



Rapid Response Fund

Approval

Project Code RRF 05/2026

Project Name Emergency Assistance for Earthquake-Affected Households
Impacted by Heavy Rainfall and Snowfall in Eastern Afghanistan

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of **USD 98,460** from its Global Rapid Response Fund (GRRF26).

Reporting Deadlines	
SitRep (<i>one month after approval</i>)	14.Mar.26
Final Reports (narrative and financial)	14.Jun.26
Audit Report (<i>for projects >USD50,000</i>)	14.Jul.26

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Approved By the RRF review Panel
on 13th February 2026

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Project Proposal

Do you have an EPRP	Yes
When was the last update?	
Assessment for this response?	Yes

Please submit this form to the Humanitarian Coordinators in your region

Date submitted to ACT Secretariat

Section 1 Project Data

Project Information

Project Name	Emergency Assistance for Earthquake-Affected Households Impacted by Heavy Rainfall and Snowfall in Eastern Afghanistan		
Project Code	RRF 05/2026		
Country Forum	Afghanistan		
ACT Requesting Member (if there are more than one member, please use ALT+<Enter> to add another member)	Community World Service Asia (CWSA)		
Name of person leading the project	Tooba Siddiqi		
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Location(s) of project (city / province)	Kunar and Laghman Provinces, Afghanistan		
Project start date (dd/mm/yyyy)	15 Feb 2026		
Project end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	14 Apr 2026		

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	Member 1 <i>CWSA</i>		Member 2 <i>(please write the name of your organisation)</i>		Member 3 <i>(please write the name of your organisation)</i>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cash/ Vouchers	1297	1503	0	0	0	0
Food						
Health						
Household items						
Livelihood						
Psychosocial						
Shelter						
WASH						

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 (extend rows 43, 44 and 45 if more space is needed)

Since mid-January 2026, heavy rainfall and snowfall across Afghanistan have resulted in significant human and material losses, with the eastern provinces of Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, and Nuristan among the most affected. According to the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), more than 60 people have lost their lives, over 110 have been injured, at least 458 houses have been damaged, and approximately 360 families have been affected nationwide. In the eastern region alone, preliminary reports indicate at least 11 fatalities, more than 41 injuries, loss of livestock, and damage to over 426 households.

The situation is assessed as a small- to medium-scale emergency affecting rural and mountainous communities, including internally displaced families living in temporary IDP camps in Kunar established after the recent earthquake. Heavy snowfall has led to the collapse of tents and shelters, increasing exposure to cold weather, particularly for women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities. Livelihoods have been disrupted due to livestock losses and interruption of income-generating activities, increasing reliance on negative coping strategies.

Multi Sectoral Need Assessment led by IOM, with CWSA participating in Kunar and Laghman, have identified urgent needs for shelter rehabilitation, WASH services, health support, and cash assistance for heating, fuel, and basic household needs through multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA). During an OCHA-convened Operational Coordination Team (OCT) meeting on 23 January 2026, humanitarian agencies agreed to deploy joint assessment teams to further identify and validate priority needs. Subsequent discussions during the OCT meeting held on 26 January 2026 in Laghman highlighted additional pressures from increasing returnees from Pakistan, including around 350 families temporarily settled at the Surkhakan Transit Centre, many of whom require urgent winterisation, WASH, and shelter support.

2. CHS Commitment 1,2,3,4. Explain the impact of the crisis specific to the people you want to help. Why did you choose to give aid to them and what makes them vulnerable?

The heavy rainfall and snowfall have had a severe impact on households in the eastern provinces, particularly in remote and mountainous areas of Kunar and Laghman provinces where access to services is limited. The crisis has damaged shelters, caused livestock losses, disrupted livelihoods, and restricted access to markets, health facilities, and clean water. For many families, especially those already affected by 31st August 2025 earthquake in Kunar, the loss of shelter and income has increased exposure to cold weather and reduced their ability to meet basic needs such as food, heating, and healthcare.

The intervention will target specifically the most vulnerable households, including women-headed, households with persons with disabilities, older persons, families headed by children, and recently displaced households living in temporary IDP camps in Kunar. These groups have limited coping capacity, fewer income opportunities, and higher protection risks during winter conditions.

