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Rapid Response Payment Request No. 2/2008

Funds Sent To: Church World Service (CWS) East Africa

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Details of Response

EMERGENCY: The current state of emergency in Kenya caused by widespread civil unrest and violent conflict following the announcement of disputed Presidential elections results.

DATE OF EMERGENCY: December 30, 2007

IMPLEMENTING MEMBERS: The ACT Kenya Forum (AKF) has identified humanitarian gaps in the five most affected regions of the country and is putting in place a response structure amongst the members to respond through implementing partners in these regions. In this RRF some members will play an implementing role, while others will play a supportive role through technical support especially in the area of monitoring. Church World Service (CWS) East Africa will enter into individual agreements with the implementing partner/s in relation to the specific funds to be transferred to the respective partner.

ACT MEMBERS IN KENYA:

All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)
Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK)
Christian Aid (CA)
Church World Service (CWS) East Africa
DanChurchAid (DCA)
Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
Methodist Church in Kenya (MCK)
National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK)
Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)

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.

DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY: After three tense days of waiting for the Electoral Commission of Kenya's (ECK) final tally, bloody riots exploded in full force on Sunday, the 30th of December, as the ECK declared Hon. Mwai Kibaki the winner of the presidential election. This announcement came in an atmosphere of anger with suspicion of election tampering by the Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK) mounted. Many parts of the North Rift came to a standstill due to the post-election chaos ensuing. Public transport remains disrupted, and supply lines bringing food, petrol, and other essentials have been adversely affected throughout Kenya due to ad-hoc roadblocks erected by vigilantes and despondent 'gangs'. Currently, as indicated in the interview of Maina Kiai – chairman of the Kenya Human Rights Commission, by BBC, there are still bodies being collected in various parts of the country that have been hardest hit by violence. Massive displacement arising from this violence has resulted in IDP camps and groupings in various parts of the country. These IDPs are concentrated in particular towns including Eldoret, Kisumu, Mombasa, Kakamega, Bungoma, Kisii, Rachuonyo and other smaller centres in violence hit areas of Rift Valley, Nyanza, Western, Coast, and Nairobi.

As a result of the post-election violence, people have fled their homes because of attacks on their property and person. Reuters reports that 250,000 people have been displaced by the violence and a further 500 people have lost their lives. Homes and businesses have been looted, damaged and destroyed. Residents have been forced from their homes and neighbourhoods and are fearful of returning because of continued attacks. The situation has further exacerbated the household food insecurity in the affected areas, especially for internally displaced persons (IDPs) camping in open-air places around schools, churches and police stations. Many of these displaced people do not have access to safe drinking water, regular food sources or proper sanitation facilities. The precarious nature of the conflict, the unresolved political issue of the disputed election results, continued insecurity, and underlying tribal tensions makes it probable that this situation will continue for a much longer time.

In a new turn of events, about 35 people who sought refuge in a church in Eldoret town, died after a mob set fire to the church building. Further incidents of church burning have been witnessed in other areas including Nairobi city. Inquiries on what is motivating this, has indicated that there is a public dissatisfaction with some of the church leadership who are perceived as being partisan. Nonetheless, AKF implementing partners have managed to rise above this and have been well received in the different locations where they are providing humanitarian assistance.

PURPOSE OF RESPONSE: In response to the above situation, the AKF is to respond to the immediate needs of the displaced populations by providing emergency IDP kits (including sanitary towels) to those affected by the post-election violent conflict.

Members of the ACT forum in Kenya have met and are in constant contact as they plan a response to the humanitarian needs following the violence and turmoil. Thus far, the AKF members have responded to the humanitarian crisis by implementing activities using contributions from their own resources. The same will be reflected in the upcoming appeal. So far the following resources have already been mobilized or pledged by members in response to the urgent needs of the affected communities:

- Church World Service (CWS) is providing emergency food relief (US\$20,000) to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nairobi's slums. CWS is working through its implementing partner, the Kenyan Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC).
- Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) is providing food relief (US\$28,000) for IDPs in Kisumu through its implementing partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK). NCA also supported its implementing partner, Free Pentecostal Fellowship (FPFK) in Kenya, to

deliver relief food to 1,440 IDPs from Kibera slums camping at the Nairobi Jamuhuri Show Ground.

- Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is providing food relief (US\$25,000) to IDPs in Kisii, Rachuonyo and Mombasa city. LWR is working with ELCK and Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC) as implementing partners.
- DanChurchAid (DCA) is providing emergency food relief (US\$22,000) to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Eldoret, one of the areas most urgently in need of assistance. DCA is supporting ACT member, Anglican Church of Kenya – Community Christian Services North Rift Region (ACK)
- Christian Aid is providing food and non-food items (GBP 35,000) in Nyanza province through ACT member, Anglican Church of Kenya - Inter Diocesan Christian Community Services (ACK) Nyanza Region targeting 5,000 IDPs

As the crisis continues to unfold, ACT members in Kenya will be launching an ACT appeal to address the longer term re-integration and recovery needs of the displaced and affected communities.

In the meantime, a joint assessment by AKF members to help clarify the actual needs and scale of the displacement is underway and the final report will inform the proposed appeal. AKF members have constituted a small committee of 4 persons to oversee a joint assessment exercise and coordination of the preparation of the proposed appeal.

It should also be noted that there are ongoing efforts by churches to engage with the national political leadership with a view of resolving the current stalemate. Support towards this has been made by various AKF members.

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION AND LOCATION OF RESPONSE: The most affected groups in this conflict are children and women - especially those living in IDP camps in the 5 most affected Regions, namely Rift Valley, Nyanza, Coast, Western and Nairobi. Though Nairobi city was seriously affected, given their location and proximity to the city, several humanitarian actors – including the government, have responded well to the needs of the IDPs there. Thus, the AKF has purposed to primarily focus on the other affected areas with small and limited interventions in Nairobi.

Targeted areas and Beneficiaries in the response (average size of HH is 6 persons):

Location/village	Official of Number of people affected	Number of HH* Targeted by RRF	Proposed Relief Assistance
Rift Valley	100,000	800	NFI
Nyanza	20,000	600	NFI
Western	30,000	700	NFI
Coast	10,000	100	NFI
Nairobi	30,000	0	-
Others	To be confirmed	100	NFI
Total	190,000	2300	

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE

AKF's response will focus on the gaps reported at household level by churches, affected populations and other implementing agencies. The RRF assistance will cater to providing IDP kits to identified displaced families. The proposed IDP kit will comprise of 2 Mosquito nets, 2 Blankets, Kitchen set and sanitary towels for the women for 2300 IDP families in the prioritized locations.

Criteria for selection:

- Locations where AKF members and implementing partners have the capacity to implement emergency response.
- Where the need for humanitarian assistance is the greatest.
- Where there will be little or no conflict or overlap with constituent and other humanitarian aid organizations.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD: The implementation period for the crisis phase proposed in this request will be executed in a one month period i.e. from January 2008 to February 2008. This will be followed by a comprehensive joint ACT appeal that will mainly focus on recovery/rehabilitation and reconstruction of the displaced and affected communities.

CWS will be responsible to receive and account for the funds from ACT CO. This responsibility also include ensuring compliance with the ACT procedures and policies. As the proposed initiative will be implemented under the auspices of the AKF, other participating forum members will hold secondary responsibility to ensure compliance and quality implementation of the proposed activities.

BUDGET

<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>No of Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Budget USD</u>
IDP Kits*	No	2,300	37.5	86,250
Transportation	Truck load	6	1,000	6,000
Administration	Partner	6	792	4,750
AKF Monitoring	Lumpsum	1	2,000	2,000
Audit, bank charges and Reporting	Lumpsum	1	1,000	1,000
Total estimated expenditure				100,000

***IDP Kit - breakdown**

Item	Cost (USD)
- Mosquito Nets (2 pcs)	9.10
- Blankets (2 pcs)	9.10
- Kitchen set (1pcs)	18.60
- Sanitary Towels (1 pkt)	<u>0.70</u>
Total	<u>37.50 USD</u>

ACTION

The ACT Co-ordinating Office has approved the use of US\$100,000 towards the budget from its Rapid Response Fund and would be grateful to receive contributions to wholly or partially replenish this payment.