

Rapid Response Payment Request No. 11/2010

Funds Sent To: - **United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI)**
- **Church Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA)**
- **Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT)**

Amount Sent: - **UELCI: USD 20,000**
- **CASA: USD 20,000**
- **LWSIT: USD 20,000**

Date: **18 August 2010**

Details of Response

Emergency: **India – Floods in the state of Orissa**

Date of Emergency: **Ongoing since 4 August 2010**

Implementing Member(s):

- **United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI)** together with their local partner the Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC)
- **Church Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA)**
- **Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT)**

DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY:

Low pressure caused by the monsoon over the Bay of Bengal has caused heavy rainfall and flash floods in southern parts of Orissa state since last week. The districts of Nabarangpur, Koraput, Malkangiri, Gajapati and Kalahandi are worst affected. In the past week, 700mm of rainfall has been recorded in the three days, the highest level in these districts this monsoon season. Nabarangpur and Koraput districts received over 400mm of rainfall on 5 August which left 100,000 families marooned and saw the river Indravati reaching a dangerous level.

Roads have become inaccessible in Koraput to Kalahandi, Rayagada, Malkangiri and the neighbouring Chhattisgarh state. A preliminary report from the Government indicated that as many as 50,000 houses in Koraput and Nabarangpur districts were damaged and over 40,000 hectares of crop lands washed away. Nineteen people are reported to have died, to date. Many livestock have been lost and damage to property and belongings is high. Communication networks have been disrupted. Worst-hit are poor, small farmers and their families in the rural areas. Schools and colleges remain closed.

ACTIONS TO DATE, AND EMERGENCY NEEDS:

Since the floods struck, a total of 10,000 people have been evacuated. The Government's emergency relief operation has included the establishment of about 50 relief camps in government school buildings. The camps have food distributions points and community kitchens in place. However, many urgent needs remain unmet, especially in remote and difficult to access villages.

Three ACT members, UELCI, CASA and LWSI staff have visited the affected area, talked with the local government officials and met with villagers affected by the floods. Worst hit are poor tribal and dalit families. Essential needs identified include plastic sheeting, sleeping materials, and clothes. In Koraput and Nabarangpur districts UELCI found out that remote villages have not been covered by government interventions and no food has been received by the people to date. LWSI has visited Kalahandi where more than 400 villages have been affected and more than 70,000 hectare of land damaged. People have received food from the government but are in need of non food items as their belongings have been badly damaged or lost. CASA has been visiting the three districts of Koraput, Nabarangpur and Kalahandi and has found similar needs.

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

1. United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI)

OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- To assist at least 1000 flood affected vulnerable tribal and dalit families to enable life survival and recovery through distribution of food and non food (cloths and blankets) items.

TARGET POPULATIONS

The assistance will target 1000 poor tribal and dalit families in eight (8) villages that did not receive any assistance from the government - 500 families in four (4) villages of the Koraput district and 500 families in four (4) villages of the Nabarangpur district. Further selection criteria will include: families displaced due to flood; families whose shelter and crops have been damaged or lost; and those belonging to the most vulnerable sections of the affected communities such as, single-mother-headed families, physically challenged, and families that have older members. UELCI's field coordinator and field volunteers will select the beneficiary families along with the local pastor and local self government (panchayats) leader in each village.

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE

- Distribution of food items to 1000 flood affected families. Food will cover 10 days of needs per family with individual packs containing: 10 kg rice, 2 kg dhal, 1 litre oil, 1 kg salt, 1/2 kg chilly powder
- Provision of clothing and bed sheets to 1000 flood affected families. Each family kit will contain 1 piece of menswear (dhoti), 1 saree for women, and 1 blanket

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

UELCI's member church JELC will form a committee with their experienced emergency staff members and, under the guidance of UELCI, support this relief program implementation according to plans. The UELCI Division for Social Action (DSA) Director will coordinate the programme implementation.

One Field coordinator (from the JELC personnel) and six volunteers from the locality will be engaged in the relief distributions. Relief goods will be purchased from nearby towns and transported to the affected villages, which are all within a radius of 25-30 km from each other. UELCI DSA Director will be responsible for the overall management. The overall financial administration and management will be done from the UELCI head office. The financial accounts will be maintained by UELCI qualified finance officer. All the financial reports will be developed at UELCI head office.

The field staff have been sensitized to the Sphere standards, the Code of Conduct of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief as well as the ACT guidelines on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of power. The implementation of the assistance will be done according to ACT guidelines and policies.

2. Church Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA)

OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- To reduce the suffering of people affected by the floods in Orissa state through the provision of basic relief assistance.

TARGET POPULATIONS

The emergency relief programme will be undertaken in the districts of Koraput, Kalahandi and Nabrangpur, targeting 1100 affected families in 15 villages. CASA staff are in the process of identifying the beneficiaries with the assistance of the local government agencies and the village leaders.

