

ACT Alliance Appeal – GRRF25

Global Rapid Response Fund 2025

Total Appeal Fund: USD 3,000,000

Requested Amount: USD 2,321,807

6 May 2025

Dear ACT Alliance Members,

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 commitment to locally led response and in recognition of the distinct advantage these members have in providing timely, high quality, emergency response interventions. Funds for the RRF are provided by ACT Alliance members and non-members.

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.

The members of ACT Alliance committed to strengthen and expand the Rapid Response Fund in the last General Assembly by approving our statement on locally led response. In the next two years, the goal is to expand the fund to at least USD\$10 million. This includes adding Anticipatory Action as one modality where local members can use the fund.

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.

The Rapid Response Fund 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 responses 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).

¹ With limited exceptions as per the revised ACT Humanitarian Policy

GRRF25 FUND REQUEST

Description	GRRF25 Appeal Budget (USD\$)
Rapid Response Fund	3,000,000
Carryover balance from GRRF24	678,193
Balance Requested (in USD)	2,321,807

We are requesting USD 2,321,807 to replenish the fund for 2025 with the intention that the 2026 GRRF appeal will reflect the start of the fund expansion. This appeal will aid communities impacted by humanitarian crises in up to approved proposals of 20 local member organisations responding to the needs of the communities affected by a crisis. The budget has been established based on historical data where roughly 17 member proposals are submitted annually. We expect an increased number of requests from climate induced disasters this year as we have seen a worsening trend in recent years. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO)² predicts that temperatures will continue to rise in the next five years driving extreme weather conditions of heatwaves, droughts, typhoons, and heavier rainfalls. The RRF is often accessed by national members to respond to emergencies caused by typhoons and or flooding.

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 emergency and preparedness and response plan (EPRP) as part of their application for funding. RRF funding projects are normally between a minimum two and maximum six-month duration

RRF Expansion

In November 2024, the ACT Alliance General Assembly approved our collective action to locally led response. Our pledge of commitments is to strengthen the humanitarian mechanism for locally led response which includes raising the RRF to USD10 million by 2027. The EPHR Reference Group has commenced its work on the RRF expansion with the support of a group of members including the main contributors to the RRF. This initiative has also been endorsed by the humanitarian directors of ACT Alliance funding members - they are committed to supporting the RRF expansion group to work on strengthening the RRF mechanism including: (1) stronger eligibility and approval criteria and process; (2) small group to approve RRF proposals; (3) increase monitoring budget; and (4) commitment to capacity strengthening linking this to the EPRP process. We envisage completing the reform of the RRF by the end of this year. As part of this expansion, a capacity sharing fund will be created within the RRF to manage the capacity sharing efforts of local member organizations. A committed RRF Manager will also be recruited with the support from Norwegian Church Aid focusing to work on these commitments.

GRRF24 SUMMARY

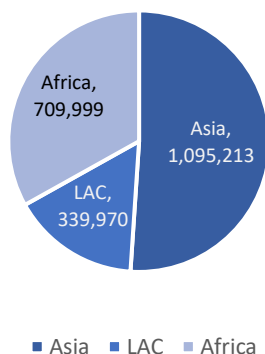
Please refer to the GRRF24 report sent out last month or you can ask a copy of the report from Cyra Bullecer (cbullecer@actalliance.org).

Income received in 2024	2,164,863
Secretariat and Management costs at 2%	43,297
Net income, 2024	2,121,566
Balance carried forward from 2024	720,833
Funds returned	10,976
Total funds available	2,853,375

² <https://wmo.int/news/media-centre/global-climate-predictions-show-temperatures-expected-remain-or-near-record-levels-coming-5-years>

Total payments	2,175,182
Fund balance, end of 2024	678,193

Regional funding breakdown, 2024



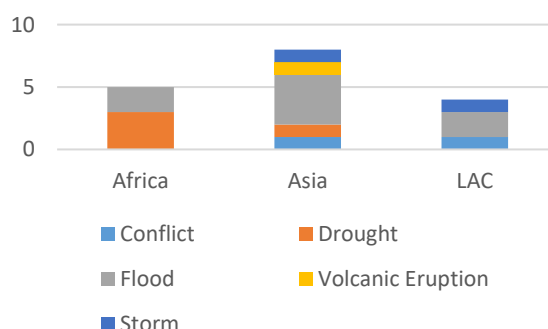
We received a total of USD 2,164,863 from funding members where 17 members in 21 countries were able to provide lifesaving needs to the communities in crisis, and the remaining balance of **USD 678,193** has been carried over to this new appeal, GRRF25.

Philippines and Afghanistan requested support more than once in 2024 with multiple disasters. More requests for emergencies caused by extreme weather events were observed in the

African countries and the Philippines affecting more communities.

Forty-seven percent of the responses in 2024 were from Asia where we disbursed USD1,095,213 supporting 10 humanitarian responses, while 29% (USD709,999) of approved proposals were in Africa. Four responses were in Latin America and the Caribbean, disbursing USD339,970. A total of 17 members received funding with Community World Services (CWSA) in Afghanistan and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines received funding three times within the year. ACT RRF funds were used to respond to typhoon/floods (10), drought (4), forced migration (1), conflict (1), volcanic eruption (1).

Regional responses, 2024



REPORTING SCHEDULE

THE GRRF25 summary report will be issued at the end of February 2026. Cut-off date for income and disbursements will be 31 December 2025. Individual projects within GRRF25 with a reporting deadline after 15 February 2026 will be included in an updated appeal report by 30 August 2026 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 GRRF25 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 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, please email Cyra Bullecer (cyra.bullecer@actalliance.org) to discuss this request or any request for an updated Rapid Response Fund funding levels and copy of the GRRF annual reports.

We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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