

Appeal

Slovakia

Flood Assistance - EUSL41

Appeal Target: US\$ 155,983

Geneva, September 17, 2004

Dear Colleagues,

The area of Eastern Europe that covers Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania is known to be prone to seasonal floods, usually recurring in early Spring and/or mid-Summer. This year, besides Romania, the seasonal floods have also hit Eastern Slovakia, inflicting high-degree damage to 227 towns, villages, and settlements. According to the government information sources, some 4104 houses were destroyed and 1175 persons were evacuated. One casualty was reported.

ACT International has already responded to the floods in Romania. This appeal is issued to render post-crisis assistance to the affected communities in Slovakia and help local population get back on their feet.

The emergency counter-flood program will be implemented by ACT member **Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia (ECCS)** partnering with **Evangelical Diaconia (ED)**. The program comprises several components of the standard counter-flood package, including the following:

- distribution of reconstruction kits
- distribution of beds, beddings
- distribution of supplementary food
- provision of furniture for a damaged community building

ACT is a global alliance of churches and related agencies working to save lives and support communities in emergencies worldwide.

The ACT Coordinating Office is based with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Switzerland.

Project Completion Date: 28 February, 2005

Summary of Appeal Targets, Pledges/Contributions Received and Balance Requested

	<u>US\$</u>
Total Appeal Target(s)	155,983
<u>Less:</u> Pledges/Contr. Recd.	0
Balance Requested from ACT Alliance	155,983

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Full details of programme and budget are on following pages.

I. REQUESTING ACT MEMBER

◆ Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia (ECCS)

II. IMPLEMENTING ACT MEMBER & PARTNER INFORMATION

The Ecumenical Council of Churches has been an implementing ACT member since 2003. ECCS cooperates with faith-based humanitarian organizations to provide humanitarian assistance to people in need.

Implementing Partners

Evangelical Diaconia was established by the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (ECAC) in 1991. ECAC in Slovakia is a member of the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia. One of the founding objectives of Evangelical Diaconia is to respond to crisis situations by organizing humanitarian assistance through its Department of Emergency Services. In the past, Evangelical Diaconia responded to emergency needs by providing humanitarian assistance to areas damaged by flood in the Eastern part of Slovakia (1998) and in the Ukraine (2001). In 1999, ED implemented a project "Assistance for Children from Novi Sad" to provide assistance for children affected by war in former Yugoslavia. In 2002-2003, ED in partnership with Hungarian Interchurch Aid and the Orthodox Church in Czech Lands, participated in a program helping flood victims in Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic.

The Orthodox Church in Slovakia is a member of the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia. The Orthodox Church in Slovakia established Filantropia - Charity and Social Services in Slovakia, to respond to the needs of people by providing humanitarian aid and other forms of assistance. Filantropia participated in efforts to help flood victims in 1996.

III. DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY SITUATION

Background

In the past few years, emergency situations caused by floods in Slovakia have dramatically increased. There are several theories offering explanation for the occurrence of these natural disasters. Global warming is one of the generally recognized explanations. In addition, there is also research that shows that damage of natural forests causes increased probability for flood occurrence.

Situation in the Eastern part of Slovakia (PROJECT SPECIFIC)

As a result of heavy rainfalls in the Eastern part of Slovakia which began during the last week of July 2004, several rivers (Torysa, Hornád, Ondava, Latorica, Bodrog, Topla and Poprad) reached danger level and inundated the lands. This resulted in severe damage to housing and infrastructure. In some areas, there was landfall and trees were inverted. A major freeway between Košice and Prešov was flooded and closed. The worst situations occurred in the following eastern districts: Prešov, Bardejov, Stará Lubovna, Svidník, Vranov nad Toplou, Humenné and Michalovce. In the town of Lipníky, 5000 liters of petroleum leaked and was taken with the water into local gardens, causing major damage to the crops and posing a serious threat for future. The dam on the river Ondava broke and in the whole Prešov district, a third degree of flood activity was announced.

According to the national government office, the floods damaged 227 towns, villages, and settlements. The overall damage in Slovak crowns is 380 mil.(12.6 mil. USD). 4104 houses were destroyed and 1175 persons were evacuated. One casualty was reported.

Houses in the Roma settlements of Markovce, Malcice, Backov, and Rudnany were entirely taken by the floods. The leakage of petroleum in Lipníky caused long-term damage to the soil. People lost homes and gardens. The infrastructure has also been affected. Major damage on private homes was also caused by floods in Kuková and Haniska. A local kindergarten building in Lada was completely destroyed.