Beneficiaries are families displaced by the flooding with loss/damage of their houses. They are among the most vulnerable section of the society, such as marginal and landless farmers, women headed households, children and those with low access to basic services. They have suffered temporary cessation of gainful employment, damage/loss of household goods, and livestock and property. In order to survive during this critical period they have to resort to taking loans from money lenders and land owners.

CASA is communicating with the District Administration, Municipal Commissioners and local Churches/Institutions to assess the situation and coordinate the relief response. As part of its methodology, CASA places emphasis on the participation of Panchayati Raj (local self government) leaders, local NGOs and CBOs, Block Development Officers and District and State level relief in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project activities.

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE

In view of the present emergency situation, non food relief items kits will be distributed to 1100 affected families. Each set will consist of the following items: 1 woollen blanket, 1 dhoti (a garment worn by the men), 1 saree (women apparel), 12 pieces of aluminium household utensils, and two mosquito nets.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Some of the relief material (dhotis, sarees, utensil sets & blankets) will be sourced from CASA existing disaster preparedness stocks from several locations and the remaining balance will be purchased locally by deputed purchase committees. These committees include staff, partner and church representatives.

CASA will ensure the active involvement and participation of the beneficiary communities in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project activities. Government and local church representatives will be invited to witness the distribution wherever possible. The programme will be constantly monitored for ensuring that it progresses along the planned framework.

The CASA Delhi headquarter will coordinate the overall operation which includes expertise in disaster response, logistics and emergency communications. Coordination will be done at state level with the CASA zonal office in Kolkata.

A report will be submitted on completion of the intervention. At the end of the programme, a review will be conducted to assess the impact and document lessons for future planning.

The overall financial management and control will be with the CASA headquarters. At the zonal level it will rest with the Chief Zonal Officer. At the implementing level the Field Coordinators will be responsible for financial monitoring and control. Preparation of financial reports for the project will be done at the headquarters level.

The staff involved in the project has been sensitized on the need to follow the Code of Conduct of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief as well as the ACT guidelines on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of power and on gender in emergencies, while implementing the project. The quality and quantity of relief supplies are being undertaken with guidance from the Sphere Minimum Standards in disaster relief.

3. Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT)

OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- To provide immediately needed assistance to 750 families affected by flash floods in the Koksora and Kalampur Block of the Kalahandi District in Orissa.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Worst affected population such as families who have lost their house and belongings in the flash floods will be assisted. Priority will be given to women headed families, widows, families with physically challenged members and families coming from marginalized tribes or castes. The villages targeted are as follows:

District	Block	Villages
Kalahandi	Kalampur	Deypur
	Koksara	Ganharigode
		Kaudola
		Phukgoan

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE

With funds received from the Rapid Response Fund, LWSIT proposes to provide each family with a set of plastic sheets, blankets, men's wear (dhoti or lungi depending on the village traditional men's wear), women's wear (sarees), and clothing for boys and girls. As winter months are nearing, the blankets and clothing will provide greater protection for families.

The assessment carried out by LWSIT staff in Kalahandi shows that government has provided food, water, medicines etc., immediately after the disaster at the relief camps.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

LWSIT in consultation and cooperation with the local self-government bodies (Panchayats) and local NGOs will identify the neediest and vulnerable families affected by the floods. LWSIT staff from its Development Project Unit in Kalahandi will oversee the distribution of the relief items to the identified families.

The Director has overall responsibility for the project. The Unit Manager will lead the project on the ground and will be responsible for implementing and monitoring the activities. He will be assisted by Account Officer and other staff members working directly with the beneficiaries. The project will engage local volunteers from the communities. The beneficiaries and communities themselves will carry out day to day monitoring and quality control of all the activities. Experienced LWSIT staff along with representatives of the local administration, community leaders, will carry out the beneficiary selection. LWSIT will also encourage and train the CBOs of the affected villages to take the lead to organize rapid relief operations.

Head Office will provide guidance and support as and when needed. The Finance Manager at Head Office will have the overall control of all financial matters. The Accounts Officer at the project level will take care of the day to day financial matters, including management of the budget. Money will be sent to the projects from Head Office in compliance with approved procedures.

COORDINATION

UELCI, CASA and LWSI coordinate via frequent phone conversations and sharing information together in order to avoid duplication of efforts in the areas of intervention at both geographic and programmatic levels. The ACT Alliance India members will remain in regular communication while implementing the relief program.

UELCI, CASA and LWSI will coordinate with other NGOs and local government bodies (Panchayats) in order to maximise the intervention effectiveness and avoid any duplication of efforts.

CASA will conduct the programme with the approval and cooperation of the State Government and district officials. LWSIT will be in touch with the District and Block level officials, and keep them informed of the distribution of relief items in the affected areas.

UELCI will inform relevant local district authorities of these programs with the support of local member church JELC as well as local government agencies.

