



Rapid Response Fund

ACT Secretariat Approval

Project Code 08/2023
Project Name Serbia Floods Response

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of **USD149,439** from its Global Rapid Response Fund (GRRF23) and would be grateful to receive contributions to wholly or partially replenish this payment.

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ACT Alliance Secretariat



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Project Proposal

Emergency Prepared and Response Plan

Do you have an EPRP	Yes
When was the last update?	July 2022
Do you have a Contingency Plan for this response?	Yes
EPRP link on the online platform	http://www.actalliancehm.

Please submit this form to the Regional Humanitarian Programme Officer of your region with a copy to the Regional Representative

Date submitted to ACT Secretariat

26 June 2023

Section 1 Project Data

Project Information

Project Name	Serbia Floods Response
Project Code	08/2023
Country Forum	Europe forum
ACT Requesting Member (if there are more than one member, please use ALT+<Enter> to add another member)	Ecumenical Humanitarian Organisation Serbia Philanthropy, Charitable Foundation of the Serbian Orthodox Church
Name of person leading the project	Marija Vranesevic
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Location(s) of project (city / province)	Serbia
Project start date (dd/mm/yyyy)	1 July 2023
Project end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	30 September 2023

Which sectors your response activities most relate to

(please indicate number of planned beneficiaries per organisation in each sector where you plan to give assistance)

Sectors	EHO		Philanthropy			
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cash/ Vouchers	500	500	400	600		
Camp Management						
Education						
Food/Nutrition						
Health						
Household items						
Livelihood						
Psychosocial						
Shelter						
Wash			600	800		

Section 2 Project Description

2.1 Context

1. CHS Commitment 1. Summarize the crisis event and how it is likely to develop over the duration of the project (maximum 5 bullet points)

Massive floods devastated city of Jagodina in five waves, May 26th, June 2nd, June 3rd, June 12th and June 15th. On June 4th, City of Jagodina declared state of emergency in its entire territory

- So far, based on preliminary reports, more than 1,700 households are flooded in city area and in surrounding villages
- Massive rains and hail storms destroyed crops on an area of about 650 ha, mostly affecting wheat, corn, fruit and vegetable crops
- Damage was observed on the primary and secondary roads on the city's traffic network, on paved asphalt roads in the villages with a total length of about 240 km and on uncategorized gravel roads in villages in total length of about 50 km
- Local infrastructure in the field of water supply and purification was damaged

- In Požega (Zlatibor district), the Moravica river overflowed, flooding households, crops and the industrial part of the town. The water is receding slowly in some areas, however certain areas are located on depressed ground, so in those areas the water will have to be pumped out. A number of houses are still only accessible by boat. Railway traffic was completely suspended.

- In Trstenik (Rasina district), massive rainfall caused the overflow of the West Morava River and flash floods. Residential and auxiliary buildings, as well as agricultural land, were damaged. Citizens report enormous material damage.

2. CHS Commitment 1,2,3,4. Explain the impact of the crisis specific to the people you want to help (maximum 5 bullet points)

The flash floods brought large amounts of mud into the flooded houses, left wet walls, destroyed furniture and electrical appliances that people could not protect. It will take some time to clean and sanitize the houses to make them livable again. In households where the crops are affected, the expected yield is destroyed, and as these households mainly live from agriculture, this can have major long-term economic consequences.

3. CHS Commitment 9. Explain the availability of funding each of your organisation can access for this crisis. (maximum 3 bullet points)

Philanthropy is in constant communication with its traditional partners: other ACT members and Catholic Relief Service. So far, financial support is provided from Diakonie ACT Austria.

EHO is in the process of consultation with international donors about possibilities for additional funds for this specific crisis.

2.2 Activity Summary

1. CHS Commitment 1, 2, 4. Explain your proposed project and why you have selected this particular response to the crisis. If multiple members are responding, please explain the role of each member in the coordinated response as indicated in your EPRP Contingency Plan.

Although there is a lot of damage to the traffic infrastructure, the market is functional, so the multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) can meet most of the needs of the affected population, which are diverse. EHO and Philanthropy will provide cash cards approx. value 200USD for 600 households in total. The cash assistance contributes 50% of total cost of the most urgent needs (food, medicines, tools, disinfection material, food for animals) of the people affected.

2. CHS Commitment 2. Explain how you will start your activities promptly. Project implementation should start within two weeks. The project should be a maximum of 6 months.

Immediately after the situation on the ground calmed down, Philanthropy staff conducted a needs assessment. In cooperation with stakeholders, criteria for the distribution of MPCA were formed. Philanthropy has a signed contract with Post office bank, which will issue cash cards for the population affected by the flood. Preparations for the distribution will be started as soon as the situation on the ground allows it. EHO already have great cooperation with all mentioned municipalities, due to realized projects in same. EHO already have contract with Post office bank, so fast response is ensured. Also EHO will coordinate work with Serbian Red Cross and Welfare centres in municipalities affected by the floods.

3. CHS Commitment 6. How are you co-ordinating and with whom? *Coordination ensures complementarity of interventions within forum members and other humanitarian actors to maximise the use of our resources and will address all unmet needs*

EHO and Philanthropy are closely monitoring activities of the other actors in Serbia and coordinating with them in order to avoid overlapping. Philanthropy and EHO are in ongoing communication and coordination from the beginning of crisis. Coordination among these two members is long-term one and responses will be divided geographically, according to the capacities and presence of each member. Coordination has been established as well with the government and local networks in order to facilitate the implementation. Philanthropy and EHO are in constant contact with representatives of the local authorities, the local center for social welfare, the crisis headquarters as well as other faith-based organizations, which ensures that all needs are met, as well as that there are no assistance overlapping.

