

Preliminary Appeal

China

Assistance to Flood Affected – CHN121 Appeal Target: *US\$440,830*

Geneva, 12 June 2012

Dear colleagues,

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ACT member in China, the Amity Foundation, is planning to assist 3,000 of the most vulnerable and resource-poor families in Hunan and Guangxi Provinces with rice and oil sufficient for a period of two months as well as quilts to help the families in the chilly mountainous weather.

Project Start/Completion Date:

15 June – 30 September 2012

Reporting schedule:

Reports due at ACT CO	Interim	Final	Audit
Amity	N/A	31 October 2012	30 November 2012

Appeal Targets, Pledges/Contributions Received and Balance Requested (USD):

	Total Target US\$
Appeal Targets	440,830
Less: Pledges/Contr Recd	0
Balance Requested from ACT Alliance	440,830

Please kindly send your contributions to either of the following ACT bank accounts:

US dollar Account Number - 240-432629.60A, IBAN No: CH46 0024 0240 4326 2960A

Euro Bank Account Number - 240-432629.50Z, IBAN No: CH84 0024 0240 4326 2950Z

Account Name: ACT - Action by Churches Together

UBS AG, 8, rue du Rhône, P.O. Box 2600, 1211 Geneva 4, SWITZERLAND

Swift address: UBSWCHZH80A

Please also inform the Chief Finance Officer Jean-Daniel Birmele (jb@actalliance.org) and Sudhanshu S. Singh (sss@actalliance.org) of all pledges/contributions and transfers, including funds sent directly to the Requesting Members.

We would appreciate being informed of any intent to submit applications for institutional back donor (government or foundations) funding and the subsequent results. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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I. REQUESTING MEMBER

- The Amity Foundation

II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY:

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ACTIONS TO DATE, AND EMERGENCY NEEDS:

The provincial and state level government authorities have started emergency response. The China Ministry of Civil Affairs and National Disaster Reduction Committee has issued a national Grade 4 - 3 emergency response (the highest level) in some of the affected areas.

Local governments are evacuating people, and relief items such as rice, water, tents and quilts have been mobilized and transported to the affected areas. Due to the sudden and extensive needs, local authorities have appealed to the public for support.

Chinese NGOs, such as the China Red Cross, Oxfam China and One Foundation have been providing basic emergency items to meet the most urgent needs.

Staff from Amity Disaster Management Programme immediately communicated with local partners in the affected regions. These partners are highly experienced in disaster relief activities and have cooperated with Amity in disaster relief for many years. The partners immediately carried out a rapid needs assessment in the affected areas.

According to the assessment carried out many homes had collapsed or were seriously damaged. Family food stores had been seriously damaged by the flood waters and crops destroyed. The most urgently needed items are shelter, quilts, rice and other daily commodities. Taking into consideration the assessments carried out by Amity partners, NGOs and by local authorities, as well as the regional economy and recovery capacities of communities, Amity has decided to focus its assistance on Hunan and Guangxi Provinces.

Instant foods and potable water has been distributed to the affected people by the government and other NGOs. However the availability of regular food becomes a prominent problem and it is expected to last for months as families food stores have been destroyed along with their crops. Many people have been evacuated to safe areas, but they are living in the crowded temporary shelters with little daily necessities. Quilts are planned to help them in the cool mountainous areas.

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

- **OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

- To provide basic food items to address the most urgent needs and prevent starvation and malnutrition of the affected people over the next months.
- To improve living conditions and help them return to normal living conditions.

- **CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION**

- Families whose houses have collapsed or were severely damaged;
- Families who lost at least two thirds of their food storage or crop lands;
- Families that are among the poorest or most vulnerable groups with little or no resources to fall back on;
- The elderly, women, children, physically disabled and other groups with special needs.

- **TARGET POPULATIONS:**

It is planned to assist 3,000 families (around 11,000 people) among whom half are female and one thirds are children /young people below the age of 18.

- **PROPOSED ASSISTANCE:**

- Provide basic food such as rice and cooking oil to 3,000 families for a period two months to prevent starvation or malnutrition;
- Provide quilts to 3,000 families to improve their living conditions in the cool mountainous areas while they are restoring their normal living conditions.

- **IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS:**

For relief work in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Amity Guangxi Project Office will take responsibility for delivery of relief items to the beneficiaries.