COMMUNICATIONS

UELCI will invite the local media and take pictures in order to document the emergency activities and ensure visibility of the ACT Alliance.

CASA will provide the ACT Alliance with situation reports and photographs to support communications and resource mobilization for this response.

LWSIT staffs at project level will share information on the emergency situation and operations to the Head Office which in turn will share it with the ACT Alliance.

PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The project duration for all three members, UELCI, CASA and LWSIT will be for one month following the receipt of funds.

BUDGETS**UELCI**

Description	Type	No.	Unit Cost	Budget	Budget
	Unit	Units	INR	INR	USD
Food Relief Assistance for 1000 Families					
Rice (10Kgs)	Ton	10	28,500	285,000	6,196
Dhal (2 kgs)	Ton	2	72,500	145,000	3,152
Edible Oil (1 litre)	Ton	1	56,000	56,000	1,217
Salt (1 kg)	Ton	1	9,000	9,000	196
Chili Powder (500 gms per packet)	Ton	1	50,000	25,000	543
Poly Bags	No's	1,000	15	15,000	326
Sub total				535,000	11,630
Non Food Relief Assistance					
Blanket (1 Pc.)	Piece	1,000	130	130,000	2,826

Dhoti (1 pc.)	Piece	1,000	80	80,000	1,739
Saree (1pc.)	Piece	1,000	120	120,000	2,609
Sub total				330,000	7,174
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING					
Transport for Crisis Phase					
Local & Regional travel of Head Office staff	Lump Sum			6,000	130
Truck rental for transport to local warehouse	Truck Load	2	6,000	12,000	261
Secondary Transport (to Distribution Point)	Lump Sum			6,000	130
Sub total				24,000	522
PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION & SUPPORT					
Field Coordinator - Travel	Month	1	5,000	5,000	109
Honorarium for 6 Volunteers @ 1000 per person	Month	1	6,000	6,000	130
Boarding & Lodging for Field Coordinator & Volunteers	Month	1	5,000	5,000	109
Field Staff Travel in the Distribution Area	Area	2	2,500	5,000	109
Sub total				21,000	457
Field Office Rent & Communication:					
Communication to Field	Lump Sum			5,000	109
Banners, Photos, Documentation	Lump Sum			5,000	109
Sub total				10,000	217
TOTAL					
				920,000	20,000
Exchange rate is 46 INR for 1 USD					

CASA

Description	Type	No.	Unit Cost	Budget	Budget
	Unit	Units	INR	INR	US \$
Non Food Relief Assistance					
Blanket (1 Pc.)	Piece	1,100	104	114,939	2,503
Dhoti (1 pc.)	Piece	1,100	64	69,850	1,521
Saree (1pc.)	Piece	1,100	64	70,400	1,533
Utensils (1Set)	Set	1,100	411	451,688	9,836
Mosquito Net (2 Pcs)	Piece	1,100	150	165,000	3,593
Sub total				871,877	18,987
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING					
Transport to local warehouse	Truck Load	1	21,500	21,500	468
Secondary transport (to distribution point)	Lump Sum			3,500	76
Sub total				25,000	544
COORDINATION					
Staff Salaries					
Travel of staffs	Lump Sum			6,000	131
Honorarium for 5 Volunteers @ 1000 per month per person	Month	0.5	5,000	2,500	54

Boarding & Lodging for Field Coordinator & Volunteers	Month	0.5	6,000	3,000	65
Field Staff Travel in the Distribution Area	Area	5	500	2,500	54
Sub total				14,000	305
Rent & Communication:					
Field Warehouse rent for crisis phase	Month	0.5	4,000	2,000	44
Communication to Field	Lump Sum			4,000	87
Banners, Photos, Documentation	Lump Sum			1,517	33
Sub total				7,517	164
TOTAL				918,394	20,000

LWSIT

Description	Unit Type	No. of units	Unit Cost	Budget INR	Budget USD
Non food Assistance to 750 families					
Dhuti	Piece	350	67	23,275	517
Lungi	Piece	400	58	23,200	516
Saree	Piece	750	115	86,250	1,917
Plastic Sheet	Piece	750	338	253,500	5,633
Blankets	Piece	1,500	120	180,000	4,000
Children Garments (750 for Boys / 750 for Girls)	Sets	1,500	60	90,000	2,000
Bed Sheets (2 per family)	Piece	1,500	105	157,500	3,500
Bag	Piece	750	18	13,500	300
Sub-Total				827,225	18,383
Logistic Expenses					
Transport Cost	L.S.		33,000	33,000	733
Sub-Total				33,000	733
Operational Expenses					
Charges for Local Volunteers	L.S.			27,500	611
Charges for Travel	L.S.			12,285	273
Sub-Total				39,785	884
Total				900,010	20,000

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of **US\$ 60,000** towards the budget from its Rapid Response Fund and would be grateful to receive contributions to totally or partially replenish this payment.

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