Based on the Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment, 554 households were identified as eligible for MPCA using vulnerability criteria identified through joint assessments and community consultations. This process was conducted in coordination with ANDMA, local authorities, and humanitarian partners.

Providing multi-purpose cash assistance to these households enables them to address their most urgent needs in a dignified and flexible manner, helping to prevent negative coping strategies such as reducing food consumption, selling remaining assets, or taking on debt. This targeted approach

3. CHS Commitment 9. Explain the availability of funding each of your organisation can access for this crisis.

CWSA have contacted its funding partners and updated them on the current situation, but due to funding cuts, no confirmed commitments are available.

ACT RRF is a resource that will help scale up the response to reach more people in need.

Additional support may come from future donor allocations or partnerships.

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 and the length of time needed to respond. If multiple members are responding, please explain the role of each member in the coordinated response as indicated in your EPRP Contingency Plan.

CWSA is proposing Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) as the primary intervention to address the immediate and multi-sectoral needs of affected households in Kunar provinces. We plan to provide one-off cash assistance to 400 households, targeting 70% men-headed and 30% women-headed households, including families with persons with disabilities (PWDs). Men-headed households will receive \$170, while women-headed households and families with PWDs will receive \$204, reflecting a 20% top-up based on the revised Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) as per the Afghanistan Cash & Voucher Working Group. Payments will be made in local currency at the daily bank exchange rate.

This assistance is unconditional, allowing households to cover a range of essential needs such as food, health care, clothing, shelter repairs, rent, and transportation, enabling them to prioritize based on their specific circumstances. MPCA is selected due to the multi-sectoral needs of affected

transportation, enabling them to prioritize based on their specific circumstances. MPCA is selected due to the multi-sectoral needs of affected households, prevailing service delivery challenges, and the fragile economic situation.

The intervention is planned as a one-off distribution, sufficient to meet the immediate needs of the affected population while maintaining feasibility within a short timeframe. This targeted approach ensures efficient delivery and meaningful impact for households affected by the 31st August 2025 earthquake and those living in temporary IDP camps in Kunar.

In the coordinated response, CWSA will lead MPCA distribution and monitoring activities while collaborating with other cluster members to reach the most affected households and avoid duplication of assistance. CWSA will also coordinate with the Cash Working Group in the eastern region to provide updates on assisted households in the targeted areas.

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.*

CWSA is coordinating with IOM (leading the needs assessment), OCHA, ANDMA, DoECs, ES/NFI and CWG, and local partners to gather updates and plan the response promptly.

Final participant selection will be done in collaboration with Community Development Councils (CDCs), district authorities and other NGOs, ensuring a coordinated and timely start within two weeks.

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*

CWSA is coordinating with IOM, OCHA, ANDMA, DoECs, ES/NFI and CWG, local partners, and other NGOs to ensure complementarity of interventions. Coordination includes regular information sharing, joint planning, and alignment of beneficiary selection to avoid duplication and maximize the use of available resources.

CWSA also has a data-sharing protocol with IOM, which enables the secure sharing and verification of beneficiary data, supporting effective targeting, avoidance of duplication, and efficient resource management.

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 income for small businesses.*

Locally or within the affected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nationally	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regionally or neighbouring countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	Internationally	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you have a procurement policy? What factors did you consider when you made this decision?

The preferred method of cash disbursement is through FSP (HesabPay), a mobile banking solution with which CWSA already has an MoU. Cash transfers will be conducted through list-based cash distribution. The list of selected and verified project participants will be shared with HesabPay, who will deploy their team to agreed locations and times in the targeted districts. During the distribution HesabPay staff will verify participant identities and process the cash payments.

To ensure transparency and accountability, CWSA will apply its standard cash disbursement procedures. Tokens will be distributed to selected participants two days prior to distribution, and details of the venue and timing will be shared in advance. Cash distribution will be supported by CWSA project and finance staff and Community Development Council (CDC) members. At the time of payment, participant identity will be verified using the token and Tazkira (National ID) before cash is disbursed.

