

Rapid Response Payment No. 29/2007

Funds Sent To: UELCI
Amount Sent : US\$ 49,690
Date: 2 November 2007

Details of Payment

Emergency: Floods in Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh
Date of Emergency: 29 October 2007
Implementing Partner: United Evangelical Church in India

Details of the Emergency: Heavy and continuous rainfall for more than eight days has caused widespread flooding and at least 42 deaths in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh (31 and 11 respectively). The rains were caused by a low pressure centre over the south-eastern bay off Chennai along with the north-east monsoon. The most seriously affected districts are Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Chennai and Madurai districts in Tamil Nadu and Nellore, Chittoor and Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh.

In Cuddalore district alone, at least 3,000 homes have been inundated by flood waters and people have been evacuated to safer places. Close to 35,000 hectares of standing crops including paddy and groundnut are still submerged. The authorities have organised rapid response teams of medical experts in each district to take action on any outbreaks of communicable diseases in view of the recent rains. The rains continue.

PURPOSE OF RESPONSE:

- To provide emergency relief in the form of food and non-food items to the most vulnerable families affected by the floods. .

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION AND LOCATION OF RESPONSE

UELCI plans to assist 2,550 families in the most seriously affected villages of the seven districts mentioned above. The villages have to date received no assistance whatsoever.

S.No	State	District	No. of Villages	No. of Families
1	Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore	15	1,500
		Nagapattinam	17	
		Chennai	10	
		Madurai	10	
2	Andhra Pradesh	Nellore	20	1,050
		Chittoor	15	
		Kadapa	20	
		Prakasam	10	
		Total	125	2,550

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE

UELCI and its member churches the Andhra Lutheran Church (ALC), Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church (TELC), India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC), the South Andhra Lutheran church (SALC) and Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC), based on a rapid assessment and discussions with the communities, has decided to provide the following assistance to each family:

Food Items: 10kg rice, 2 kg dhal, 1 litre cooking oil, 1kg salt and 500 gr chilli powder.

Non-food Items: 1 blanket, 1 dhoti and 1 saree.

Methodology: UELCI staff along with member church staff and volunteers will be deployed in each of the affected districts. ALC, TELC, IELC, SALC and AELC will form groups to work in their respective districts. Each group will consist of paid volunteers, volunteers from the member churches and from the village community. One member church staff person will be in charge of the group. A UELCI staff person will monitor the programme and assist the member church staff and volunteers. Orientation sessions will be held for all the volunteers. Some of the volunteers are already deployed to the villages and assessing the situation.

UELCI will transfer the funds directly to the member churches to buy the food and non food items. In case of non availability of materials at the local level, the materials will be bought from the nearest and transported to the affected villages/ distribution centres. At the implementing level the field staff of the above units will be responsible for monitoring and control. Accounts will be maintained by a qualified accountant at UELCI HQ.

UELCI will ensure proper co-ordination and information sharing between ACT Partners in India – CASA and LWSI and with the five member churches, as well as with relevant government departments at the local, district and, if necessary, state level.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD: Two months

BUDGET

Description	Type of Unit	No of Units	Unit Cost	Budget IDR	Budget US\$
Food Relief Assistance 2550 Families					
Rice 10Kgs	Ton	26	16,000	408,000	10,462
Dhall 2 kgs	Ton	5	34,000	173,400	4,446
Edible Oil (1 litre)	Ton	3	65,000	165,750	4,250
Salt 1 kg	Ton	3	6,000	15,300	392
Chili Powder (500 gms per packet)	Ton	1	65,000	82,875	2,125
Polybags for packing	piece	2,550	17	43,350	1,112
sub total:				888,675	22,787
Non Food Relief Assistance					
Blanket (1 pc.)	piece	2,550	120	306,000	7,846
Dhoti (1 pc.)	piece	2,550	75	191,250	4,904
Saree (1pc.)	piece	2,550	160	408,000	10,462

Sub total				905,250	23,212
TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING					
Transport					
Local & Regional travel of senior & field staff	lump sum			10,000	256
Truck rental for relief material movement to local warehouse	Truck Load	6	5,000	30,000	769
Secondary Transport (warehouse to Distribution Point)	lump sum			10,000	256
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING & HANDLING:				50,000	1,282
PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION & SUPPORT					
Staff Salaries					
Salary for 1 Field Officers	month	1	7,500	7,500	192
Salary for 1 Driver	month	1	5,000	5,000	128
Honorarium for 24 Volunteers @2500 per person	Month	1	60,000	60,000	1,538
Boarding & Lodging for 1 Field Staff	month	1	4,500	4,500	115
sub total :				77,000	1,974
Office					
Field Warehouse rent for crisis phase	month	1	5,000	5,000	128
Communication					
Field Telephone charges	lump sum			12,000	308
sub total :				17,000	436
TOTAL FOR CRISIS PHASE:				1,937,925	49,690

Exchange Rate: US\$ 1 = 39

ACTION

The ACT Co-ordinating Office has approved the use of US\$49,690 towards the budget from its Rapid Response Fund and would be grateful to receive contributions to wholly or partially replenish this payment.