

ACT Alert

Purpose of ACT Alert

The ACT Alert is the first official communication sent by the forum when there is a disaster to the ACT Secretariat. Its purpose is to notify the Secretariat that an ACT member or members envisage an emergency response which may include accessing funding through the RRF or Appeal processes. Where no ACT Forum exists, a member with country presence may create the alert for the secretariat to issue.

ACT Alert Issuance

The alert should be issued by the ACT forum within 24 hours of sudden onset emergencies, and immediately published by the ACT secretariat. For slow onset emergencies, the alert is issued based on local needs assessments, government requests for assistance or a declaration of a state of emergency, and secondary information from other humanitarian actors.

ACT Alert to Decision Timeframe

In an ACT Alert the submitting ACT Forum or Requesting Members(s) may signify the intention to raise an Appeal per the ACT Scale-Up Model. In cases where the Requesting Forum or Member(s) envisage responding through an ACT Appeal, the ESC must convene and determine, within 48 hours from the time the Alert is issued, whether an Appeal will be raised. If the Alert envisages only an RRF response, the ESC does not need to meet.

References and templates

ACT Alert Template

Guidance Note – ACT Alert