2.3 Description of Target Population

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

MPCA will be provided to a total of 400 households (300 men-headed households receiving \$170 and 100 women-headed households and PWDs receiving \$204 as a one-off assistance).

Based on an average household size of 7 members, the total number of beneficiaries is calculated as 400 households × 7 members = 2,800 individuals. Of the targeted households, 70% are men-headed and 30% are women-headed households.

3. CHS Commitment 4. Explain how the target population is involved in the planning of your proposed intervention? How will they be involved in the implementation and the rest of the project cycle?

The project is designed based on recommendations from CWSA's field teams and findings from a joint Multi Sectoral needs assessment led by IOM, in which CWSA actively participated to assess ground realities and understand the priorities of affected families. This ensured the proposed intervention responds to real and expressed needs.

The proposed intervention aligns with priorities outlined in the 2026 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HRP) and the findings of the need assessment report to be shared by IOM, ensuring the needs of the target population are adequately reflected.

Community Development Council (CDC) members and community leaders will be engaged throughout project implementation, including project participant (PP) selection, resource mobilization, and cash distribution, to ensure community preferences and perspectives are incorporated.

CWSA's Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM) will enable affected communities to provide continuous feedback, allowing timely adjustments to improve the relevance, accountability, and quality of the intervention.

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.*

Project Success and Timeframe:

Project success within the planned timeframe will be demonstrated by the timely delivery of one-off Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) to 400 households affected by heavy rainfall and snowfall in Kunar Province. This assistance will enable targeted households to meet their immediate priority needs in a dignified and flexible manner.

The cash assistance will be delivered in line with the revised Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB), with an additional 20% top-up provided to women-headed households and households with persons with disabilities to address heightened vulnerabilities. Assistance will be delivered without duplication through close coordination with the Cash & Voucher Working Group (CVWG), relevant cluster partners, and de facto authorities, in line with humanitarian principles and CHS Commitments on relevance, effectiveness, accountability, and coordination.

Expected Results:

- 400 Affected households in Kunar Province receive timely MPCA in line with the revised MEB (\$170 per household).
- 100% of targeted women-headed households and households with persons with disabilities receive a 20% top-up (\$204 per household).

2. What are the factors that may stop you from achieving the targets of this project? How will you manage them?

Factors That May Affect Project Targets and Mitigation Measures

1. Limited availability of female staff:

Risk: Restrictions imposed by de facto authorities on women's movement and participation may limit the availability of female staff, affecting community engagement and access to women headed project participants.

Mitigation: CWSA will recruit village-based female community mobilizers from the target communities, enabling them to work within their villages in line with existing guidelines. Local recruitment eliminates the need for long-distance travel.

2. Physical access constraints due to terrain and weather:

Risk: Road blockages, landslides, and difficult terrain may restrict access to target areas and delay implementation.

Mitigation: The project will prioritize cash-based assistance, reducing reliance on transporting in-kind items. Cash distribution sites will be established in centrally located and accessible areas in coordination with communities, CDC members, local authorities, and HesabPay.

3. Weak internet connectivity in remote locations:

Risk: Unreliable internet access may cause delays in communication, reporting, and document transmission. Community mobilizers may not be able to upload project participant (PP) selection data to the MEAL online SurvycTO system while in the field.

Mitigation: Community mobilizers will collect all required data offline during field activities and upload it to the MEAL SurveyCTO system once they return to the office at the end of the day. Mobile phone networks will be used as the primary communication channel.

Trained CWSA Community mobilizers will also guide project participants throughout the cash transfer process, with female mobilizers specifically assisting women project participants.

4. Community tensions or targeting-related complaints:

Risk: Disputes may arise regarding project participants selection or assistance amounts.

Mitigation: Transparent selection criteria, community validation processes, and CWSA's Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM) will be applied to address concerns promptly and reduce tensions.

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?

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) will be integrated throughout the project cycle to assess progress, ensure quality implementation, and support timely course correction. CWSA's MEAL team will conduct regular monitoring and verification of project activities in line with CHS Commitments 7.1, 7.2, and 7.5.

