear ACT Alliance Members and Donors,

The Global Rapid Response Fund (GRRF) is an annual funding appeal administered by the ACT Alliance secretariat. The fund prioritises ACT local and national members in line with our localisation commitments and in recognition of the distinct advantage these members have in providing timely, high quality, locally led emergency response interventions. Funds for the RRF are provided by ACT Alliance members and non-members.

The [revised ACT Humanitarian Policy](#) came into effect on 01 January 2022. The policy reinforces our commitment to the **localisation agenda**. The tangible changes in the Global Rapid Response Fund, introduced under the revised Humanitarian Policy, reflect the primary role that local and national members play in humanitarian response within our Alliance. ACT Alliance through its national members has been at the forefront of supporting local responses, often in contexts that may not always attract the attention of the media and donors. In such contexts, the impact of disasters at community level can be profound, and it is in such instances where the relevance and effectiveness of local and national actors and faith-based organisations, as well as the reach of ACT Alliance, is clearly demonstrated.

ACT members at the local and national levels are rooted within communities, familiar with their needs and positioned to respond rapidly in times of crisis. Dignity, community empowerment and capacity-strengthening are cornerstones of our local and national responses. As a network of local, national, and international actors working in partnership, international and global members of ACT Alliance are uniquely placed to support local and national ACT members to deliver high quality locally led emergency response programmes. ACT Alliance with over 90 local and national members has the potential to be a leading actor globally in promoting high quality locally led emergency response programmes.

In 2021, the Global RRF Appeal was launched with a funding target of \$2,500,000. By the end of 2021, the Appeal had received the following contributions:

Appeal Target	New Contributions 2021	Carryover from 2020	Total Contributions
USD2,500,000	1,611,386	686,734.54	2,298,120.54

In 2021, we raised 92% of our total appeal target where USD 705,262 was disbursed by the ACT Secretariat to 11 members across nine countries, and the remaining balance of **USD 1,521,502.65** has been carried over to GRRF22, the 2022 Rapid Response Fund.

Global Humanitarian Needs for 2022

Some 274 million people are forecast to require humanitarian assistance in 2022 as they face hunger, conflict, and displacement as well as the impacts of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic in 63 countries.¹ This figure represents a significant increase on last year as humanitarian needs continue to grow. Over one per cent of the world's population has been displaced and millions of IDPs are living in contexts of protracted crisis. COVID-19 has severely impacted health systems and extreme poverty has risen, with recovery still uncertain as the world continues to deal with its impact. Up to 811 million people are undernourished with 43 countries facing the possibility of famine-like conditions.²

ACT Alliance members are responding to the humanitarian needs of affected populations in some of the world's most severe humanitarian crises. In Afghanistan, more than 24 million people will need humanitarian assistance this year as they experience political crisis, economic shocks, and severe food insecurity. Food insecurity in Yemen is still a key challenge where 40 percent of the population still do not have adequate food. The humanitarian crisis in Syria continues with the delivery of basic services still largely inadequate. In the Middle East and West and Central Africa, protracted crises continue to generate extremely high levels of humanitarian need, whilst needs are also sharply increasing in Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Southern and East Africa. A deepening political and socioeconomic crisis, compounded by the earthquake in August 2021, has significantly increased humanitarian needs in Haiti, with 4.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in 2022. In Ethiopia, 4.2 million IDPs are seeking shelter in urban areas while 25.9 million people have unmet needs brought about by climate shocks, conflict, disease outbreaks and a deteriorating economy.

GRRF22 FUND REQUEST

The budget for this year's GRRF is USD3,257,835, with last year's balance carried over of USD1,521,503. The total request for funding for GRRF22 is **USD1,736,332**. The increased budget reflects the increased scope of the GRRF to include medium-scale crises, and the fact that funding will be accessed by more local members as the Appeal mechanism will be limited to large scale emergencies.

Under the revised Humanitarian Policy, contingent upon funding levels, ACT national member organisations can access up to USD150,000 per emergency provided that the organisation has an updated EPRP; a proposal that demonstrably adheres to Core Humanitarian Standard and ACT Alliance standards of a quality humanitarian response. On average each year, around 20 national members access the RRF with requests for funding averaging USD70,000. For 2022 under the revised Humanitarian Policy, the GRRF22 appeal budget is established on a forecast that 25 members will access GRRF funds with the average response budget being USD120,000 per member.

In addition to funding RRF projects of national members, the Secretariat proposes to utilise **one percent** of RRF funds to support the continued development of ACT Alliance's Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans (EPRP) digital platform and the work of the EPRP Working Group, including support to the forums by humanitarian staff of the Secretariat through trainings. The secretariat recognises the need to help ensure that the Alliance can deliver high-quality and accountable humanitarian response. Programme Quality, member capacity and emergency preparedness will be central to our humanitarian mechanism. The intention is to further invest in specific areas of capacity development, such as CHS self-assessment processes, that are expected to benefit national members and our humanitarian mechanism in the long term.

The secretariat's humanitarian coordination, management and PMER costs are included in the budget.

¹ UN OCHA Global Humanitarian Overview 2022. The report can be accessed here: <https://gho.unocha.org/intro/glance>

² Ibid.

Budget Summary

Description	% Of the RRF	GRRF22 Appeal Budget (USD)
Rapid Response Fund (core projects)	92%	3,000,000
Support to Forum EPRP development and trainings	1%	30,000
Secretariat Coordination and Management Costs	6%	197,335
PMER Costs	1%	30,500
Total GRRF21 Appeal Budget (in USD)		3,257,835
Less: Carry-over from GRRF21		1,521,503
Balance Requested (in USD)		1,736,332

Reporting Schedule

THE GRRF22 summary report will be available by 28 February 2023. Cut-off date for income and disbursements will be 31 December 2022. Individual projects within GRRF22 with an implementation end date or reporting deadline after 31 December 2022 will be reported as disbursed, but project report summaries will only be available in subsequent reporting period (or upon request to the secretariat).

Kindly send your contributions to GRRF20 to the following ACT bank accounts:

Account Number: 240-432629.60A (USD) or Account Number: 240-432629.50Z (Euro)
 IBAN No: CH46 0024 0240 4326 2960A IBAN No: CH48 0024 0240 4326 2950Z
 Swift Code: UBSWCHZH80A

Account Name: ACT Alliance
 Bank Name and Address: UBS SA, P.O. Box 2600, Geneva 2, SWITZERLAND

Please inform the Director of Operations, Nancy Ette (Nancy.ette@actalliance.org) and Head of Humanitarian Affairs, Niall O'Rourke (niall.orourke@actalliance.org) with a copy to the Finance Officer, Marjorie Schmidt (marjorie.schmidt@actalliance.org) of all pledges/contributions and transfers, including funds sent direct to the requesting members. Please also be sure to inform us at the time of your pledge of any back donor or other special requirements relevant to the donation.

In line with Grand Bargain commitments to reduce the earmarking of humanitarian funding, if you have an earmarking request in relation to your pledge, a member of the Secretariat's Humanitarian team will contact you to discuss this request. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation. Please email Marjorie Schmidt for updated funding levels of the Rapid Response Fund.

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