4. CHS Commitment 3, 9. Where are you planning to procure your goods or services? Please tick boxes that apply. *Goods and services procured locally supports and revitalises economic activity either as livelihood for people or*

Locally or within the affected areas	x	Nationally	x	Regionally or neighbouring countries		Internationally	
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Do you have a procurement policy? What factors did you consider when you made this decision?

EHO and Philanthropy have procurement policies. Decision on MPCA is made on the basis of existing damage and needs as well as functional market in affected areas.

2.3 Description of Target Population

1. CHS Commitment 1, 9. How do you calculate the beneficiary numbers for this project? *For example, food and hygiene kits given to 2500 families, and 1 family = x beneficiaries.*

According to statistics, the average family in the Republic of Serbia consists of 3,2 members, which roughly means that 2000 beneficiaries will be supported. During the distribution, Philanthropy and EHO staff will count the exact number of members of supported families, divided by sex and age.

2. CHS Commitment 1, 2, 3, 4. Which vulnerable groups are you specifically targeting? What makes them vulnerable? *Please explain.*

EHO:

1. Families:

- a. Multi-member families (more than 4 members)
 - b. Families with a member who has a chronic illness and/or with disabilities / mental illnesses
 - c. Families with an elderly person
 - d. Families with adolescent girls
2. Single parents (single fathers / single mothers)
3. Pregnant woman
4. Persons with disabilities (mental and/or physical)
5. Elderly (single) over 65 years
6. Singles with chronic diseases

Philanthropy:

- 1. Beneficiaries of the Social Welfare Financial Assistance
- 2. Beneficiaries of the Child Allowances
- 3. Beneficiaries of the Disability Allowance
- 4. Persons with disabilities
- 5. Elderly households
- 6. Families with 3+ children

3. CHS Commitment 4. Explain how the target population has been/is involved in your proposed intervention *(maximum 5 bullet points)*

The project has been developed after a consultation with the people living in the flood affected area to incorporate their needs. The project consistently aims to respect and reflect the needs and views of the vulnerable people serves. Regular field visits will be organized to adjust the project activities if needed.

2.4 Expected Results

1. What will this project's success look like based on your time frame? *Please write your activities milestones including dates.*

The success of this project will be empowering the most vulnerable groups of affected populations in meeting their most urgent needs. Activities are as follows:

- Needs assessment
- Definition of criteria for assistance distribution
- Annunciation of criteria for assistance distribution
- Acquisition of cash cards
- Preparation of information leaflets for cleaning procedures
- Annunciation of dates of distribution of cash cards and information leaflets
- Distribution of cash cards and information leaflets
- Post-distribution monitoring

2. Describe the risks to a successful project and how you are managing them.

New floods (Philanthropy and EHO will revise needs assessment)

2.5 Monitoring, Accountability & Learning

1. CHS Commitment 7. Describe how you will monitor the project. What monitoring tools and process will you use? How will you gather lessons from the project?

Philanthropy and EHO will develop Post Distribution monitoring tool and Philanthropy and EHO staff will conduct interviews few weeks after distribution. ACT PME guidelines, principles and standard will be followed along with respective organizational policy for project planning, monitoring and evaluation plan design. Monitoring and evaluation will include field visits to follow up on the achievement of results and preparation of the situation report and final report.

The Project Coordinator will be responsible for project management and implementation, coordination and facilitation of the activities, monitoring, reporting and evaluation as well as for the promotion of the project on local and regional level and networking with different stakeholders.

2. CHS Commitment 8. Does your organisation have a Code of Conduct? Have all staff and volunteers signed the Code of Conduct? *We may ask you to submit copies of the signed Code of Conduct. You can use ACT Alliance's Code of Conduct if your organisation does not have one.*

All Philanthropy and EHO staff and volunteers have signed the Code of Conduct.

3. How will you ensure you and all stakeholders will be accountable to the affected population. How will you share information. How will you collect and use feedback and complaints? CHS 4 and 5

Complaints and feedback mechanisms in EHO will be handled via boxes available in crisis headquarters.

Engagement with the project participants will be organized to ensure meaningful and equal participation of women and men, boys and girls.

Philanthropy has open and closed channels for FCRM (phone number, email address, KoBo questionnaire and face to face with staff). Philanthropy's staff is trained on Safeguarding principles and following SoP on handling sensitive and non-sensitive feedback.

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Consolidated Financial Report

Project Code 08/2023
Project Name Serbia Flood Response

Budget Exchange rate (local currency to 1 USD)

0.009147

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<http://www.floatrates.com/>

	Total Budget	Total Expenses	Budget	
			Ecumenical Humanitarian Organisation	Philanthropy
1 Total Project Staff Costs	9,330	-	4,665	4,665
2 Project Activities	126,137	-	63,069	63,069
2.1 Cash/Vouchers	124,308	-	62,154	62,154
2.2 Camp Management	-	-	-	-
2.3 Education	-	-	-	-
2.4 Food/Nutrition	-	-	-	-
2.5 Health	-	-	-	-
2.6 Household items	-	-	-	-
2.7 Livelihood	-	-	-	-
2.8 Psychosocial	-	-	-	-
2.9 Shelter	-	-	-	-
2.10 WASH	1,829	-	915	915
3 Project Implementation	-	-	-	-
3.1 Forum Coordination	-	-	-	-
3.2 Capacity Development	-	-	-	-
4 Quality and Accountability	2,744	1,372	1,372	1,372
5 Logistics	3,929	1,967	1,962	1,967
6 Assets and Equipment	-	-	-	-
Direct Costs	142,140	3,339	71,068	71,072
Staff Salaries	2,881	-	2,607	274
Office Operations	4,418	-	906	3,512
Indirect Costs	7,299	-	3,512	3,787
Total Budget	149,439	3,339	74,580	74,859