A baseline survey will be conducted prior to cash distribution to verify the list of project participants and establish baseline information against the agreed selection criteria. Individual household interviews will be carried out on a representative sample to confirm vulnerability status and inform final targeting.

The MEAL team will monitor the cash distribution process through field visits and distribution monitoring checklists to ensure compliance with targeting criteria, transfer values, and procedures.

An endline survey, combined with Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM), will be conducted upon completion of distributions to assess the use of assistance, effectiveness, appropriateness, and beneficiary satisfaction, as well as the extent to which immediate priority needs were met. Baseline and endline surveys will be carried out using a representative sample calculated at a 90% confidence level and a 5% margin of error (163 households), generating credible evidence on project performance, results, and accountability to affected populations.

Lessons learned will be gathered through analysis of baseline and endline findings, feedback and complaints data, staff debriefings, and coordination meetings. Key learning points will be documented and shared internally to inform future cash-based programming.

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.*

CWSA has an organizational Code of Conduct that reflects humanitarian principles, ethical behavior, and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). All staff and volunteers involved in the project are required to sign and adhere to the Code of Conduct prior to deployment. Refresher briefings will be provided to ensure continued compliance. Copies of signed Codes of Conduct can be provided upon request.

Where required, CWSA will align with the ACT Alliance 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 ☐

throughout the project cycle. Information on available feedback channels will be clearly shared during beneficiary selection, distribution, verification, and monitoring activities, as well as at distribution sites.

Accessible CFM channels include complaint boxes at intervention and distribution sites, phone calls to designated CFM focal points during working hours (five days per week, extended to six days during emergencies), and face-to-face meetings with project staff. In addition, CWSA has signed an agreement with Awaz Afghanistan, allowing affected populations to submit feedback and complaints through the Awaz inter-agency feedback mechanism as an independent and confidential channel.

The MEAL team will record, follow up, and investigate all complaints and feedback in a timely manner. Complaints will be reviewed by a committee independent from project implementation, while sensitive complaints, including those related to sexual exploitation and



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Consolidated Budget and Financial Report

Project Code 05/2026
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Budget Exchange rate (local currency to 1 USD) 1.000000000

Exchange rate for revised budget (local currency to 1 USD)

Please use exchange rate from this site: <http://www.floatrates.com/historical-exchange->

		Approved Budget				Reported Expenses				Unspent Amount	Burn Rate
		Community World	Member 2	Member 3	Total Budget	Community World	Member 2	Member 3	Total Expenditure		
1	Total Project Staff Costs	9'350	-	-	9'350	-	-	-	-	9'350	0%
2	Project Activities	73'742	-	-	73'742	-	-	-	-	73'742	0%
2.1	Cash/Vouchers	73'742	-	-	73'742	-	-	-	-	73'742	0%
2.2	Food/Nutrition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.3	Household items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.4	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.5	Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.6	Disaster Risk Reduction (Max 10% of the budget)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.7	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.8		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.9		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2.10		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
3	Project Implementation	170	-	-	170	-	-	-	-	170	0%
4	Quality and Accountability	1'800	-	-	1'800	-	-	-	-	1'800	0%
5	Logistics	4'447	-	-	4'447	-	-	-	-	4'447	0%
6	Assets and Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Direct Costs		89'509	-	-	89'509	-	-	-	-	89'509	0%
Overhead Costs		8'951	-	-	8'951	-	-	-	-	8'951	0%
Total Budget		98'460	-	-	98'460	-	-	-	-	98'460	0%



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Requesting Member Bank Details

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Bank details	
Registered name of the organisation	Community World Service Asia
Office Address (as registered in the bank account)	93/104 DS Tower 2, Sukhumvit Soi 39 Klongton, Wattana Bangkok 10110 Thailand
Bank Name	Bank of Ayudhya Public Company Limited
Bank address	1222 Rama III Road, Bang Phongphang, Yan Nawa, Bangkok
Account number or IBAN	594-5-01862-0
Bank BIC/Swift Code	AYUDTHBK

Please explain if the name registered in the bank is not the same as the name of your organisation

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