

ACT Alliance Appeal – GRRF23

Global Rapid Response Fund 2023

Total Appeal Target: USD 3,000,000

Balance Requested: USD 1,571,089

28 February 2023

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 2022, the Global RRF Appeal was launched with a funding target of 3,257,835. By the end of the year, the Appeal received a total of USD3,324,730.28, raising 102% or USD66,895.28 more than the appeal target.

Balance carried forward from 2021	USD1,484,912.90
Net income received in 2022 (total SMC received was USD148,718.39)	1,839,817.38
Total Rapid Response Fund available in 2022	USD3,324,730.28
Less: Total payments to requesting members	1,888,186.00
EPRP expenses	7,633.35
Balance carried over to 2023	1,428,910.93

Over the course of 2022, a total of USD1,888,186 was disbursed by the ACT Secretariat to 23 members across 16 countries, and the remaining balance of **USD1,428,910.93** has been carried over to this new Appeal, GRRF23.

GRRF22 SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Please refer to the GRRF22 report for more details or email cbullecer@actalliance.org if you would like to receive a copy of the report.

- Total reach of 170,368 persons based on the seven emergency responses that ended by 15 January 2023.
- GRRF22 helped communities affected by disasters caused by floods (4), earthquake (2), storms (5), conflict (3), drought (1), and heatwave (1).
- The RRF was activated a total of 16 times in 2022 to support emergency responses in 16 countries with response activities implemented by 23 requesting local ACT members.
- An average of USD118,012 was disbursed per emergency response with an average of USD82,095 per requesting member.
- Of the seven emergency responses that have already been fully implemented, an average of 10,648 persons received assistance per response.
- There were more female recipients (54.51%) who received assistance than male recipients (45.49%), with 840 persons with disabilities served.
- Of the seven emergency responses, the average spending was USD11.08 per beneficiary (USD18.14 excluding the heatwave response).

GRRF23 FUND REQUEST

The GRRF23 funding budget is for USD3,000,000 with a funding request of USD1,571,089 which is based on historical forecasting. This request will provide assistance in communities impacted by humanitarian crises up to 20 local contexts with a maximum funding ceiling of USD\$150,000 per local member. GRRF proposals are assessed based on the ACT Scale up criteria which includes a requirement for requesting members to include a needs assessment and updated EPRP as part of their application for funding. RRF funding projects are normally between a minimum two and maximum six-month duration.

The GRRF23 Appeal is issued in line with the reforms introduced in the revised ACT Humanitarian Policy, whereby appeals are primarily designed for large-scale and major emergencies. The RRF mechanism is for small to medium-scale emergency response implemented by local and national members exclusively¹. As such, this appeal is issued with a particular intention of encouraging other modes of fundraising with members (including a projectized approach to access possible back donor funding).

Furthermore, while the core purpose of the RRF will remain to be to support local ACT member's life-saving work, in selecting projects for funding, holistic approaches to emergency programming that fall within the priorities of the ACT Global Strategy will be given consideration within the context of a humanitarian crisis, e.g. emergency preparedness, survivor and community-led approaches, gender justice, addressing climate and conflict drivers, and investments in local humanitarian capacity. This operational flexibility is expected to result in new learning to inform the Alliance of ways to further improve its humanitarian work within the RRF framework.

¹ With some exceptions a per the revised ACT Humanitarian Policy

BUDGET SUMMARY

Description	GRRF23 Appeal Budget (USD)
Rapid Response Fund	3,000,000
Carryover balance from GRRF22	1,428,911
Balance Requested (in USD)	1,571,089

REPORTING SCHEDULE

THE GRRF23 summary report will be available by 28 February 2024. Cut-off date for income and disbursements will be 31 December 2023. Individual projects within GRRF23 with a reporting deadline after 15 February 2024 will be Included in an updated appeal report by 30 August 2024 with the project summaries in an Annex. Individual project reports can be requested from the secretariat, please email cyra.bullecer@actalliance.org

Kindly send your contributions to GRRF23 to the following ACT bank accounts:

Account Number: 240-432629.60A (USD)
 IBAN No: CH46 0024 0240 4326 2960A
 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 humanitarianfinance@actalliance.org of all pledges/contributions and transfers. Please also be sure to inform us at the time of your pledge of any back donor or other special requirements relevant to the contribution.

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 Cyra Bullecer (cyra.bullecer@actalliance.org) to request for an updated Rapid Response Fund funding levels and a copy of the report.

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