Locations for proposed response

The proposed locations for response include the following villages and settlements: Markovce, Malcice, Lada, Lipníky, Rudnany, Backov, Kuková, Haniska. All of these villages are located in the Košice and Prešov region in the eastern part of Slovakia.

IV. GOAL & OBJECTIVES

Staff of the Department of Emergency Services from ED visited 10 villages affected by floods to assess needs and to offer immediate assistance from the fund for emergency services, including cleaning supplies, shoes, disinfection supplies and financial support to help with cleaning of wells to prevent spread of Hepatitis.

The main **goal** of the project is to provide basic material assistance to persons in 7 villages affected by floods in the Košice and Prešov region in the eastern part of Slovakia.

Objectives

- Distribution of **bedding** (sheets, pillows, blankets), **beds**, and **dressers** to 139 persons who have been evacuated and lost homes (families in Markovce, Malcice, Rudnany, Backov)
- Distribution of **reconstruction kits**, containing cement, sand, lime, paint etc. to 141 families whose houses have been damaged by floods (families in Markovce, Malcice, Rudnany, Backov, Kuková, Haniska)
- Distribution of **vegetables and canned goods** to 14 families who were impacted by the ecological crisis in Lipníky where there was major damage to the soil
- Provision of furniture for a kindergarten building in Lada which was destroyed by floods

V. TARGETED BENEFICIARIES

The program will support the total of 221 families in 4 villages and 4 settlements. Flooding caused serious damages on private houses, soil, and one kindergarten. The selection of the targeted beneficiaries was based on the following criteria:

- The extent of damages exceeds 50,000 Slovak Crowns (1,600USD) and the government is not supporting reconstruction of these settlements to the necessary extent
- The settlements are mainly populated by Roma and have a high unemployment rate
- There are no other organizations providing this type of assistance to these settlements
- The kindergarten building in Lada is under the jurisdiction of the local office and the village has no finances to repair it.

<u>Settlement</u>	Destroyed* houses	Number of affected people
Markovce	20**	60
Malcice	5	30
Lada	1 community bldg.	
Lipníky	14	45
Rudnany	4	23
Backov	8	26
Kuková	35	115
Haniska	95	316

*Damages over 50,000Sk (\$\$)

**Reconstruction funded by government

The information was taken from the official report of the Košice and Prešov regions, received on 08/24/04.

VI. PROPOSED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & IMPLEMENTATION

Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia, Evangelical Diaconia in Slovakia and Filantropia - Charity and Social Service of the Orthodox Church in Slovakia assessed the extent of assistance to areas affected by floods offered by other organizations, such as Red Cross, Catholic Charities and the government. The decision to offer help to the selected areas is based on the fact that the mentioned organizations were unable to provide assistance to these settlements.

Also, the selected settlements experienced the most severe damage and a large number of families were evacuated. Markovce, Malcice, Backov, Rudnany have a large Roma population and do not possess sufficient resources to deal with the damages. The mayors of these settlements specifically asked for beds, bedding, and basic furniture for the families who lost their homes. The government contributed money towards the repair of houses in Markovce. Persons living in Backov are temporarily housed in the building of the local school. Village Lipníky experienced ecological crisis and the soil in the gardens of the inhabitants was damaged. The kindergarten in Lada was destroyed and it needs complete reconstruction work.

Implementation

Reconstruction kits: ACT/ECCSR/ED/Filantropia are going to provide assistance to families in instances where there is serious damage to their homes. Help will go towards the repair of 141 houses. The kits will contain materials for house repair such as sand, brick, paint, façade paint etc. The value of the reconstruction kit is estimated at about 1,500USD. The extent of the damage will be taken into consideration when assembling the kits (tailor-made) and a committee consisted of a representative of the organization, the beneficiary and the representative from the construction company will work to determine its content according to specific needs.

Bedding, beds, and dressers: ACT/ECCSR/ED/Filantropia will distribute 139 beds and bedding sets to people in need. All of these are Roma families living in the settlements. The request was submitted by the mayor of the settlements during the needs assessment phase. Each person will receive one blanket, one pillow, and sheets. These families will also need one dresser per family, which is a total of 47 dressers.

Vegetables and canned goods: ACT/ECCSR/ED/Filantropia will provide basic vegetables and canned goods in the amount 100 USD per family to 14 families living in Lipniky, a village that experienced the ecological damage. Vegetables will include 100 kg potatoes, 15 kg carrots, 15 kg celery, 12 cans of pickles, and 12 cans of fruit (cherries, apricots, etc.). These will provide families with basic nutritional value.