For relief work in Hunan Province, Amity will work in close collaboration with the Provincial Committee of Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches/China Christian Council of Hunan Province and the United Front Work Department of Hunan Provincial Committee. These local partners have been implementing Amity's disaster relief and development projects in their respective areas for many years. Through related trainings, workshops and cooperation over the years, they have become experienced in handling such emergencies.

As an ACT member, Amity is committed to adhere to ACT policies and use ACT guidelines. These include application of the SPHERE guidelines for minimum standards in disaster response, ACT Alliance Code of Conduct, the ACT Gender Policy Principles and ACT Alliance Code of Good Practice. Amity will ensure that these principles are also understood by its implementing partners involved in this response.

As mentioned above, Amity has provided regular trainings to project partners to ensure their comprehension of the principles of humanitarian assistance and other ACT requirement. Before project implementation, Amity will provide detailed project management requirements for this specific project to the implementing partners; and Amity staff will work closely in the field with project partners at all crucial stages of project implementation.

- **COORDINATION:**

Amity has set up a working group to respond to this disaster. This group, together with Amity local partners, is coordinating with local authorities, other NGOs and local communities. They are in continual communication with the communities to collect basic information of losses and needs and with local authorities for overall damage statistics and emergency assistance plans in the different areas. There is frequent exchange of information with other NGOs to avoid overlapping of emergency relief activities.

- **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Amity's established project partners and local project office will be responsible for the implementation of specific project activities, management, monitoring, assessment and collection of financial information. Amity Foundation staff will be in continual communication with its local partners to monitor the project and also carry out on-site visits to ensure that the project is progressing according to plan. Amity will ensure that all reporting requirements, such as narrative and financial reports including audits, are fulfilled.

In responding to emergencies through an ACT appeal, Amity, will comply with terms set in the ACT Cooperation Agreement, to profile ACT actions and the uniqueness of the ACT Alliance. To do so will require appropriate, effective and strategic communications, which will include the following:

- photographs, feature articles and updates illustrating and documenting the humanitarian response as it pertains to this appeal
- ACT visibility materials as appropriate, given the emergency situation and sensitivities related to humanitarian responses. These may include banners, flags, stickers, vests, jackets, t-shirts, chemises, caps, hats, bags, pens, registration cards etc.

All communications materials will adhere to the Code of Conduct as stipulated in the ACT Communications Policy.

- **PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:**

The project will last three months.

NEXT STEPS:

- Amity staff and partners are continuing to carry out needs assessments and it is planned that the full appeal proposal will be sent to the ACT Secretariat within three weeks following the release of the preliminary appeal.

ANNEX: (map of the proposed area of the emergency response)

The proposed areas (Hunan and Guangxi Provinces) are marked in yellow.

MAP OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Tourist Spot Edition



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III. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Description	Type of Unit	No. of Unit	Unit Cost (CNY)	Budget (CNY)	Budget (USD)
1. DIRECT ASSISTANCE					
1.1 Rice (110 kg per family)	kilo	330,000	5	1,584,000	250,633
1.2 Cooking Oil	bottle	3,000	65	195,000	30,854
1.3 Quilts	sheet	3,000	225	675,000	106,804
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS				2,454,000	388,291
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING					
Transportation Cost				35,000	5,538
TOTAL TRANSPORT				35,000	5,538
2. INDIRECT-ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT COSTS					
2.1 Personnel (Head Office)					
Emergency Officer (60%)	month	3	17,000	51,000	8,070
Accounts Officer-1 (20%)	month	3	5,000	15,000	2,373
Administrative Assistant-1 (20%)	month	3	4,000	12,000	1,899
2.2 Staff travel & insurance	trip	6	10,000	60,000	9,494
2.3 Office running costs	month	3	10,200	30,600	4,842
2.4 Other					0
2.4.1 Printing and stationery	month	3	5,500	16,500	2,611
2.4.2 Communication	month	3	5,000	15,000	2,373
2.4.3 Visibility- posters, banners, etc.	lumpsum	1	12,800	12,800	2,025
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS				212,900	33,687
Audit	lump sum	1	3,000	3,000	475
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE without ICF				2,704,900	427,991
International Coordination Fee (3%)				81,147	12,840
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE				2,786,047	440,830
Exchange Rate: 1USD=	6.32	CNY			

Note: Above budget is estimated by a rapid assessment, the activities and budget may be adjusted during in-progress assessment.