Contribution towards the reconstruction of a community building: ACT/ECCSR/ED/Filantropia will provide the furniture for the kindergarten that suffered high-degree damage.

BENEFICIARY NUMBERS (distribution per area)

Types of Assistance	Lipníky	Markovce	Malcice	Rudnany	Backov	Kuková	Haniska	<u>TOTAL</u>
Reconstruction Kits (1/ house)	14		5	4	8	25	85	141
Bedding (1 set/person)		60	30	23	26			139
Dressers (1/family)		30	6	6	5			47
Vegetables & Canned Goods (1 set/family)	14							14

VII. ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, MONITORING & REPORTING

Administration

The project will be coordinated by the program director, program coordinator, and staff members representing the partnering organizations. The program director from Evangelical Diaconia will oversee the overall implementation of the program. His duties will include monitoring the implementation in the area, recruitment of field workers, decision-making, cooperation with other organizations offering assistance in the region. The Program Director will also be responsible for regular reporting to the ACT Coordinating Office.

The program coordinator from Filantropia will be located in the area where program will be implemented and will coordinate activities of the program in those areas. Her responsibilities will include: local coordination of assistance, monitoring the distribution of aid, cooperation with the program director through regular updates on the situation.

Program implementation will be carried out from the Headquarters of the partnering organizations(ECCSR, ED, Filantropia).

Monitoring

Program monitoring will be carried out by the Ecumenical Council of Churches in cooperation with the program director from Evangelical Diaconia and the program coordinator from Filantropia.

Procurement

ED will cooperate with the local town councils on the distribution of commodities. A team consisting of a council representative, program director or program coordinator and construction company engineer (when applicable) will select beneficiaries and will determine the content/type of assistance. Evangelical Diaconia will be responsible for the selection of companies and the procurement of commodities. Local companies will be invited to place bids. At least three bids will

be collected and the one that meets the overall expectations including price will be selected.

Bidding criteria

Price	50%
Delivery time	20%
Additional services offered	25%
Location	5%

Reporting

The Ecumenical Council of Churches will hold ultimate responsibility for the program implementation, finances and reporting to ACT CO.

Reporting Schedule

1st Interim report (Narrative and Finance) – end of December 2004

2nd Interim report (Narrative and Finance) – end of February 2005

Final Narrative and Financial reports – end of May 2005

Audit report – Summer 2005

Audit

The audit will be carried out by a certified auditor of Ecumenical Council of Churches.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE**6 months**

Starting date: September 15, 2004 (conditioned upon approval of funds)

Ending Date: February 28, 2005

IX. CO-ORDINATION

ECCSR/ED/Filantropia will coordinate its activities with local congregations, district administrators, and emergency response organizations in Slovakia. To avoid uneven distribution of resources, all relief operations will be coordinated with other NGOs offering humanitarian assistance, such as Red Cross, Slovak Catholic Charity, and the government.

X. BUDGET

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of unit</u>	<u>No. of units</u>	<u>Unit Cost USD</u>	<u>Budget USD</u>
DIRECT ASSISTANCE				
Post Crisis Phase				
Bedding (pillow, blanket, sheets)	set	139	40	5,560
Beds w/mattresses	set	139	80	11,120
Dressers	unit	47	35	1,645
Vegetables & Canned Goods	set	14	100	1,400
Reconstruction family kits	kit	141	826	116,466
Furniture for kindergarten	building	1	2,112	2,112
Construction Company Engineer	Month	1	400	<u>400</u>
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				138,703
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING				
Fuel	Month	2	1,000	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING				2,000
PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS & SUPPORT				
Staff salaries				
Salary for Program Director	Month	6	400	2,400
Salary for Finance Staff	Month	6	200	1,200
Salary for Program Coordinator	Month	6	200	1,200
Office Staff	Month	6	280	1,680
Field Workers (2)	Month	3	150	900
Staff benefits				
Housing Allowances	Month	3	200	600
Meals	Month	3	100	300
Staff Travel				
Per Diems	Month	6	200	1,200
Office Operations				
Office rent	Month	5	100	500
Office Utilities	Month	6	100	600
Office stationery	Month	6	100	600
Communications				
Telephone and fax	Month	6	300	1,800
Other				
Bank Fees	Lump Sum			<u>300</u>
TOTAL PERSONNEL, ADMIN & SUPPORT				13,280
AUDIT & MONITORING				
Audit of ACT Funds	Estimate			2,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE				<u>155,983</u>